

# 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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## **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A WEEKEND OF 11/12 MARCH 2023**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Ex 17:3-7 Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Gospel: Jn 4:5-42**

## **A Culture of Change**

"Everyone wants change, but no one wants to change." I popped this quote into Google this week to find out where/who it comes from and while there were multiple claims to ownership, it seems that it's just one of those pithy, but perhaps uncomfortable sayings that follows us around. Resistance to change is something for which we are all programmed. We are all wired for certainty in our lives; this manifests in different ways through our need for safety, security, comfort and, perhaps above all, familiarity. I experience this most often when I've gone on holiday for two weeks or more. Going away is always life-giving, but I always look forward to coming home and getting back into a routine that offers what I desire even more than variety: certainty.

Our need for certainty is mirrored in the birth of Israel as the People of God. The story of Israel began with God parting the Red Sea and saving Moses and the people from their slavery to Pharaoh, King of Egypt. Our first reading this weekend from the Book of Exodus tells the story of the people complaining of thirst to Moses and questioning why they were led from the safety, security, comfort and familiarity of their captivity in Egypt. In the midst of their *dis*-comfort, all they can think of is satisfying their basic human needs with a return to slavery.

In a similar way, we – in our parish – are in the midst of breaking free from slavery; slavery to ways living out our faith that, while they may have served us in years gone by, no longer serve us in the here and now. I'm talking primarily about a church culture which says that it's enough to just come to Mass on Sundays. This is the culture many of us grew up in, but while it may have been enough in the age of Christendom – an age which ceased to exist in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century – it is no longer fit for purpose. What do I mean by this?

Today, more than ever, we cannot rely on what once was: a culture in which people came to Mass because that was what Catholics did on Sundays. In today's culture, where it is necessary for practicing Catholics to *go out*, it's us who must change. However, it is first necessary that we *experience* both the love of God, which has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit **and** the resulting personal relationship with Jesus. Growing up, I can remember my parents talking about having a strong faith and believing in God, but not once did they talk about their relationship with Jesus; they didn't have that kind of experience.

Today, our capacity to change and be empowered to share our faith with others depends in large part upon our thirst for what Jesus freely offers: a life-giving relationship. When things start to change around the parish following the publication of our strategic plan at the end of May, you will be tempted, like the Israelites, to express your desire to return to *how things were*. I invite you to resist this temptation.

My commitment to you is that any changes will **not** be made through unilateral decision-making – instead, they will be clearly and transparently communicated through three differently layers of leadership. In this parish we have a Senior Leadership Team, whose role it is to assist me in making high-level decisions; we have six Ministry Teams, whose role it is to lead and make decisions within the purview of their particular ministry; and we will have community leaders in each of our worshipping communities whose job will be to lead the implementation of different strategies of change. These three layers of leadership are designed to help us in **our Mission: to become vibrant communities that actively accompany people to encounter Jesus**. These layers of leadership will also assist you with a hierarchy of communication to answer your questions and queries about how you can be involved in different ways.

May God bless us as we actively pursue necessary changes in order to become missionary disciples who make disciples (Mt 28:19).

Fr Josh

### 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.

### 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.

### Caloundra St Vincent de Paul, Bunnings Barbecue

**Saturday 18 March** please stop by and  
support our first barbecue this year.  
Funds raised will be used to support local  
families.

### 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. Major life changes or events may cause severe emotional distress.  
If the Grief Support team can be of confidential assistance, please contact the Parish office  
or email Kath on [olrgriefsupp@gmail.com](mailto:olrgriefsupp@gmail.com).

### Gifts Workshop



**Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane**

At OLR Caloundra on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dorothykay49@gmail.com)  
A love offering will be taken up to cover costs.

### 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](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Vinnies 3 day Book and Plant Sale


This annual St Vincent de Paul fundraising event will  
be held at the Kawana Catholic  
Community Centre, Nanyima Street, Buddina  
(opposite the Kawana Library) on

**Friday 24th & Saturday 25th March from 8am –  
3pm and on Sunday 26th March from 9am – 1pm.**

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5478 2954



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MASS**

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@ 7:00pm

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Brisbane

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car parking available from 6:00pm*

### In Transition

This weekend we welcome **Abbie & Eva Galvin** who will be baptised in the OLR church this weekend.  
We pray for **Beryl Fitzgerald** whose memorial mass will be on the 30th April 11am in the OLR church, may her soul  
and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

**Rest in Peace.**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday 12 Mar:** *3rd Sunday of Lent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.

**Monday 13 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 6-7pm in the OLR Dobson room.

**Tuesday 14 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 SVDP meeting at 10.00am in the Pat Daley Centre
- ◆ 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

**Wednesday 15 Mar:**

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week - OLR Egan room 10-12noon.
- ◆ Maleny cards at 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

**Thursday 16 Mar:**

- ◆ 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 9.40am. New members welcome. Further enquiries please contact Helen 0475 859 215.

**Friday 17 Mar:**

- ◆ Grief Support Mass at OLR church 9am followed by morning tea in the parish centre.
- ◆ 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 18 Mar:**

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

**Sunday 19 Mar:** *4th 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 13 Mar**

Mass (OLR) 9am

**Tuesday 14 Mar**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

**Wednesday 15 Mar**

7.50am (Unity)

9am (OLR)

9.30am (Lt Mt)

**Thursday 16 Mar**

Mass (OLR) 9am

(Currimundi) 9.30am

**Friday 17 Mar**

*St Patrick's day*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

**Saturday 18 Mar**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

**Sunday 19 Mar**

*4th 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

**WATCH MASS LIVE**

To watch live-stream Mass go to  
the Caloundra Catholic Parish

Facebook [https://  
www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/)

## Easter Roster for OLR

The rosters are in the OLR church for any  
minister who would like to take part in our  
Holy Thursday, Good Friday &  
Easter Saturday Masses.

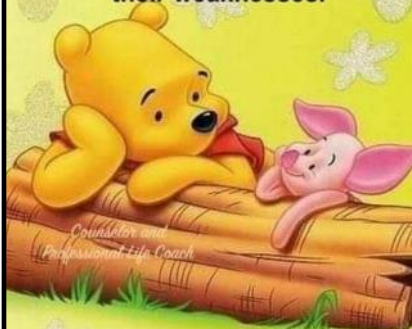


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