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**Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana,  
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## **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A WEEKEND OF 22/23 APRIL 2023**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21 Gospel: Lk 24:13-35**

### **The Road to Emmaus in the Day of Departure and Return.**

From Easter Sunday to Pentecost, through the readings of the Acts of the Apostles and St Peter, we hear the Word of God speak very much about the faith journey of the early Christians. More specifically, the readings in the Gospels often refer to the resurrection of Christ when he revealed himself to his disciples and apostles. From there they believed in the Resurrection of Christ and set out to spread that joyful faith to others.

The appearance of the Lord to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is described in detail by Saint Luke. Luke wants each of us to know and recognize the presence of Jesus in our lives. Of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Saint Luke names one as Cleopas, but who is the other? I am sure the Evangelist wanted each of us to write our own name there.

These two disciples had to walk the same road twice with two completely different experiences. When they walked towards Emmaus the road seemed long, they felt melancholic, depressed and desperate; they seem to go forever without seeing their destination. When they returned, however, it seemed no distance at all and they were excited, happy and full of hope. This is because they had met the Risen Christ who transformed them; the Risen Christ was the secret to changing their lives and giving them hope in the face of defeat. How might we encounter the Risen Christ?

After the Resurrection & Ascension, God is everywhere; Jesus is at our side but while we may see him like the two disciples, we do not always recognize him. I think we need to learn two essential points from today's Gospel. The first is that the two disciples shared the Word of God with each other. On the way back to Jerusalem, they talked about nothing except God and sharing their experience of the Risen Jesus. When we gather together in worship, God is present among us and He opens our minds and hearts. This helps each of us stay close to the Lord and seek to draw him into our lives, just as the two disciples shared charity by inviting the Lord to stay with them.

The second is sharing the Eucharist with one another. Through the Lord's gestures at the Eucharistic table, the disciples' hearts were opened to recognize the Lord. At the Eucharistic table at every Mass each of us is able to realize the joy of truly encountering the Lord. The Eucharist gives us new life, nourishes our spirituality, and helps to solidify our journey of the life of faith. Just as we need food and drink to help our physical bodies, so also our spiritual life and our faith life need the Eucharist of Christ present.

When I came to Caloundra, I did not know many people here, but every day I meet and get to know more people through participating and sharing joys and sorrows with those around me such as meeting parishioners and joining the Youth Group and Caloundra soccer club. Now I have many more friends and many disciples to share with in charity as we learn from each other. If each of us has a firm faith in God, we will always find God's presence by our side. God is always present with us and it is essential that we open our hearts to Him.

May God grant that each of us, whether on the road *to* or *from* Emmaus, may encounter the Risen Lord. Although the road may be difficult and challenging at times, may we know with confidence that we will meet the Lord, and be filled with joy.

*God bless and have a wonderful week!*  
**SANG Duc Bui (Seminarist)**

## Faith Communities Council Nominations

The development of the **Parish Strategic Plan** is continuing smoothly with support from Evangelisation Brisbane and our wide team of dedicated lay leaders from the six Ministry Leadership Teams. We remain on track for the planned launch on Pentecost Sunday, just a few short weeks from now. Our next key focus is **the formation of our Faith Communities Council**. This particular body of lay leaders will come together regularly to represent each of our eight worship communities and two schools and will support the implementation of the Parish Strategic Plan, offer both cohesion and communication between our different communities. More information is available on the parish website Home Page, including the position description and nomination form:

<https://caloundracatholicparish.net/>

Following on from our request in the newsletter front page last week for all parishioners to pray and discern the membership of this team, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is **now inviting your nominations of potential leaders to represent your community**. If you have, through prayer and discernment, identified either yourself or another community member as a potential leader, **could you please submit a nomination** using this link:

<https://forms.gle/zR2M9Mh5fVYuas7D6>

Alternatively, please complete one of the paper nomination forms available at the church entrances and place on the collection plate or hand it to the priest after Mass. We have a dream that our Faith Communities Council will consist of local community leaders on fire for the mission of the parish. Members of the Council will help to place evangelisation at the centre of our parish. We ask that you, and every single member of our parish, prays for the Holy Spirit to call forth women and men with the charism of leadership at this time. **Come Holy Spirit.**

