

# 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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## **SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR A WEEKEND OF 8/9 APRIL 2023**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 Gospel: Jn 20:1-9**

### **The Tangible Presence of God**

In 2013, a group of brother seminarians and I went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. On our trip, we saw many beautiful old churches but none struck me more than The Church of the Holy Sepulchre which covers the sites in Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified and buried.

The word "church," however, didn't quite describe the building. It seemed more a roof and walls over a little world. There was, of course, the sepulchre, surrounded by pillars and topped by a dome, while in another part of the building was something of a church – a large chapel within the building that formed the "main body". Around the outsides of this main body were the various chapels dedicated to various moments of Jesus' passion.

One of the things that struck me were the stone surfaces, smoothed from a millennium of pilgrims walking around and touching them with love and devotion. Indeed, there were no shortage of pilgrims when we were there: Christian faces from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, all weaving around each other, eager to touch different holy surfaces, some believed to have been touched by Jesus himself. The place had a *presence* of its own – an Easter presence – such that even the walls vibrated with a certain energy; an energy that only time, devotion and the gift of the Holy Spirit can generate.

As we celebrate Easter, it is important to grasp the fact that Jesus' resurrection opened the way for us to experience the gift of God's divine presence in tangible ways. It's this *divine presence* that Christians have been experiencing for 2000 years and which fuels us to both serve and share our faith with others. Speaking with and listening to different people over the past few months, I have experienced this *divine presence* or *energy* in parishioners of this parish – an energy of enthusiasm that is tangible.

As we celebrate Easter and the resurrected presence of Jesus, we also celebrate what the Divine Presence is doing in our parish at this time. In September last year, we commenced a journey of strategic planning. In this, we committed ourselves to being a mission-focused, outward-facing parish, filled with people who desire to use the gifts they've been given to accompany others into an experience of God's divine life.

We committed ourselves to being deliberate around the ways we seek to connect with and accompany **Children & Families, Youth & Young Adults**, and invite people into **Community Life**. We are developing firm strategies around how we can be people of **Service & Outreach**, who are invested in **Faith & Formation**, and who participate life-giving **Worship** opportunities.

In the light of Easter dawn, Jesus desires to make himself known to each of us. He never ceases to reach out into the reality of our lives – our human experiences – saying, "I am here, I have always been here, and I love you." My hope is that you experience his love both this Easter and as our parish continues to be Jesus' hands and feet, deliberately reaching out to you with a spirit of gentleness and accompaniment as together, we actively seek to encounter the Risen Lord.

Friends, may the risen Christ fill you with new joy, new hope, new grit, new enthusiasm and new faith in the Easter season ahead.

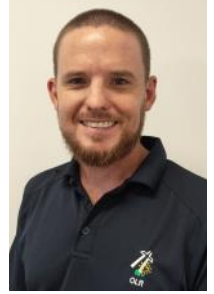
*God bless, Fr Josh*

## Easter Message from Fr Josh

### He is Risen!!

This statement of fact, first shared 2000 years ago by Mary Magdalene and the disciples, has resounded throughout the past two millennia. Rather than being something distant and removed from human experience, however, Jesus' resurrection is in the *here* and *now* because of the undeniable truth that we can experience his divine life in truly human ways. This Easter, I want you to know that no matter who you are, where you come from, or how often you come here, *you are welcome and loved!* It's the love of God which, as a parish, we seek to cultivate in our smiles, gestures and words. Our mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus and it's the Risen Jesus – our Lord who desires to be known and loved – whom we seek in every prayer, act of worship or service. May your Easter be willed with the joy of the Risen Lord, present in our midst.

**Peace be with you and yours. Fr Josh**



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

MATTHEW 19:14

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9.00am  
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## Year of Yes Prayer

Today and every day I say  
Yes to you O Lord.  
In the same way that Mary said yes to your invitation, I say Yes to your Son's presence in my life.  
May my yes, by the power of your Holy Spirit, allow you to use all the talents, skills and gifts you have given me for the purpose of building up Your Body in our community. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## 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 13th April**, 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)

## Sharing the Chalice

It is with gratitude and joy to share with you the news that we will soon reintroduce reception of Jesus' Precious Blood from the chalice at Holy Communion. After a consultation with an infectious disease expert, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has received the encouragement to resume normal practices as much as possible due to the fact that "Covid will remain part of the human viral ecology for the foreseeable future."

