The Coastal and Hinterland Catholic Communities of OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough, Little Mountain, Maleny and Unity at Caloundra West.

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What was Jesus writing on the ground?

A question that remains in the minds of many Christians around the world from this weekend's Gospel: *What was Jesus writing on the ground?*

This well-known gospel from Luke portrays the Pharisees trying to test Jesus. They wish to stone a woman caught in the act of adultery and ask Jesus what he has to say about the matter. Calmly, Jesus bends down and begins writing on the ground. "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." He continues to write on the ground. Slowly the crowd departs until only the woman and Jesus remain. "Neither do I condemn you [he says with love]. Go away, and do not sin anymore." This is a beautiful message that reminds us once again of the endless love and mercy of God.

We can run the risk, however, of remaining caught up in the fact that we were never told what Jesus was writing in the dirt. Some people drive themselves crazy thinking about what could possibly be written – there are scholars who have dedicated their life's work to narrowing down the possibilities. Still, we will never know. Will we ever just accept that and be able to focus on the real message of this gospel?

Often, we get caught up in the negatives of life, so-much-so that we overlook the positive. We travel to somewhere beautiful to spend time with loved ones, *but it took us so long to get there*; we treat ourselves with something sweet *but regret it* later; we cook someone our favourite meal, *but it could have turned out better*. We are constantly stuck in the act of looking over our shoulders at what might've/could've been instead of actually witnessing and experiencing what is happening in front of us.

The launch of our new youth group in the parish last month – **Kingdom Youth** – has been a great blessing. It has been joyful for me to meet many of our families and to start getting to know so many of our young students. We've been extremely excited about the number of young people attending Kingdom Youth at this early stage with an incredible 60-80 young people in Years 7–12 joining us each Friday night.

It is easy, though, to become fixated on these numbers as our primary measure of success – or, to use a biblical term, *fruit* – instead of the growth and experiences of the teenagers in front of us; today's gospel reading points this out for me. Instead of focusing on the kids who *aren't* at youth group or the apparent slight decline in numbers from the week before, I need to focus on the youth who are right in front of me – who are seeking truth, goodness and love in their lives. My dream is that this ministry can offer them these things – God's truth, goodness and love – until they can see them for themselves in Jesus.

I invite you today to think about something in your life you might not often celebrate because you're more focused on the potential negatives. Maybe you don't even realise you're doing it yet! May the ever-merciful Jesus in today's gospel reading meet you wherever you're at and inspire you in ways he hasn't before.

Please continue to pray for our parish youth and young adult ministry. Kingdom Youth will be back in Term 2 at 6pm on Friday 29th April. Our young adults (18-35) also meet weekly on Wednesdays for social and formative events! Keep

up with us via Instagram @kingdom.caloundra Thank you to everyone who has supported us in some way throughout the first quarter of 2022, and please be assured of my prayers too!

Blessings, Felicity Jones Parish Youth Minister



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 2/3 April 2022 Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Is 43:16-21 Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14 Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

In our Golden Jubilee Year 1972-2022

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the 70 young men and women of our community and their families who completed their journey of preparation that culminated with the celebration of their First Holy Communion last weekend. As a Parish we also acknowledge and thank our Sacramental Team - Fr Ejikeme, Kelli Phillips, Donna Gordon & Justine Ashworth and the





many parishioners who last week generously helped make the celebrations so memorable.

This weekend we join with the families of Tim Polon, Lucas & Michael Tellan, Olivia Kirkitscha & Cooper Sarsfield as they celebrate their first Holy Communion.

We pray that we might continue to be a welcoming Parish Family that supports and encourages our younger parishioners along the journey of faith.

Before You Throw the First Stone!

Reconciliation and the celebration of God's forgiveness should be part of every Catholic's journey and could there be any better time to celebrate that forgiveness than leading up to Holy Week and our Easter ceremonies? All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to celebrate our **Communal Rite of Reconciliation** next Saturday morning (April 9th), 9am at Our Lady of the Rosary church. *Invite your friends!*



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For more than 50 years, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "**I do**." The Marriage Encounter experience helpe a couple listen where and coupled the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "**I do**." The

Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about two people learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple possible. This weekend we welcome to our Parish Family Maria and David Murphy, who will briefly introduce Marriage Encounter and provide information about their next Marriage Encounter weekends for 2022.

On the Coast they are having a live-out weekend: 1st-3rd July at Siena College, Sippy Downs – going home on the Friday and Saturday evenings **or** in Brisbane live-in weekends:

Friday evening 13th May to Sunday afternoon 15th May and Friday evening 14th October to Sunday afternoon 16th October (including Mass) both at Santa Teresa, Ormiston. For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy: 0481 307 821 qldbookings@wwme.org.au Watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge's support video https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=4o_Wp6qGB44 Or the website: www.wwme.org.au for more information.

Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants

Those parents with new born babies wishing for them to be baptised are reminded of the preparation meeting which takes place at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra, this **Thursday 7th April**, beginning at 7pm. At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates. To book in for the preparation evening and to receive the necessary paperwork please contact the Parish Office on 5430 9390 or email caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



Kingdom Youth

A reminder that youth group will return in Term 2. Please keep an eye out for more information about our Term 2 launch! Have a blessed Easter.

