



# 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.**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23/24 September 2023 Year A**

## **Making an Offering Through Music**

How would you define priesthood? At its core, priesthood across cultures seek to draw people into a close union with God. The priest stands in a mediating role – offering prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the congregation.

In baptism preparation, I often point out that a child is being initiated into Christ's office of priesthood. Priesthood for a lay baptised can mean different things such as bringing people into an encounter with God or praying on behalf of someone. Some have even argued that the production of sacred art is in some ways a priestly act, because the artist is leading creation – here wood, oils, pigments, fabrics, eggs, etc. to honour God with their very being.

It is within the context of the final example above, that I wish to write to us about music in our communities. What is church music to you? Filler around key moments? Entertainment? Something to give the people to do? Decoration?

I argue that sung music in the parish is a profoundly *priestly work*. In an increasingly noisy world, a Christian congregation, takes sound and makes something beautiful out of it for God. It makes an *offering*.

Singing is also the act of a *priestly people*. In the bible, Israel is referred to as a priestly people and now at mass, the congregation gets a chance to offer worship in praise and petition through hymns as one body. Further, it *grows more united* each time it sings together. Anyone who has sung an anthems in a stadium or at a pub can attest to the solidarity the experience creates. How much more for us, when we bring with us, our wounds and divisions over this vote or that polemic.

Why do I say any of this? The parish has been appealing to you, requesting any help you can offer with our music on weekends. We have largely gotten by on the generosity of volunteers, but as volunteers have stepped back, new parishioners have not taken their place.

May I appeal to you again, if you have musical talents, to consider assisting our Catholic household on the weekends? I am asking for your help to *enable* the men and women beside you to fulfil their priestly duty which begins before the priest has even begun processing in.

I end with two quotes concerning music, from the Second Vatican Council's document on the liturgy with emphasis added:

*Therefore sacred music is to be considered the more holy in proportion [to its connection to the] liturgical action, whether it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites.*

*Accordingly... the purpose of sacred music, [is] the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful...*

**Have a great week, Fr Francis**

## **Adult Faith and Formation - Becoming a Saint!**

One of the key outcomes that the Adult Faith and Formation Ministry at OLR is charged with, is the development of a pathway of faith education and exploration that support people to become disciples and form a deeper relationship with God.

One element of this is, the Alpha program, and another is, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. While the Rite of Christian Initiation is recognised within our community as the process of 'becoming a Catholic', it is much more than that, and the principles of the process apply to each one of us as we journey in faith.

'Being Catholic' is not just having received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion). It is understanding the deep love Jesus has for each of us personally, and having a desire to reciprocate that love through knowing Jesus more and more. The spiritual journey of adults is varied according to the many forms of God's grace and the free cooperation of individuals. There are four steps in RCIA, and I wonder if we can take a moment to reflect on where you may be sitting as we consider our personal pathway to sainthood.

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### Children and Families Ministry

**Grandparents workshop this Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September after 9.00am Mass in OLR church**— Designed to give easy ways to engage Children & Grandchildren in conversations about God, Faith & Prayer.  
To register please email the Parish office by Monday 25th September.

This Friday **29<sup>th</sup> September** in the Parish Centre from **9-12noon** the Youth and Young Adult's team will be holding a **Kingdom Kids activity morning**. The cost of the morning is \$5, which includes morning tea. Please confirm your booking with the Parish office, and also let us know if your child has any allergies via our email - [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

### 2024 Break Open the Word, Ordos, & Daily Mass Books are ready to order.

Orders & payment for these liturgical Resources must be in to the Parish Office by **Wednesday 4th October 2023**.

'Break Open the Word' \$22 contains Sunday readings.

All readers are encouraged to purchase this book which is vital for your ministry preparation.

The 'Ordo' \$15 is used for liturgy planning & contains references to the readings for each day of the year, and other information.

The 'Daily Mass Book' \$24 contains the Mass texts for Sunday & Weekday Mass, including references for the readings.

**Payment must be made before we can order.**

Contact the parish office, or cash payment/s can be placed in an envelope in collection baskets at mass, with your name/phone number and order details.