For our parish, we have decided to begin offering the chalice from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 6/7th May. In order to prepare for this, **training for community leaders will be offered at the OLR Parish Centre Egan Room at 9.30am on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**. This training aims to empower at least one person from each of our Masses to go forth and train other extraordinary ministers. Between now and then, if you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion please leave your name and contact details with your community leader and/or Mass coordinator.

## A Big Vinnies Thankyou

The Good Shepherd Conference at Kawana want to sincerely thank everyone who donated items, volunteered their time and came and supported our recent book and plant sale fundraiser. The weather was great and the result was amazing. The event raised \$6600, which will provide assistance to many going through difficult times, as well as trying to cope with the high cost of living. Your ongoing support is always greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone and well done.

## Bible Studies in May

There will be a new study starting in May: '*Jesus Christ, Teacher, Servant and Saviour*'. We hope to expand our groups, and our numbers, and look forward to hearing from you. Cost is \$13 for the guide book, which has 13 sessions. There are 4 groups currently operating, for further details, please see the Parish website, or call Caroline Kettle on 0435 828 092.

## In Transition

This weekend we welcome **Arabella Towers** who will be baptised in the OLR church this weekend.

We pray for **Margaret Tully** who died last week and her funeral will be at G&W on Friday 14th April 11am, may her soul and all the souls of our

deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**



### Alpha Course

A new Alpha course is commencing on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 9.30am**. This course is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space where people can explore life, faith and meaning. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Elaine for more information mb 0455736877 or [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com)

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

### Divine Mercy Sunday - 16th April

Jesus revealed to a Polish nun, St Faustina Kowalska, His infinite love for all of humanity. He asked her to spread devotion to His Divine Mercy. Pope St. John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy in response to our Lord's requests. We are asked to trust in the mercy of Jesus, to venerate His Sacred image and to pray for mercy for all those in need, whether spiritual or physical. Please join us at **St Joseph's Parish 177 Currie St Nambour** for the celebration of this feast day at 2pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions, 3pm Holy Mass and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

### Activities for the week in the OLR church

- ◆ Monday Adoration/Benediction 9.30-10.30am OLR Church.
- ◆ Rosary & Prayers Tuesday & Thursday 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ No Children's liturgy in the school holidays.
- ◆ Wednesday 12th April Adoration in the OLR Church 6.30-7.30pm
- ◆ Thursday 13, April - 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 on 0475 859 215

### Activities for the week at Maleny church

#### Tuesday 11 April

- Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, followed by Mass at 9.00am
- Maleny SVDP meeting in the Pat Daley Centre at 10.00am

#### Wednesday 12 April

- Maleny cards in the Pat Daley Centre at 6.00pm.

### Date Claimer in Maleny

Maleny Catholic Ladies are having a Fashion Parade and morning tea on Friday, 5th May commencing 9.30am in Pat Daley Centre. Tickets are \$25 each including five raffle tickets, they are available by phoning Rose 0400550007 or Chris 0490065607

### Catholic Leader now digital



The Catholic Leader trial for digital copies has now finished.  
**Could we please have feedback if you prefer the digital form or paper form.**

Please email the parish office for a **Yes or No** for digital.  
The Catholic Leader would like feedback.

### Term 2 Confirmation

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 concludes 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 please 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. Any questions don't hesitate to contact the Parish office [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be at Thirsty Beaver, Otranto Avenue, Caloundra on Friday, 21st April, at 12 noon. All ladies are welcome. If you would like to attend please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday, 17th April, so I can confirm numbers.

## Parish Diary

### Monday 10 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Tuesday 11 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 12 April

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 13 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### Friday 14 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 15 April

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 16 April

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

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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