Kingdom Young Adults

Young adults will meet in the OLR Parish Centre this coming Wednesday 6 April from 6pm for a Testimony Night. Dinner is provided. Come along and hear from one of our very own young adults about their personal faith journey. All welcome!

Adoration

A brief reminder that our next monthly Adoration is in Holy Week on Wednesday 13 April from 6-7pm in OLR Church. All parishioners are welcome to join us for prayer, worship, and much more. Please contact Felicity if you have any questions – kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au

Follow us on Instagram @kingdom.caloundra for weekly updates on all things youth and young adults!

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome **Jonah Kerley** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend. We pray for **Pauline Longhurst, Meg Thomas & Sonja Kovacevic,** whose funerals will be at G&W & Maleny this week. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 3 April: 5th Sunday of Lent

♦ First Sunday of the month all welcome for a cuppa after Mass in your community **Monday 4 April:**

- ♦ Last Alpha today Monday 10-12noon OLR Parish Centre rooms.
- Craft Group every Monday in the Pastoral Centre 9-12noon (except public holidays).
- ♦ RCIA program 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 5 April:

- Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am, Rosary 9.30am after Mass.
- Maleny Catholic Ladies Group morning tea 9.30am, meeting at 10.00am in Pat Daley Centre.
- The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Caloundra Pastoral Centre weekly beginning at 8:30am - all welcome.
- Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet every Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30-10.45am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409 897 673.
- OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the staff meeting room. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.

Wednesday 6 April:

- The final meeting of the Lenten group will be held in the Dobson Room 9.30am-10.30am. Contact Bill 0481847035
- ♦ Young Adults group Egan Room each Wednesday 6-8.30pm

Thursday 7 April:

- Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9.30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402.
- Men's Choir practise in the OLR church 1-2.30pm
- Sisterhood (18-35) Lenten program in the Egan Room 5-6pm.
- Baptism preparation 7-8pm in the OLR church.

Friday 8 April:

- Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent in the OLR church 9.30am.
- Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession is available while Adoration is on.
- Maleny Lenten group 12.30-2pm in the Pat Daley Centre, material provided.
- ♦ Spirituality Group in the Egan Room 9.45-12noon

Saturday 9 April:

- ♦ Communal Rite of Reconciliation at OLR church 9am.
- ♦ No 9am Mass

The Grace of Baptism Retreat

 Presented by members of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Brisbane Mission Team. A group of lay people whose mission is to encourage others to "foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit." Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 61 Edmund Street, Moffat Beach. When: Saturday, 23rd April 2022 starting at 9.30am. Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided. Please register for catering purposes. Registration: Dorothy – Phone or text 0403 175 714 or dorothykay49@gmail.com A love offering will be taken up to cover costs.

The Catholic Leader The April edition of

The Catholic Leader is available this weekend \$4 each.

Bible Study in Terms 2 & 3, in Caloundra and Landsborough

We are planning to study the *Sermon on the Mount* in 2 parts of 6 weeks each. <u>Part 1</u> will take place in Caloundra on the following days in Term 2:

Tue evenings 7–8.30pm 10 May-14 June or Wed mornings 9.15–10.45am 11 May-15 June Part 2 will take place in Caloundra on the following days in Term 3:

Tue evenings 7–8.30pm 26 July-30 Aug or Wed mornings 9.15–10.30am 27 July-31 Aug Please contact Pam Handley for Landsborough dates.

If anyone is interested in coming to these sessions, or would like to host another one elsewhere, please contact Caroline Kettle (Caloundra) 0435 828 092 or Pam Handley (Landsborough) 0400 549 449

Please contact Caroline by Easter so she can place the order for books to be ready in time for the program. The book will cost \$15 which covers both terms.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live our faith.

Parish Diary

Monday 4 April Mass (OLR) Mass 9am

<u>Tuesday 5 April</u> Mass (**OLR**) Mass 9am Mass (**Maleny**) Mass 9am

<u>Wednesday 6 April</u>

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am (new) (School liturgy) 9am

<u>Thursday 7 April</u> Mass (**OLR**) 9am Mass (**Currimundi**) NO Mass

<u>Friday 8 April</u> Mass (**OLR**) 9am Mass (**Landsborough**) 9am

Saturday 9 April Communal Rite of Reconciliation (OLR) 9am

> Vigil Mass Mass (**OLR**) 5pm Mass (**Beerwah**) 5pm

Sunday 10 April Palm Sunday

Mass (OLR) 6.30am Mass (Landsborough) 7am Mass (Unity) 8am Mass (Kawana) 8am Mass (Maleny) 9am Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am Mass (OLR) 9:30am Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am Mass (Unity) 5pm

Reconciliation

Saturday Morning at OLR Church 8.30am

WATCH MASS LIVE

To watch live-stream Mass go to the Caloundra Catholic Parish Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/ caloundracatholicparish/

The Syro Malabar Catholic Community celebrate their Eucharist each Sunday afternoon at 5pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Caloundra.

Ladies lunch

this Friday 8th April 12 noon at Three Restaurant 115 Bulcock Street Caloundra. Please let Deborah know by Monday 4th April 0410531901 As with all restaurants you will need proof of vaccination.