## Term 2 Confirmation - starts this Thursday

All baptised children from grade 3 or older are welcome to make their confirmation this Term. 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)

**Registration closes Wednesday 26th April, 2023**

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**Enquiries to: Men:** Peter McMahon 0407 588 014 **Women:** Rosemary Haydock 0431 464 211



## Community Life Ministry Leader

Meet Janice Chilcott, new Community Life Ministry Leader at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish. When the coronavirus pandemic took hold three years ago, Janice lost some of her weekly 'Mass buddies' and felt overwhelmed and filled with worry about the safety and impact of the worldwide lockdown restrictions.

"I was concerned for their welfare but couldn't contact them. I knew them only by their first name and had no means of contacting them," said Janice, the newly appointed Community Life Ministry leader at the parish. Learn more about Janice in the eNewsletter this week and on the parish website.

## 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

**Wednesday 26 April**

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



## Date change for Hours of Grace!

Hours of Grace will be from **Friday 19th 9.30am to Sunday 21st May finishing at 6am**. Pausing for Mass. More details will follow

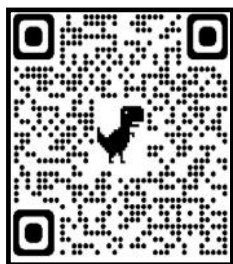
## In Transition

This weekend we welcome **Penelope & Daniel Krama and Etta & Idris English** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate **Don & Dale Rolls** on their **50th Wedding anniversary** which they celebrated on the 14/04/2023.

We pray for **Dorothea Sieber** who died last week and her funeral will be at G&W on Friday 28th April 11am, may her soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

**Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.**



Your continued response to the recent two-week preaching series on giving is very much appreciated. **Our Parish Mission, to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus**, is taking place through your continued support – **thank you**.

For some people, the direct debit, cash or tap-and-go options work well, while others utilize our online options such as the QR code or Parish Giving App. However you decide to financially support the Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, we say **thank you!**

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

### Activities for the week at OLR church

#### Sunday 23 April

- ♦ Children's liturgy.

#### Monday 24 April

- ♦ Adoration/Benediction 9.30-10.30am OLR Church.

#### Tuesday 25 April: **ANZAC DAY**

- ♦ *Public holiday - Parish office is closed*

#### Wednesday 26 April:

- ♦ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week - OLR Egan room 10-12noon.

#### Thursday 27 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.
- ♦ Confirmation - Parent information night OLR Church 6-7pm - Fr Richard Leonard

#### Friday 28 April:

- ♦ Alpha 9.30-11.30 Dobson room

### Be an Eternal Guardian of your faith

Do you want to leave a legacy to your parish as a way of thanking God for the gifts you've been given in your lifetime? Once you've cared for your loved ones, please consider a gift in your Will to sustain the sacramental and missional life of our parish. A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in this community for generations to come. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact Fr Josh through the parish office or contact the Catholic Foundation – who support parishes in our Archdiocese – on 07 3324 3632 or visit [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

### Bake Sale this Sunday after 9.30am OLR Mass

In July of this year, two of our young adults will be attending the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal. World Youth Day is a gathering of millions of young Catholics from around the world. They experience various forms of catechesis, are spiritually nourished by the sacraments, and are surrounded by like-minded people who love the Lord. The pilgrimage concludes with a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

Jasmine and Holly are having a bake sale to raise some funds to attend this wonderful event. They are excited to learn, grow and then return on fire for service within our parish. They will pray for the intentions of our community along the way. If you are able to offer your support by purchasing an item at the bake sale this morning after the 9.30am OLR Mass, it would be much appreciated. Please continue to pray for Jasmine and Holly as they embark on this spiritual adventure. God bless!

## Parish Diary

### Monday 24 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Tuesday 25 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 26 April

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 27 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### Friday 28 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 29 April

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 30 April

***4th 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

### WATCH MASS LIVE

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