# 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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# 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 24/25 June 2023

#### Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13 Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15 Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

# Vision for our Future

Friends, one of the undeniable facets of a well-run, healthy organisations is the existence of a vision that is clearly and consistently articulate by the leader. This is something I have been slowly coming to terms with over the past ten months – particularly as I continue to grow into the rather large shoes of Fr Peter.

I remember the first experience of realising God was inviting me to share a vision for the future: do you remember *The Funnel*? It seems like a crude analogy now, but it remains utterly true. Catholic Parishes can often appear (to those who don't come to Sunday Mass), like an upside down funnel, wherein the only way to be a part of the faith community is by entering through the narrow end by coming to Mass. This, of course, is the church most of us – myself included – grew up with in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This *model* of church worked just fine in the 20<sup>th</sup> century because faith was inherited through our families and the culture of Christendom. While this *culture* began to change from the 1960's onward, it is only just becoming clear to us that today, **faith is chosen** by those who experience it in powerful, personal ways.

Our newly printed Strategic Plan, articulates an exciting vision for our future that opens up a space for people to choose faith precisely because of the transformation that we, ourselves, have experienced. As you read it, I invite you to notice what the vision invokes in you? What feelings or emotions do you notice? Most importantly, do you see yourself as having an active part to play in realising this vision?

**"I have a vision that our parish is a place where people become saints.** It is my dream that in making space for the Holy Spirit to come and move freely in our hearts, those in the wider community would see our parish as a place where people are loved like they've never been loved before.

"We make visible the face of Jesus because each person's relationship with Christ creates an overflow of love that is caught and experienced by others. Ours is a place where locals and travellers meet, where all feel welcome and where those of different cultures and ages experience inclusion.

"Our parish is known for actively accompanying those who ask, seek and knock – and even those who don't. This is because we value relationships with all people. When people enter our churches, they experience real support, know that they belong and are celebrated for their gifts. We feel empowered to live life to the full and this finds expression in a burning desire to lay down our lives for others.

"We are a Eucharistic community of communities which is attractive and we joyfully work to plant seeds so that all people discover a relationship with Jesus. This is a place where people are known and seen; a place they want to be a part of because our parish captures the uniqueness of the entire Sunshine Coast. We do all this because we are a part of a loving and universal Catholic Church. We know that we are connected to our brothers and sisters from across the globe and are united as participants in the communion of saints that spans across the ages."

I hope that the emotive language of this vision causes a desire in you to be a part of its realisation for today, tomorrow and our future. It's my desire to help you find a place within this vision so that together, we are a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

Peace and blessings, **Fr Josh** 

# A Warm Welcome

To everyone joining us today! Whether you are traveling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration today. Keep safe on the roads and travel safe these school holidays.

#### Peter's Pence Collection

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection will take place at the end of all Masses this weekend. The Peter's Pence collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

## Term 3 First Holy Communion - starts 18<sup>th</sup> July

All children from grade 4 or older and who have been confirmed are welcome to make their

The program starts on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 5-6pm** in the OLR Church. The program concludes with the First Holy Communion ceremony on the weekend of 26/27<sup>th</sup> August 2023. To register please go to our website https://caloundracatholicparish.net/first-holy-communion/

Complete the registration form, sign by both parents and hit submit.

Please note the form cannot be completed on your mobile devices.

Any questions don't hesitate to contact the Parish office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au Registration closes Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

#### Gratitude for your Generosity

Wow!! Once again, your generosity in donating to the Vinnies CEO Sleepout will have a significant, positive impact right here in the Sunshine Coast. This year we, OLR Catholic Parish, **raised over \$8000** to help alleviate homelessness; that equates to over 230 meals, 60 beds, and 22 individual support programs! On Thursday night, Michael Stewart, the OLR Primary Principal, Dan McShea, Unity Principal, and Danielle Gleeson, Unity Head of College, Primary, and I, spend the night in the sand on Maroochydore Beach. After a basic soup and bread dinner, we bunked down for the night on cardboard and sleeping bags. Not much sleep was had, but each of us knew that it was a small price to pay for the experience that many people in our part of the world have every night. Your support made, and will continue to make, a significant difference. Thank you, once again, for your generosity to this worthy cause. Fr Josh





### Name Badges

Our Parish's aim is to be a vibrant and welcoming Parish.

If you have a name badge, it would be appreciated if you could wear it to Mass. If you don't have a badge and would like one, please email the parish office with your name and phone number to caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au The badges cost only \$5 each (the parish subsidises the rest) Please specify if you want a pin or magnet backing.

# In Transition

As a parish family we welcome Theodore Pouliot, Theodore Wilson & Rori Creighton who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for Kevin Row who died last week and his funeral will be at G&W Monday 26th June at 1pm, we also pray for Carol Madden who died on Friday and her funeral is yet to be confirmed. May their souls and 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.



