



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.**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 26/27 August 2023

Social Justice Sunday

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement launched this week.

At the recent launch of this year's statement, ***Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples***, Bishop Vincent Long OFM said: "Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises"... "We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society."

While the Social Justice Statement is a teaching document of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a large part of this year's statement was written by members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). NATSICC speaks directly to us about the history of injustice and mistreatment faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and shares what they hope for in the future.

The Social Justice Statement is issued in an important year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and, indeed, for all Australians. It's the year when we vote on a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians through enshrining a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution. Both the Bishops and NATSICC see the forthcoming referendum as an opportunity for the Church to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples of our land.

Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge has already spoken out in support of creating an Indigenous Voice to parliament earlier this year. "I'm strongly committed to the Voice. I've listened to important and convincing indigenous voices on this topic," Archbishop Coleridge said. The Bishops and NATSICC see this year as an opportunity for the Church to lead the way for all Australians. Instead of telling the First Peoples what should happen, they say we need to listen to them and learn from them what is the best way to overcome their significant disadvantage. It is part of this year's message, exhortation to "listen".

"Listening is hard. Hearing about young people taking their lives, about so many people ending up in jail, of children still being taken away from their parents and grandparents and about the ongoing racism is tough," Bishop Long said at the launch. "It must be so much more difficult for these people to tell us about their painful experiences."

The Bishops and NATSICC invite us to this new engagement in the statement's conclusion: *We, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, invite members of the Church to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this year of great possibility. We hope for an end to the pain, the hurt and the injustice that has burdened the First Peoples of this land for far too long. Let us commit ourselves to fostering a civilisation of love in Australia. Let's come together in friendship and love to show all that love can not only change individual lives, but that it can change society for the better.*

Printed copies of the statement are at doors for you to take and read. Copies also at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>
If you miss out, one will be sent to you on request.
bngcullen@optusnet.com.au

Invitation: You are invited to a meeting this Thursday, 31st August, in the OLR Parish Centre, 1.30- 2.30pm, to watch a video on the Social Justice Statement and to explore more information about it – with a cuppa afterwards.

All are welcome.



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Service and Outreach Ministry

Members: (L-R) David Marshall, Trish Harding, Ros McWhirter, Mary McMillan, Anne Devane and Bob Cullen.

"This ministry will facilitate opportunities for those within the community to be the hands and feet of Jesus to people in need."

We have started a process to facilitate the coordination of all the current volunteers across all of our communities. We have been doing this by designing a form that can be filled in online or if necessary, via a paper form. At the moment we are doing a trial with just those who are on leadership teams but eventually we hope to take it out to everyone. There will also be a form that those in need can fill in and we will be able to match them with the appropriate volunteer.

We recently commenced a L.Y.N. (Love Your Neighbour) project with the year 12 students at Unity College to cook meals which can be frozen and given to those in need. We would like to thank you for the wonderful response of donations of non-perishable foods from across all OLR Parish Communities as well as donations from OLR Primary School. We have distributed some of these to families in need in the Unity College, OLR communities and the Parish's 5 St. Vincent de Paul groups. We have over hundred meals in various freezers so if you know of anyone in need, please contact Trish Harding on 0417314855 or email tharding4173@gmail.com

We will soon be inviting volunteers to join us on committees to form a Parish Reconciliation Action Group and also a Laudato Si Action group. Laudato Si is the Pope's Parish encyclical on "care for our common home". Our first initiative has been to start a Parish container for change system which anyone can use no matter where you live in the parish, please see the bulletin for more details.



Ladies Group (30-45 Year Olds) - First Event!

There is a ladies group starting up for those in the 30-45 year old age bracket.

The hope for this group is to provide women in this season of life, whether they are single, engaged, married, mothers, professionals, and more, a space dedicated to supporting them and journeying alongside one another in faith and friendship. If you are in this age range and looking for community, this is for you!

The group is meeting for the very first time on Friday 8 September from 6:30pm at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Jill on 0402 742 920.

The Vision for our Parish (Part One)

Back in December last year, when we were compiling the input of all the parishioners who contributed to our Strategic Planning process, an exciting and compelling **Mission, Vision** and set of **Values** emerged. As you know, **our Mission is to be a vibrant parish that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.**

This *Mission* gives us our *why* for everything we do. It gives us the opportunity to ask the question: does what we are doing and how we are living contribute to achieving this Mission. The *Vision* and *Values* were as much the result of everyone's input as my own dream for our parish. Both this week and next, I'd like to share that exciting and compelling vision, and the values by which this vision will become a reality, with you. *Peace and blessings, Fr Josh.*

We have a vision that our parish is a place where people become saints.

It is our 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.

**Values: Christ-centred, Joyful, Relationship-centred,
Courageous, Generous, Authentic**

In Transition

We welcome **Georgia Kull** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for the soul of **Kath Davern** who died last week. Her funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 31st August, 11am at OLR. We also pray for the soul of **Angela Goller** who died last week and her Memorial Mass will be on Friday 1st September, 11am at OLR. May her soul 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.



FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Steve
Kay



Faithful Servants feature - this week we introduce Steve Kay. Find out more about Steve on our parish website.

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).



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

Parish Diary

Monday 28 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 29 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 30 Aug

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 31 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 1 Sept

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 2 Sept

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation
Mass (OLR) 9am
Vigil Mass
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 3 Sept

Fathers Day

22nd 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

WATCH MASS LIVE

<https://www.facebook.com/caloundracatholicparish/>

Kingdom Youth Encounter Night

On Friday night, our youth group had Adoration, some for the very first time. Fr Josh spoke to our young people about how important it is to spend time with Jesus in prayer, and one of the ways we can do that so visibly and tangibly is by adoring the Blessed Sacrament. We offered a prayer team for those students who had something specific that they wanted prayer for and there was praise and worship music to guide the time.



We feel so blessed that we are able to offer opportunities like this to our young people with the support of the priests and those who volunteer to walk alongside these kids in faith. We pray that the experience stays with many of them as we continue on the journey together. Please keep our youth group in your prayers as we prepare for Ignite Conference where experiences like this are offered at a larger scale, alongside many of the other sacraments. We hope that many of the kids who have been attending youth group since we began at the start of last year, are beginning to move into a space where they are proudly practising the faith, outwardly and inwardly. Thank you so much for all the support you have given them. We're so happy to share in this joy with you. – **Felicity, Youth Minister**

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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>

Funeral Sacristan needed

After many years of hard work and dedication by Dennis O'Brien as the OLR church funeral sacristan, he has decided to hang up the uniform and retire!

Dennis-Thank you for your ministry.

We are looking for one or two funeral sacristans. If you have the calling, and are able to say Yes to assisting with the final farewell of our dearly beloved, and this corporal work of Mercy, please contact the Parish office.



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