



# 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.**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/8 October 2023 Year A**

## **God Speaks to Us**

I am consistently amazed (and grateful) at the different ways that God is revealing Godself to us in this parish. I recently had the opportunity to sit down for a coffee with a parishioner who wanted to share a significant Encounter experience – their very first. This parishioner experienced God both speaking (**they heard something with the ears of their heart**), and God's powerful presence (**they felt the supernatural power of God's presence**) in a way which led to the experience of healing in their life. Friends, this is something to celebrate because it means that Jesus is real; it means that the Holy Spirit really is here, helping us; and it means that God is alive and speaks to us through his Word, Jesus, with whom we can have a personal relationship! If that's not *good news*, then I'm not sure what it...

This weekend, we celebrate the Patronal Feast of the whole parish, Our Lady of the Rosary (7<sup>th</sup> October). It's an opportunity to celebrate unity in our parish as well as the many fruits which are emerging. These fruits – a greater desire to serve, give, and share the joy – are becoming observable as a direct result of people encountering Jesus in life-changing ways. Most of these people have been life-long, faithful Catholics, who've either had the desire for more in their lived experience of faith, or have simply been curious about the changes they can see in others.

In a special way, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who, over the last 12 months, have stepped up into leadership roles. While we are still very much within the implementation phase of our Strategic Plan, the fact that we are seeing fruit emerge in this early stage of the journey is testament to the hard work and dedication of those who are saying "yes;" those who are exercising their God-given skills, gift and talents for the purpose of building up the Body of Christ in our communities.

This whole-of-parish celebration is part of a much wider strategy to promote unity in our large and diverse parish. In fact, one of the major outcomes of our Strategic Plan is to advocate unity across all the communities of the parish. The **Community Life Ministry Leadership Team** have done much of the heavy lifting to organise the celebration this weekend, and we thank you! This team are also invested in supporting each community to celebrate the Feast Day of their patron each year and invite the whole parish. Next year, the principal whole-of-parish event will be the centenary celebration of the first Catholic church in Maleny on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Let's get behind these whole-of-parish initiatives as we strive to be **one**, as Jesus both prayed during the last supper (Jn 17:21), and speaks to us here at this time.

*May God bless you. Fr Josh*

## **Service and Outreach**

Members: Trish Harding, David Marshall, 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."*

Last Sunday we were blessed with water gathered from throughout the diocese which had been blessed by Archbishop Mark as part of the Season of Creation 2023 Mass. On the last day of Season of Creation 2023 (Wednesday 4 October), Pope Francis published a new Apostolic Exhortation, "*Laudate Deum*" as a follow-up to his Encyclical, "*Laudato Si'*" - On Care for Our Common Home." In the lead up to this year's Season of Creation, Pope Francis stated "It is necessary to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, striving to end the senseless war on our common home which is a terrible world war. I urge all of you to work and pray for it to abound with life once again."

The process of facilitating the coordination of all the current volunteers across all of our communities via an online form continues. We have trialled this process with our leadership teams and the next step is to start with the information going to Our Lady of the Rosary Masses and then to eventually flow out to all the communities.

L.Y.N. (Love Your Neighbour) will be ongoing with the year 12 students at Unity College to cook meals which can be frozen and given to those in need. We have distributed some of these to families in need in the Unity college and OLR communities and to the St Vincent de Paul groups. We have meals in various freezers so if you know of anyone in need, please contact me.

**Trish Harding 0417 314 855**

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## Catholic Mission

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

## Ignite Conference

From September 21 – 24, we took an incredible group of 43 youth, young adults, and parishioners from our parish, Maroochydore, and Nambour to the Ignite Conference at St Laurence's College, Brisbane. It was a truly transformative time through explosive rallies, inspirational talks and workshops, and the celebration of the Sacraments. Some of our students experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time, made friends with other young people who were exploring the faith, and felt the presence of God through praise and worship. The night of Adoration was the most talked about experience within the group, with so many of our students feeling their hearts transformed in the presence of Jesus. Year 11 student Charlie, who was one of the ten teenagers who journeyed through the RCIT program last year, said, "From Adoration to all the rallies, it was by far the most transformative week of my life." We now have a number of these students considering the Sacramental program this year. Thank you so much to our wonderful parish community for all the support given to ensure we could take a group this year. Thank you for your donations, kind words, prayers, time, and efforts. There was so much grace given to us throughout the weekend, and I am still feeling this grace and seeing these fruits now and am so happy to share them with you. The Spirit is moving in our youth in Caloundra! – **Felicity, Youth Minister**



## Date Claimer—Ageing Wisely

Thursday, 9th November

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
Free event,

**sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals**

Morning tea & lunch provided.

