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Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough, Little Mountain, Maleny and Unity at Caloundra West.



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 15/16 July 2023

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God for every reminder of you. In every prayer of mine for you all, I have always made requests with joy, due to your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:1-5(NASB)

Saying good-bye is always hard to do especially when there has been a deeply spiritual and personal relationship between people. Such words of departure are unforgettable, searing the memories of the listeners or readers as one pours out their sacred shared experiences, and knowledge that they had in common.

I felt something in me when it was disclosed that I was leaving on transfer. If it were possible for me, I would have suggested to stay here but it is not possible now. It is a call I had to answer. There are things that cannot be expressed with words of speech, but only cherish in the heart. This is how I feel right now.

I came to Caloundra on 13th December, 2021 but my work started on 1st January, 2022. On my arrival, I met Fr. Peter Brannelly, Fr. Josh Whitehead and Fr. Dang Nguyen. They received me with open arms. Fr. Peter took me around the churches, gave me teaching and encouragement on how to do ministry in Australia. In August, 2022, Fr. Josh became my boss and Fr. Francis Fernandes came into the family. It was good having you guys around me. To my brother, Sang, I pray that one day I will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with you at the Lord's Table. To you, Bishop Brian Heenan, thank you so much. Your fatherly advice was at its best to me. I learnt a lot from you. In my stay in Caloundra, I came across Fr. Joseph, Fr. Tyrone Deere, Fr. Dudley McMahon, Fr. Ashley, Fr. Tijo, Fr. William, Fr. Isaac, and many others. I will miss you all, especially at our Sunday lunches where we share brotherly love with a beautiful meal. It was fun. To our new priest, Fr. Gerard Lai, may God be with you as you start your priestly ministry.

To you, my good and loving people of Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra, Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough, Mary Mackillop Church, Beerwah, Sacred Heart Church, Maleny, Blessed Frederic Ozanam Chapel, Currimundi, Good Shepherd, Kawana, Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain and Unity College Chapel, Caloundra West, you are wonderful; you are awesome; you received me as one of you. I cherish all the love, advice, encouragement, and the good times we shared will always go with me.

I will not forget our caring Parish Office Staff, Vicki Howard, Edgar Pitargue and Eileen Roberts, thank you for making our work easy. To Dawn Morrison, you treated me like a son, thank you so much. Anytime you see me, you always ask how I am doing, Eji? To all the Parish Volunteers and Parish Leaders, God bless you all. May God continue to strength you as you work for Him.

The Principal, the Staff, Teachers and Students of Our Lady of the Rosary School, Caloundra, you made an impact in my life. The Wednesday School Liturgy was inspirational to me. The Friday School Mass, where you read and sang was beautiful. The smiling UTUTU OMA (Good Morning) greetings always reminded me that I have brothers and sisters in you. I will not forget the "High Fives", the colour runs and coming to your classes always made my day.

Very soon, I will go home for my first holiday since I came to Australia. I have many stories and experiences to share with my people. I will share with them how good and lovely you were to me. **Continue to pray for me as I will always pray for you.** Once more, from the bottom of my heart, thanks for all your concerns towards me. I will miss you all. Thanks so much. Remain blessed and always remain in God's love.

See ya! Fr. Ejikeme (Eji as many call me).

Scam Alert – Once Again

Once again, scammers, purporting to be Fr Josh, have been phishing. This time, many people received a text message that looked legitimate, asking for help. The scammer, when replied to, asked for people to purchase gift cards (iTunes vouchers) for a sick family in hospital. Please note: your priests will **never** contact you through non-official channels to ask for assistance (eg. text messaging or emailing from private email addresses). The only email address you may receive communication will end in @bne.catholic.net.au.
Your priests will **never** ask for financial assistance using digital media.



The ladies group had a farewell lunch for Fr Ejikeme, it was enjoyed by all.

Bring a Plate

We invite families/friends to 'Bring a Plate' for the morning tea after the 9.30am OLR Mass for Weeks 2&4 only.

Please advise on a tag if gluten or Lactose free etc. and bring it to our kitchen area.

We cordially welcome and invite volunteers to assist with Morning Tea. If you wish to be rostered as part of this hospitality team, please contact the Parish Office.



