

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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**MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD YEAR A
WEEKEND OF 31 DEC 2022/1 JAN 2023**

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Num 6:22-27 **Second Reading:** Gal 4:4-7 **Gospel:** Lk 2:16-21

NEW YEAR, THE SYMBOL OF HOPE

If you're searching for a New Year's resolution, why not avail yourself of the revelations that shape our destiny and purpose in life? All our spiritual knowledge is grounded in the wisdom of Jesus Christ, the new born king. He said, "In this world you will have many troubles, but take heart, and be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

New Year's Day is a time to look back on the year gone, to accept where we stand at the beginning of the New Year, and to attend to how we wish to live personally and as a society in the coming year. The Christian approach to the New Year is to emphasise attending to the goodness of our world and of people in it and to keep hope alive. The image of the New Year is that also of Christmas: a newborn child, a symbol of innocence and hope within all the perils of nature and of a murderous king Herod. When we see a child, we see our future. We look back at the world which we are leaving to our children and forward to the world that we would want for them.

One of the best ways to be faithful to the Lord starting from this New Year is to take him at his word: "Be not afraid," this is a call to courage. Jesus is asking us to be calm in the storm of our lives, not only for our own peace of mind but for the well-being of our loved ones. We can decide to present the face of Christ to them by showing them our faith in His strength. Sometimes it is normal to worry about the future because there may be something that poses serious threats to our peace.

Here is a plan worth adopting: Jesus urges us to brush aside our fears by focusing on Him and His power to carry us through the storms of life. His teachings, handed to us, contain a source of knowledge which we need today. Our decision to trust in the Lord in all circumstances will help us throughout the year. Our gradual transformation in Christ will bring blessings to those whom we love, and earn us a higher place in heaven. Why not trust the Lord? He will do for you what you are not yet able to do for yourself: Be not afraid.

As we open our calendar year, we hold onto this recognition that God still desires to bless and, further, that we are interwoven in the process of this blessing nature of God. We need God's blessing every day, and every day we are invited to be God's blessing to each other. God does not wait for our perfect selves to manifest before offering blessing. Rather, God blesses through our imperfect selves. As we bring Jesus' presence to life through healing, forgiveness, goodness and humble dealing with each other, we continue the calling modelled by Mary, Mother of God and the truth that is captured in this understanding.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
God blessings.**

Fr. Ejikeme Valentine Ntamaka

A Warm Welcome

To everyone joining us today! Whether you are traveling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration today.
Keep safe on the roads and travel safe.

The Parish office will be closed for another week and reopen
9am Monday 9/1/2023

Mass will continue once-a-day ONLY at OLR at 9am during this time
(EXCEPT Wednesdays!) while the Parish office are taking a well
deserved break.

Thank You!

As we leave behind 2022 and look ahead to 2023, there are many things for which we are grateful as a Parish Family. We are grateful for the real enthusiasm across the Parish at this time with the continued development of a five-year Strategic Plan – a plan which will provide a platform for 70% of worshipping parishioners to be involved in disciple-making ministry every year! We are grateful for the many parishioners and friends who generously gave of their time, talent and treasure to keep our Parish moving along – because of you we are truly blessed. *How many ways can a faith community say thank you to so many people?*

Sacristans: These dedicated parishioners arrive early and set up for the liturgy. They are so efficient we often don't even notice *and they clean up and close up!* (Say thank you to a Sacristan today!) To those who support our liturgies: those who organise volunteer; those who wash and iron, clean and repair, who work quietly, behind the scenes, keeping everything ready and working. *Merci*

Music Ministry: Where would our liturgy be without music? If it is true that to sing is to pray twice then we particularly thank all our musical volunteers for leading us throughout the year. *Danke*

Liturgical Ministers: From those who proclaim the Word of God to those who serve at the Altar of God, we are blessed. Thank you also to all who are commissioned from our Sunday Masses to take Holy Communion to those who cannot be with us to celebrate the Eucharist – you powerfully remind us of how big God's family is! *Xièxiè*

Church environment/decorators: We don't take for granted those who, behind the scenes, help to maintain clean and hygienic churches, and those who use their creative gifts to add colour and verve to the ambience of the liturgical space. They wake us up to the different feel and texture of the liturgy as our senses are alerted to the mystery we are about to celebrate. *Grazie*

Technology & communication. Our world continues to change and we must evolve with it. From those who volunteer to assist with technology challenges, those who do the audio-visual each Sunday, and those who help with the live streaming of our OLR Masses. *Gràcias*

And you: Who, like St Joseph, quietly support and encourage, who trust enough to build up and not tear down, who are prepared to be part of the great drama of faith and parish life; may the blessings of the Christ Child be with you and yours this Christmas. *Thank you.*

First Saturday Devotion

We invite you to please join us with your family, children and friends to pray the Holy Rosary on **7th January @ 8am**
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra

1. Recite the Rosary
2. Make a Sacramental Confession
3. Receive Holy Communion

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Mary



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

Parish Diary

Monday 2 Jan

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 3 Jan

Tuesday before the Epiphany

Mass (OLR) 9am

Wednesday 4 Jan

Wednesday before the Epiphany

No Mass

Thursday 5 Jan

Thursday before the Epiphany

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 6 Jan

Friday before the Epiphany

Mass (OLR) 9am

Saturday 7 Jan

Saturday before the Epiphany

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 8 Jan

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 7am

Mass (Unity) 8am

Mass (Kawana) **NO Mass**

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

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the Caloundra Catholic Parish

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In Transition

As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate *Brandon Camilleri & Michelle Summut*
who will be married at Montville this week.

We pray for all our dearly departed and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.