

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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Principal: Dan McShea

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A WEEKEND OF 4/5 MARCH 2023

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4 Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10 Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Witness and Giving

In 2015, my seminary year group had the privilege of going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Among the various sites we visited was Mt. Tabor and it was a visit full of vivid memories. Mt Tabor is likely the site of the Transfiguration. I recall the mountain appearing seemingly out of nowhere as we drove through a large plain. The ascent uphill felt like a suicide mission with the driver darting up the narrow road, and taking the bends with as much speed as he could get away with. The summit was surprisingly broad: it accommodated a large basilica, the ruins of a medieval monastery, an open gravelled space to accommodate a large crowd and a café and gift shop.

At the summit, our guide called us to one side of the mountain beside the basilica and explained that the plains far below, were called the plains of Megiddo. Megiddo forms the root out of which comes the word "Armageddon". In other words, we were looking at the site upon which the final, apocalyptic war was imagined to take place in the book of Revelations.

On the other hand, the rest of the plains were agricultural land. It is a strange juxtaposition: a land prophesied to produce death, beside a land that produces life. Future horror, sits beside yearly abundance. Perhaps it foreshadowed what the apostles were to witness: the horror of the cross and the glory of the resurrection in the one Christ; the crown of martyrdom and the crown of glory in their future ministry. Nonetheless, the experience of their encounter with the transfigured Christ sustained them till their last breath. As the saying goes: "The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church". "Martyr" – despite its association with death – simply means *witness*.

Our parish, in taking up its call to *witness* to Christ, has so far embarked on the grand project of the strategic plan. We will be organising our activity in order to put all parishioners on the front foot of taking up Jesus message in this Sunday's gospel: "[witness] to what you have seen after the Son of Man has risen from the dead".

To enable us to carry out our task of witnessing to those outside our parish community, Fr. Josh and I will be appealing to you this weekend and next about increasing our giving. Our parish may be breaking even at this stage, but the overwhelming bulk of your giving goes towards *maintaining* the parish as it is. Had Peter, James and John merely *maintained* Christianity – their work would have at best been a "palliative care" for the faith. The faith would have died with them. Mere maintenance, whatever our numbers be, leads to decline.

The good news, is that our *witnessing* to the risen Christ among us is more than possible today. It is possible given the right people and resources, but these things cost money. Since we are still a large parish by population, giving even a little more going forward, say the price of a coffee, goes a long way. *Martyrdom* on the Sunshine Coast, may not cost us our lives, but it can cost us a cup of coffee. Are you willing to endure this coffee martyrdom to make witnessing happen?

I am sure that you will be generous in helping to make the message of Jesus Christ available to the wider community.

God bless, Fr Francis.

Stations of the Cross at OLR Church

This Lenten season, our weekly Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after 9am Friday Masses. Everyone is welcome to join this uniquely Lenten devotional prayer experience.

Lenten Taizé this Tuesday 7th March

At this time of the year, we are often busy getting back into routine after a lengthy holiday period! In Lent, our parish offers a special evening of quiet prayer in the style of Taizé. Short mantra-like songs can refresh us in body, mind and spirit. Through gentle repetition, the meaning of the words gradually penetrates our whole being. In song and silence, we can listen more deeply. These simple chants allow us the light of Christ to shine on our lives as we journey together towards Easter. *Come and relax in this beautiful prayer at OLR this Tuesday 7 March at 7pm.*



14th April
9 am - 5 pm

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Term 2 Confirmation

Confirmation for all baptised children from grade 3 or older are welcome to make their confirmation in Term 2. The program starts on Thursday 27th April 5-6pm in the OLR Church. The program runs for 7 weeks with the Confirmation ceremony on Friday 9th June. You will need to attend all sessions to be able to complete the sacrament. Stella Maris Parish Maroochydore is running the same program a day apart so you are welcome to attend there or here. To register you need to go to our website <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/confirmation/>. Complete the registration form, sign by both parents and attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Please note you will have to do it from your computer, mobile phones don't work.

Any question's don't hesitate to contact the Parish office on caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Gifts Workshop

Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane

At OLR Caloundra on Saturday, 25th March, 2023 following Mass at 9.30am – 4pm

Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided.

Please register for catering purposes to Dorothy 0403 175 714 or dorothykay49@gmail.com

A love offering will be taken up to cover costs.



Caloundra St Vincent de Paul, Bunnings Barbecue

Saturday 18 March please stop by and support our first barbecue this year.
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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 5 Mar: *2nd Sunday of Lent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.
- ◆ Hospitality at all communities.

Monday 6 Mar:

- ◆ Adoration/Benediction 9.30-10.30am OLR Church.
- ◆ Craft Group every Monday in the Parish Office Egan room 9-12noon contact Helen McGlynn 0409050722
- ◆ RCIA Program starts 6-7pm in the OLR Dobson room.
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group gathers to praise God and to give thanks for all God's blessings, every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7-8.30pm in the OLR Egan room. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714

Tuesday 7 Mar:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Dobson room in the Parish Centre from 9-12noon. Call Helen for more information on 0410392526.
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass at 9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies Outing- meet at Sacred Heart church at 9.30am.
- ◆ Maleny Lenten discussion group at 1.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet every Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30-11am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409897673.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Bible Study in the Parish Centre every Tuesday 7-9pm
- ◆ Taizé in the OLR Church 7-8pm

Wednesday 8 Mar:

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week - OLR Egan room 10-12noon.
- ◆ Adoration in the OLR Church 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome

Thursday 9 Mar:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.

Friday 10 Mar:

- ◆ OLR stations of the Cross following 9am Mass on Friday's through Lent.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Youth group 6pm-8:30pm @ Unity College.

Saturday 11 Mar:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

Sunday 12 Mar: *3rd Sunday of Lent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 6 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 7 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 8 Mar

7.50am (Unity)

9am (OLR)

9.30am (Lt Mt)

Thursday 9 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

(Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 10 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 11 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 12 Mar

3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

(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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the Caloundra Catholic Parish

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Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be
Friday 17th March (St Patrick's Day)
12noon at Dicky Beach Surf Club
1 Coochin Street Dicky Beach,
all ladies are welcome. If you would
like to attend please contact Maureen
(0437738326) by
Monday 13th March.

Counters Needed

Do you have an hour to spare on a
Monday morning?
Do you love to count?
We need you! If you think you could
spare the time once or twice a month
please call Don Rolls
on 0407 034 722.

Grief Support

The next bi-monthly Grief Support
Mass for all parishioners will be
held at OLR on Friday 17th March
at 9am followed by morning tea. .
If the Grief Support team can be of
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contact the Parish office or email
Kath on olrgriefsupp@gmail.com

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