More details next week

*The greying years are often a difficult time for parishioners as we try to*

*navigate changing living arrangements, health and financial circumstances.*

## St Don Bosco's Relic Visit to Brisbane

The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia.

A first class relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Our diocese is the last stop!

**Where:** Stella Maris church, Maroochydore **When:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 9am to 6.30pm

## Alpha has starting!

**Fridays 9.30-11.30 & Tuesdays at OLR Parish Centre 6-8pm.**

If you would like to join us please email [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com) for further information and registration. Who will you invite?



## Invitation to Fr James Alison Tour event

On **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**, Bishop Tim Norton will host a discussion panel with **Fr James Alison** at Stella Maris Primary School, 5 Stella Way, Maroochydore. Fr James Alison is notable throughout the world for bringing the theology of the great French thinker, **René Girard**, to a wider public. He is also known for his firm but patient insistence on truthfulness in matters concerning same-sex attracted Catholics in a Catholic setting. If you are interested in hearing from him, come along to the Stella Maris Primary School for a conversation that promises to be enlightening and enriching. <https://jamesalison.com/>

## In Transition

We welcome **Robert Hayes & Philippa Luck** who will be baptised at OLR Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for **Christine Duncan & Frank Joyce** who died last week and their funerals will be at Sacred Heart church Maleny on the 12th October 11am and G&W chapel Tuesday 10th October 9am respectively. 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.**





### Thank you Gwen Meldon

Every now and then, parishioners retire from ministries in which they have served for many years; this is both a sadness and opportunity to express gratitude. Gwen Meldon has been faithfully leading worship by playing the organ at the 6.30am Sunday OLR Mass for 30 years. We sincerely thank you, Gwen, for your years of service, and wish you all the best as you move closer to your daughters in the Hinterland. You will be missed! Well done, good and faithful servant (Mt 25:23).

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

### Kingdom Kids

Last Friday, our parish facilitated a school holiday program for primary school aged children. The theme of the day was: "Actions speak louder than words." The youngsters enjoyed playing games, learning about the parable of the two sons, singing songs with actions, colouring in rocks, sitting in quiet prayer and moulding a clay cross to take home. Thank you to the Youth and Young Adults leaders who assisted in the day too. We hope to continue to hold events like this each holiday so watch this space!



*Blessings, Felicity, Julie and Fr Gerard* **Children and Families Ministry**

### Employment: Evangelisation Coordinator

**Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish** is looking to hire an Evangelisation Coordinator. The role's focus is upon the creation of an evangelisation pathway and the sustainable and coordinated implementation of the Parish's Strategic Plan. This role offers flexible hours (part-time), and is a leadership position within the parish in collaboration with the parish clergy and senior leadership team. If you are interested, please copy this link into your browser <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=793504> or call the parish office for more information 5430 9390.

### Ladies Lunch

Please join us On Friday 20th October at 12noon at Wung Nam Thai Water Palace  
38 The Esplanade Bulcock Beach. Please RSVP to Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 16th October.



### Adoration

All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm at OLR. We'd love to see you there!

### Our Lady of the Way Landsborough

Every Friday OLW at Landsborough have Adoration & Rosary at 8am followed by Mass at 9am then confession. The first Friday of the month we have the Anointing of the sick. All welcome.

### 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) next 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 of books call Maria on 0427 181 089.



## Parish Diary

### Monday 9 October

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

### Tuesday 10 October

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

### Wednesday 11 October

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

### Thursday 12 October

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

### Friday 13 October

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

### Saturday 14 October

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

Vigil Mass

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

### Sunday 15 Oct **(Fr Gerard 30!)**

**28th 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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