

# 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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## **Ascension; Our Hope**

In the days and weeks following His Resurrection, Christ sought to prepare the Apostles for His return to the Father, but they could not bear the news. They were filled with grief, so Christ gently, over time, revealed His plan to them that would result in the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who is our Advocate and Comforter. His return to the Father was necessary because we are called to follow Him wherever He goes. Through the Ascension, Christ completes His earthly pilgrimage and leads us to our ultimate home and union with Him. We cannot attain eternal life fully until He ascends back to the Father.

The Ascension is, then, a feast of hope, a sweet foretaste of heaven. By going before us, Jesus our Head has given us the right to follow Him there some day. Through baptism we have been incorporated into the life of Christ, which means we live in the hope of our own resurrection and sharing in His glory. We too will follow Him to the Father at the end of our earthly lives. The Ascension is the event that most clearly reflects our hope in eternal life.

As a people who hope in Christ, we are meant to live differently from those who do not yet know Christ. Our response to suffering and affliction, should be one of constant hope and trust in Christ. We have been given supernatural vision whereby we understand that no matter what befalls us in this life, all will be made new at the end of time and we will dwell in eternal happiness with Christ should we persevere on the path to holiness.

We must avoid temptations to fear, panic, and despair. Christ is with us and He is leading us towards eternal life. He has shown us the way through His Ascension. This promise, which is the source of our hope, means that we should be a reflection of light and strength for the world. We must seek to trust in Christ even to the point of overcoming fear of bodily death and constantly seeking the goods of heaven. Even if death comes for us, we rest in the hope of finally attaining eternal life, which is the very meaning of our lives.

We should hope for good things in this life, but our hope cannot be dependent upon the good or bad things that happen in this life. We know that even the greatest of agonies will be redeemed in the end. It is this supernatural vision that gives us the strength we need to trust at the foot of any cross we face in this life, knowing greater good will come out of it as a part of God's plan for our salvation.

Let us follow Christ on our pilgrim way to our ultimate home, even as we carry this heavy cross, and any future crosses placed upon our shoulders. Despite all of the hardships, trials, afflictions, and disappointments, we know that our hope is not to be ultimately found in this world. We must raise our eyes towards heaven and keep our gaze fixed on Christ, who has ascended to the Father, to prepare a place for each one of us.

**GOD BLESS YOU, HAPPY ASCENSION DAY.  
FR. EJKEME.**

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 28/29 MAY 2022**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 **Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Lk 24:46-53

We are nearing the end of our Easter Season as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, and then Pentecost Sunday next weekend. Both of these feasts help us to further make connections between the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ and our own life, death, and resurrection.

As soon as we think of the great feast of Pentecost we think of the Holy Spirit and the colour **RED** which so powerfully symbolises this feast and the working of the Holy Spirit.

**Next weekend why don't we all, as a community, try and wear something RED**, and during the course of living this week contemplate what that item of clothing might be.

It certainly is a practical way of preparing for **PENTECOST!**

### A Two-Fold Call to Action

Are you aware that our Parish has an automated *Prayer Ministry*?

We currently have 75 Intercessors in our parish who pray for *Prayer Requests* forwarded by parishioners each week. These Intercessors also pray for current Alpha participants. Every week, *Prayer Requests* are submitted either via the Parish Website Homepage or placed in Prayer Boxes in each of the 8 Community churches; the requests are then collated and redacted if needed before being emailed to the Intercessors.

**We have two opportunities before us:** first, you are invited to submit your prayer requests through either the website or a written note – which can also be anonymous if desired. Second, if you would like to join the Intercessors list – praying for others' requests in the comfort of your own home – please register via the [Parish Website](#).

We welcome your participation in growing this important Ministry so that prayer becomes the foundation of all missionary activity in our parish community – as it should be. Please pray that this Ministry becomes so dynamic and power-filled with the Holy Spirit, that it draws people into a personal encounter with the Risen Lord.

With thanks from the Prayer Ministry Team:  
*Cathy Brown, Molly Jain and Fr Josh*

### GALA NIGHT – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Have you bought your ticket yet? Don't miss out!!!**

Let us celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.

The Golden Jubilee GALA Night will be held at RSL Caloundra on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 6-11pm.

This is also a fundraising event for the new Aura Mission. We welcome donations in cash or in kind. This is going to be a big and enjoyable night with lots of games, raffles, auctions and dancing.

Ticket cost \$90 per head. This is a 3-course meal and includes welcome beer, wine or soft drink on arrival & lucky door prizes. Tea and coffee included as well. Attire: Semi-Formal. **HURRY** – limited tickets available (10 seats per table).

#### INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO BUY YOUR TICKET:

**Option # 1** - Tickets available at EVENTBRITE.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/olr-catholic-parish-caloundra-golden-jubilee-gala-night-tickets-324643085207>

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**Option # 2** – Go to the Parish Office with your \$90

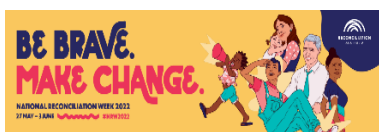
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### National Reconciliation Week

is held each year from 27 May to 3 June. These dates mark two significant milestones in the ongoing journey toward reconciliation - the 1967 referendum and the 1992 High Court Mabo decision. 2022 marks 30 years since the Mabo decision was handed down. This year's theme is **Be Brave. Make Change**, and encourages us all to look for actions we can take every day to help achieve reconciliation in Australia.

See the Parish Website for more information about activities and Dr Jackie Huggins AM presentation on 29<sup>th</sup> May.



### Kingdom Youth

Youth group is back again this coming Friday 3 June from 6pm-8:30pm at Unity College! We are meeting in MO CHUISLE this week. Come along for pizza, games, friends, a time of praise and worship, and so much more!! All students from Years 7-12 are welcome to join us! See you there.

### Kingdom Ya

Our young adults meet every Wednesday to hang out! This Wednesday 1 June, join us from 6pm in the OLR Parish Centre for dinner and a testimony from some of our very own parishioners. We want to get to know you! For more info, please contact Felicity.

[kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au)



As a parish family we welcome  
**Bodhi Steer, Fraser & Carter Turesson**  
who will be baptised at OLR & Landsborough this weekend.



As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate  
**Elliott Busch & Lauren Talbot**  
who will be married at Tiffany's this weekend.

### 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 2nd June**, 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 please contact the Parish Office on 5430 9390 or email [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

# In our Golden Jubilee Year 1972-2022

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday 29 May:** *The Ascension of the Lord*

- ♦ Children's liturgy at OLR & Maleny Masses.

**Monday 30 May:**

- ♦ Craft Group every Monday in the Parish Centre 9-12noon. Contact Helen McGlynn 0409050722.
- ♦ RCIA program 6pm in the Dobson Room.

**Tuesday 31 May:**

- ♦ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in the OLR church following Mass.
- ♦ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am, Rosary 9.30am after Mass.
- ♦ The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Caloundra Pastoral Centre weekly beginning at 9am - 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.
- ♦ Alpha 6-8pm both Parish Centre rooms for 10 weeks.

**Wednesday 1 June:**

- ♦ **Art class** is back on with Jude this week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ♦ Sacrament of Confirmation OLR church 5pm.
- ♦ Kingdom Young Adults - 6-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Ph Kath Ball 0418187914

**Thursday 2 June:**

- ♦ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in the OLR church following Mass.
- ♦ Baptism preparation 7-8pm in the OLR Church.

**Friday 3 June:**

- ♦ Maleny SVDP meeting will be held at 9am in the church flat.
- ♦ Youth group 6pm-8:30pm @ Unity College.

**Saturday 4 June:**

- ♦ Reconciliation at OLR 8.30am
- ♦ Wine & cheese after Mass at OLR, all welcome.

**Sunday 5 June:** *Pentecost Sunday*

- ♦ Children's liturgy at OLR & Maleny Masses.
- ♦ Hospitality in all the communities.

### Hours of Grace: 24 hrs of Adoration

This coming Friday/Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June), the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at OLR church for 24 Hours of Grace. These Hours of Grace are an opportunity to spend some time with the Lord in the most explicit way possible: adoring Jesus' body as He rests in the monstrance. While opportunities for Adoration already exist in our parish – on Mondays at OLR church following 9am Mass, and at 8.30am on Tuesdays in Sacred Heart church, Maleny before 9am Mass – these 24 Hours of Grace are offered primarily for those who may not be able to attend existing adoration times. There is a roster at the side entrance of OLR church so that we can ensure at least two people are with Jesus, particularly on Friday night. The 24 hours **commences** with 9am Mass and exposition on Friday and **finishes** with 8am Benediction on Saturday morning. Please consider investing/offering up some of your time and "rest for a while" with Jesus (Mk 6:31).

### Calling all Altar Servers

Each year, we offer altar server training – usually just for junior ministers. This year, however, we are opening up the opportunity for both **current and prospective junior ministers**, and also those **adults who already serve, or would like to serve** the altar. This training opportunity will be fun and interactive as we look at the practicalities of a very important ministry. If you or your child/grandchild would like to be part of this opportunity, please call/email the parish office with your details. Once we've compiled the list, we'll decide on a suitable day/time that's most convenient. Tasty food and refreshments will be supplied!

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

## **Parish Diary**

**Monday 30 May**

Mass (OLR) 9am

**Tuesday 31 May**

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

**Wednesday 1 June**

*St Justin, martyr*

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am (new)

(School liturgy) 9am

**Thursday 2 June**

*St Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

**Friday 3 June**

*Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

**Saturday 4 June**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

**Sunday 5 June**

*Pentecost 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

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