Grief Support

The next bi-monthly Grief Support Mass for all parishioners will be held at OLR on Friday 21st July at 9am followed by morning tea. If the Grief Support team can be of confidential assistance, please contact the Parish office or email Kath on olrgriefsupp@gmail.com

Term 3 First Holy Communion - starts on Tuesday 18th July

All children from year 4, who have been confirmed are welcome to make their First Holy Communion in Term 3. The program starts this **Tuesday 18th July, 5-6pm in the OLR Church**. The program concludes with the First Holy Communion ceremony on the weekend of 26/27th 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.

Registration closes Monday 17th July, 2023



FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Elaine
Potter



Read more on Elaine our wonderful servant online.

Welcome Fr Gerard Lai

This week we welcome Fr Gerard to our community. Please make him feel welcome as he transitions into our Parish visiting all the communities over the next few weeks. Fr Gerard was ordained on 29th June this year – just 18 days ago – alongside Fr Isaac (Maroochydore) and Fr Minje (Ipswich). We look forward to moulding Fr Gerard into an effective leader, preacher and Spirit-filled, mission-orientated priest.



The OLR 2023 St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal

OLR Vinnies winter appeal will be conducted in the Parish next weekend the 22nd/23rd of July. Proceeds from the appeal will support the work of the Society in assisting members of our communities who are homeless and experiencing difficulties due to cost of living pressures. All funds raised locally will be used to support people in need in the local area.

Everyday members of our 5 Parish St Vincent de Paul Conferences come into contact with people who are homeless or experiencing difficulties affording every day necessities. Increasingly this includes women aged over 55 years who do not have a stable place to call home. Thank you for your generosity.

Containers 4 Change

Are you saving your cans/bottles? The Parish Containers for Change initiative is up and running. By using the Parish Scheme ID **C11072500**, your funds will be directed to Church-run initiatives. For more information on how you can be involved and lodge a return or add the Parish scheme ID in the containers for change mobile App please see our website here: <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/containers4change>

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

Love Your Neighbour Food Drive

As part of being a **vibrant community**, the new Service & Outreach Team are organising a food drive so that we can prepare meals for the people of our parish who are struggling to provide meals for themselves.

The meals will be cooked by parish volunteers and students out at Unity College school kitchen under the supervision of the Food Technology and Hospitality teacher.

We invite you to donate non-perishable items e.g., **pasta, rice, tomato base sauces or any cooking sauces, chickpeas, lentils, canned soup, curry powder, stock, gravy powder, coconut cream, canned vegetables, garlic or ginger mince in jars.**

These items can be placed in the blue plastic tubs at the back of the church.

We will also need to purchase fresh products so if you prefer to donate cash, please place this in the collection or drop to the parish office in an envelope clearly marked with **food drive**. Thank you for your generosity and support.

If you would like to volunteer by cooking for this worthy cause, please contact the Parish Office and a member of the **Service & Outreach Team** will be in touch.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 17 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 18 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 19 July

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 20 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 21 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 22 July

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 23 July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 OLR Church
8.30am

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Easy Evangelisation!

The Alpha Team launched Alpha season in style this week with an event in the car park at OLR.

We used the ever popular lure of free coffee to raise awareness of the program, and to invite school parents, teachers and parishioners to their 'seat at the table.' We had some great conversations with different people over the course of the morning, which is of course at the heart of Alpha. The team agreed it was the easiest



evangelisation ever! Don't forget to take your Alpha prayer card for the five people whom you think would benefit from knowing Jesus better. They are available in all the Churches. Our Tuesday night and Friday morning courses kicked off this week. There are still some spots available if you would like to come along.



St Vincent de Paul Service Award

Members of the St Vincent De Paul Maleny Conference recently gathered with other community members after Mass to acknowledge the contribution of parishioner, Moya Pullinger. In awarding Moya the 15-year Service award, Peter Ryan, Regional President of the Society's Sunshine Coast region, indicated that the mission of the Society is only able to continue because of the tireless service of committed

Vincentians such as Moya. Over the past 15 years, Moya has responded to people in need in the Maleny area and also undertook various leadership roles in the Maleny conference and the broader Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Moya's selfless contribution continues a tradition of Vincentian work in the Maleny Catholic community which established the Sacred Heart Conference in 1989.

Thank you Moya, and all Vincentians, for your service.



Ladies Lunch—Caloundra

You are invited to the next Ladies Lunch on Friday 21 July at 12 noon at Caloundra Power Boat Club 2 Lamerough Parade Golden Beach. If you would like to come contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 17th July. All ladies are welcome.

Come and meet some new friends!

Name Badges

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. The badges are \$5 each (the parish subsidises the rest).

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