



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.**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2/3 September 2023

What Draws us.....

Perhaps the most frequent question I used to be asked was "Why did you decide to become a priest?" I quickly by-hearted my script knowing how much to say depending on who was in front of me and how much time I had.

In more recent weeks, I've wondered whether the bigger question is "Why did the priesthood choose me?" Perhaps the choosing was more mutual than I realised at the time. In a challenging moment, the continuing sense of being called and being in the right place stands as a testament to *being called* forth into a way of life by God. The name itself - vocation - is explicit in saying this: vocation comes from *vocare* meaning "to call".

Jeremiah seems to already say this in the first reading this Sunday: He feels "seduced" into his ministry by God. The challenges he faces would give him reason to leave, yet *he cannot help continuing* on in it. He has named the romance and honeymoon; he has also named the subsequent reality of a life of service where life brushes up against the humanness of others.

We are "called" by many things. Some are less necessary, yet not unimportant i.e. interests and hobbies – things we carve out time for, which fulfil us and give us mental rest, even should the end product be not much, if anything at all. Some things call us from necessity: our jobs – no doubt a big part of our week are not always loved but not always hated either. Then job or no job, we have vocations – larger trajectories which are often a source of meaning in our lives. We speak of four types of vocations in the church: single, religious, married, priesthood. It is not uncommon nowadays to even hear of people of no faith, speak of their vocation – meaningful commitments they have made. Above all this sits our faith. This too in a sense chose us. The Church, through our parents, drew us to itself, its faith, its God. Our faith forms our outlook on the world. Where is your faith drawing you at this time in your life? Or is it business as usual?

Where are your own interests and hobbies, drawing you? I have heard one definition of ministry as "when a gift touches a need". How are you *ministering* as a Christian? Have your interests and hobbies – the things that you'd happily waste time for – identified for you the gaps or perhaps *opportunities* in the parish's service to the Coast and Hinterland? Which interests would you happily "waste time with" while allowing it to touch the needs of others?

Our calling begins with where we feel drawn, even if it is spooky, even if the calling feels like a nagging voice that refuses to leave us alone. If you heard in the strategic plan only a burden, then perhaps the parish has failed to communicate our path forward properly. Jeremiah felt seduced and he could not resist returning to his ministry, despite its demands. This is perhaps the criteria of whether each of us are in the right place in this parish: are you and your gifts drawn to an area, despite the cost? I pray the Lord wins your heart and mine, again and again, until we have given in.

While I am on the topic of vocation, I warmly wish all the Fathers and Father figures in our parish a very **Happy Fathers Day**. I (imagine?) that the vision and seduction of married and family life opened into a life which makes its demands. Nonetheless you turn up everyday to that life of service. Ours is not the easiest age to be a Father where roles and expectations seem to have changed especially within the last sixty years. That has been a curse for some, but it has also been a blessing in that Fathers have had freedom to be creative with their vocation. I commend you all for doing Fatherhood in unique ways!

I'd like to thank the Sacramental Program Team – Julie, Sarah, Justine and Bruce. The team has been generous with their time and energy in preparing the children for their Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Despite their other commitments, they made a gift of their faith to our



kids. I also thank Kelli Phillips for being available to lean on for guidance as I stepped into her role. Kelli shared with the team many resources which she had prepared and



organised for easy access!

God bless, Fr. Francis

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Worship Ministry Leadership Team

I often wonder about what it might have been like to have lived during the time of the early Church. I think about those early times, with people gathering to be together, to share a meal and to remember the works and words of Jesus; a time where prayer was young, exciting, and limitless; a place here people found identity and intimacy in community. And then I found it...right here. Strangers made me welcome and welcomed me to the table in Landsborough, in Kawana, and even where I regularly worship in Caloundra and at Unity College – all Mass locations I have visited lately.

