

# 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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## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A WEEKEND OF 7/8 JANUARY 2023**

### Proper of the Mass

**First Reading:** Is 60:1-6 **Second Reading:** Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 **Gospel:** Mt 2:1-12

## **To be guiding Stars...**

My dear friends,  
Matthew did not know when Jesus was born and yet, when 'the God made man' appeared to him and called him... he recognized who Jesus was!

The Gospel passage we are given for the Feast of the Epiphany is a somewhat extraordinary story. However, what Matthew wants to tell us is worth sitting with: We are not told who the Magi were, but we are told who Jesus is and who we are in relation to him. In other words, the Magi can stand for us.

You know better than I do about the meaning of the word Epiphany. It refers particularly to a visit by a king in magnificence to his subjects to receive their homage. What we have here is not so much the visit by the magi, but Jesus, the King of kings, visiting his people.

By the birth of this baby, the Incarnation, God has become human and visited us and lives among us. "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has come to their rescue." (Luke 1:68). This is the Good News that Matthew is preaching. By his frequent quotations from the Old Testament, Matthew shows that the promise made to Israel and their hopes are now fulfilled in Jesus.

Through Him, with Him and in Him, by the visit of the wise men, the great good news is that this is not just for the House of Israel, the Jews, it is for all of us, too. As Paul in the second reading puts it, "It means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are part of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them."

And this happens now, in this present moment. We hear that "God has visited his people", but the word 'visit' could be misleading. It seems to suggest a mere 'popping in'. God's visit is not like that. He comes and stays, or correctly he comes to stay, And the promise of God-is-with-us is "knowing that I am with you always; yes to the end of time." (Matthew 28:20)

So we not only celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. By being Church, we are the Epiphany of the Lord. By being the Church in Australia, each of us becomes like a star in the Southern Cross. We become a sign drawing our all fellow Australians to meet and know and love Christ.

***God bless all living in this Great South Land!***

***Fr. Joseph***

## **In Transition**

As a Parish family we would like to welcome **Thomas Butterfield** who will be baptised in OLR church this weekend.

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

***Rest in Peace.***

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **Sunday 8 Jan: *The EPIPHANY of the LORD***

- ◆ No Mass at Kawana

### **Monday 9 Jan: *The Baptism of the Lord***

- ◆ Office is open.

### **Tuesday 10 Jan:**

- ◆ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Parish Centre from 9-12noon. Call Helen for more information on 0410392526.
- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church.
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet every Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30-11am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409897673.
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.00am.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.

### **Wednesday 11 Jan:**

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 will be each week starting 18th January in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Kingdom Young Adults - 6.00-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Ph Kath Ball 0418187914 for details.

### **Thursday 12 Jan:**

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ **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 each fortnight. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Helen on 0475 859 215.
- ◆ Baptism preparation 7-8pm in the OLR Church

### **Friday 13 Jan**

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Saturday 14 Jan:**

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

### **Sunday 15 Jan: *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

- ◆ No Mass at Kawana

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

## **Parish Diary**

### **Monday 9 Jan**

*The Baptism of the Lord*  
Mass (OLR) 9am

### **Tuesday 10 Jan**

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Maleny) 9am

### **Wednesday 11 Jan** **No Mass**

### **Thursday 12 Jan**

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### **Friday 13 Jan**

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### **Saturday 14 Jan**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### **Sunday 15 Jan**

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**

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

## **Bible Study 2023**

We are planning to study the book of Acts in the New Year. We have 2 groups at present, which meet either on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. If anyone would like to join us, you would be most welcome. We are not into academic theology, more a practical application approach. Please RSVP to Caroline as books will need to be ordered. They will cost around \$10 each. Please call Caroline Kettle on 0435 828 092 if you are interested or have any questions.

## **Ladies Lunch**

The first Ladies Lunch for 2023 will be Friday 20th January at 12 noon at Brightwater Hotel, 15 Freshwater Street Mountain Creek. All ladies are welcome. If you would like to come could you please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 16th of January so we can confirm numbers.

## **Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants**

Those parents with 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 12th January**, 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)