2024 DAILY MASS BOOK



### You are cordially invited to attend the Ecumenical Mens Dinner

**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 ~ 6:00 for 6:30pm** St Andrew's Anglican Church Hall, 46 Upper Gay Terrace, Caloundra 4551 \$20.00 includes Drinks & Nibbles, Main Course,

**Guest Speaker: Ken Mewburn OAM — Topic: "The breakthrough that formed Bribie Island North."**

**RSVP:** not later than Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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### Faith & Formation continued...

The first step is to reach the point of initial conversion (in RCIA terms- the pre-catechumenate), the second is to progress in faith and understanding (catechumenate). The third step (initiation), when the person is spiritually ready, is a time of purification and enlightenment, and the fourth step, is devoted to catechesis and or mystagogy.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines mystagogy as the initiation into the mystery of Christ (CCC 1075). It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, for moving from the visible to the invisible, from the sign to the thing signified, from the sacraments to the mysteries. It is a time for spiritual growth and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community. It is moving from 'going to Mass' to being present fully, consciously and actively in the true mystery of the Eucharist, the most glorious gift from God we could ever imagine.

If you are ready for that next step, whichever one it is for you, consider joining one of our Faith and Formation initiatives — see the website for more information, or contact the Parish Office. The AFF Ministry Team

### It's Cuppa Time!!

Next weekend is the 1st of October which is Hospitality weekend. You are all welcome to join in with your community and stay for a chat and cuppa. Holy Cross funerals will be hosting morning tea at Maleny after the 9am Mass if you would like to join them there, you are more than welcome.



### Safeguarding News

*The Safeguarding Commitment for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and Caloundra Catholic Parish is:* Zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and strives to safeguard all who interact with its ministries & services. Special priority is given to the safety & wellbeing of children & adults at risk. In an emergency, please call the Police 000 or information can be provided to STOLine anonymously. Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au) Online: [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com) <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguard/>

### In Transition

We welcome **Quinn Carr** who will be baptised at OLR Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for the soul of **Peter Martin** whose funeral was last week at G&W, we also pray for **Derek Perry** who died last week and his funeral will be at Maleny on the 4th October 11am. We pray that all 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.**

## Whole-of-Parish Event: Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

*We invite a member from each Mass community to lead the rosary. (Please email the Parish office with the name of the person who will lead from your community).*

Celebrations will start at 4pm with a Rosary Procession, followed by 5pm Mass in the OLR church.

Join us afterwards for pizza/chicken kebabs and sausage sizzle with celebratory cake. All parishioners and friends from all Mass communities are very welcome to this whole-of-parish celebration. This is a great opportunity for all of us to celebrate unity in our Parish and connect with fellow parishioners from all 8 Mass Centres. The aim is to build a stronger community, create a "vibrant parish" and have fun celebrating!! Further ideas or suggestions are welcome and can be forwarded to the parish office via email [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)



Holy Cross funerals will be supporting the afternoon celebrations.



**Congratulations to Denise & Keith Dunstan on their 60th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated 21st September 2023**

## Vinnies 3 day Book and Plant Sale



St Vincent de Paul fundraising event will once again be held at the Kawana Catholic Community Centre, Nanyima Street, Buddina (opposite the Kawana Library) on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 8am–2pm and on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 9am–1pm. There will be a large collection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books, many by popular authors, as well as jigsaw puzzles, DVDs and CDs and much more. For those wanting to start up a new garden or freshen up an existing one, there will be many beautiful indoor and garden plants to brighten up your home.

All proceeds go to assisting the St Vincent de Paul Society in continuing to support and give a hand up to those going through difficult times due to homelessness, domestic violence, high rents and general cost of living.

Our Vinnies volunteers look forward to welcoming you. So come and grab yourself a bargain while at the same time supporting those in need in our local community. For more information or donations call Maria on 0427 181 089.



## Alpha is starting again!



**6th Oct**  
at OLR Parish Centre

Please email [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com) for further information and registration. Who will you invite?



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

## Parish Diary

### Monday 25 Sept

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

### Tuesday 26 Sept

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

### Wednesday 27 Sept

Mass (UNITY) NO MASS  
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 28 Sept

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

### Friday 29 Sept

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

### Saturday 30 Sept

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation  
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 1 Oct

*26th 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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### PARISH STAFF

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