The Worship Ministry Leadership Team – comprising of Paul Castelli, Terry Culpitt, David Lewis, and Fr Francis – are enthusiastically working towards exciting outcomes across the Parish. Our purpose is to provide support to the eleven worshipping communities in the Parish, and so I have begun to visit these places of celebration and welcome, and to have discussions about inviting and accompanying people into a personal relationship with Jesus, how they experience nourishing worship opportunities, and how music ministry is offered with joy. As both myself and our team travel across the Parish, it is inspiring to see the many dedicated and amazing people who serve in each community. An important goal we are currently working towards is the establishment of a Parish Liturgy Coordination Team (PLCT). This team, which will be comprised of volunteers from across the entire parish, will ensure that we maximise the significant human resources of knowledge and passion for music liturgy in different communities, and offer support for each other. I am excited to continue my journey of listening and learning as we forge new roads of worship together. **Paul Castelli – Team Leader**

"But just as your body needs sleep, your soul needs time to rest in God. To learn more about Him. To talk to Him. To worship and praise Him. To fellowship with other brothers and sisters." **Craig Groeschel**

The Vision for our Parish (Part Two)

Last week, we read about the first part of our parish's vision for the future, and the six values by which we will live out that vision. This week, we look at the second part of the vision, and reiterate the six values.

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

We have a vision: that 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 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 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.

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

SAVE THIS DATE

FEAST DAY celebrations for the whole parish, Our Lady of the Rosary, on Saturday, Oct 7, from 4pm to late. All parishioners and friends from all Mass communities are very welcome. More details to come.

Faith, Hope and Love
An Ecumenical Service
for all who have been touched
by dementia.



You are invited

An Ecumenical Service is being held to reflect on or pray for people diagnosed with dementia and related disorders, their families, friends, carers and staff. It is a time to share the stories of love, pain, grief, challenges and the growth of those who are or have been on the Dementia Journey. Join in song with the Dementia Choir.



At St Andrew's Anglican Church, 46 Upper Gay Tce, Caloundra
Friday, 8th September, 2023. 10 am – 12 noon
Reverend Jeanette Jamieson-Foord; Musician: Anne Bowyer
Parking on site. Drop off at accessible ramp on the church's left side
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Free. Morning tea provided. Donations welcome. To organise refreshments & seating, please Book on Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKWFW> Or Contact Lorrae by Wednesday, 6th Sept carersoutlook@gmail.com 0418 298 183

In Transition

We welcome **Sebastian Robertson, Olive Asanuma, Lila Casagrande Rose & Zachariah Lawson** who will be baptised at OLR & Landsborough this weekend.

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have gone before us 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.



Notre Dame College Announcement

I am pleased to communicate the appointment of Mr Daniel McShea as Foundation Principal of Notre Dame College, Bells Creek (Aura), commencing January 2024. Dan is currently the Principal at Unity College, Caloundra West and along with his family, is a regular parishioner at either OLR church or Unity Chapel. This appointment follows public advertising and a selection process involving myself, as Administrator of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, Mark Elliott, Regional Director of Marist Schools, and representatives from Brisbane Catholic Education. There is an application process to follow to replace Dan at Unity College but in the meantime, please pray for both Dan as Notre Dame College Foundation Principal and the 2024 Unity Principal. Please join me in congratulating Dan McShea on this appointment. Fr Josh

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

Parish Diary

Monday 4 Sept

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

Tuesday 5 Sept

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

Wednesday 6 Sept

Mass (UNITY) **No Mass**
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 7 Sept

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

Friday 8 Sept

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

Saturday 9 Sept

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

Sunday 10 Sept

Safeguarding Sunday *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

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Hospitality this weekend

You are welcome to join your community for Hospitality, stay for wine & cheese at OLR on the Saturday night, or a cuppa after Mass on Sunday. **You are all welcome!**



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www.trybooking.com/1096463

**Make
Your
Garden
Grow**

The Maleny Catholic Ladies meet on Tuesday 5th September for morning tea at 9.30am followed by the meeting at 10am in the Pat Daley Centre.

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.

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