



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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14/15 October 2023 Year A

A Big Thank you!

"I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." So says the King in this Sunday's gospel and so said the Community Life Team last Saturday.

The parish office would like to collectively say a big **THANK YOU** to all who made the celebrations possible! We note the special role that Janice Chilcott and the Community Life Team played in organising the event.

We also commend parishioners from the various communities who, in attending, represented not only themselves, but also their communities.

It would be remiss of us, if we were not to thank Molly and the Syro-Malabar Community who decorated the church for their great First Holy Communion Mass. For sharing their decorations which greatly enhanced our own celebrations, the balloon archway, the cherubs, accent lights, flowers, draperies and chandelier among other things.

We would also like to thank Holy Cross Funerals for sponsoring the costs for food and drinks. The pizzas, the sausages, the party pies and sausage rolls generously rewarded those who came and celebrated despite the rain. A special thanks to Dom, from Dom's at Kings who made the yummy cake. I commend Allan Gerrard & Phill Ashworth on their impeccable barbequing skills as well as all who helped from the kitchen. Thank you also the youth who helped with serving the sausages, onions, etc.

I know I have not named everyone, but I thank you all for your selflessness in helping to make the OLR feast a success.

In addition to the celebrations themselves, I was edified by the knowing that the celebrations were driven by the Community Life Team and the many parishioners who offered to share the responsibility. It is a testament to what this parish can initiate and achieve as it walks ahead guided by the strategic plan. It is a testament to a parish where everyone takes ownership of the goal of facilitating experiences of encounter with Christ, whether that be through processions, praise, or... party.

God bless, Fr. Francis

(For photos of the celebrations, see the back page!)

Worship

The Mass, or celebration of the Eucharist, is the fundamental liturgical ritual in the Catholic Church. It is the central action and aspect of our lives of faith and the primary way in which Catholics worship God as a community.

The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word 'missa' meaning 'mission' or 'sending' because its purpose is to send forth the faithful to bring forth or share the Good News of Jesus, and to be His presence in the world. It is also a time to give God thanks and praise, as the word 'Eucharist' means thanksgiving.

These two concepts of sending out and praise underpin much of the work of the Worship Ministry Leadership Team. As Christians we were tasked by Jesus when, in the Great Commission, he told the disciples to... "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." As a team, we are working to provide structures to support all of our parish communities to fulfill that commission; to support the great works that are being done across our wonderful parish.

Similarly, the expression of praise is a vital aspect of our worshipping communities. In the case of our strategic goal, one aspect that the Worship team is working towards, is to support a vibrant and engaging music ministry for Sunday Masses. Much has been written about seeking the assistance of musicians, to add this important ministry to Sunday Mass, and while some wonderful people have stepped forward to volunteer, we are earnestly looking to identify and bring onboard more musical talent in our communities.

This week, the team welcomed Donna Gordon to the team. Many of you will know Donna through her work in the Sacramental Program and we are thrilled to have her wisdom, enthusiasm and experience as we work towards our Parish Strategic Plan. In a case of double blessings, Justine Ashworth will also be working with the Worship team for a time and we warmly welcome Justine and the many gifts she brings.

God bless, Paul

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The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

The Practice of Prayer

OLR Faith Formation Ministry Short Course with Fr Francis. Thursdays 4-5 pm Parish Centre, commencing November 9.

Do you struggle with prayer? Do you struggle to connect with God?

Join us at the OLR Parish Centre on Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm, commencing November 9th. If there is sufficient interest, we will offer Zoom access to those who cannot be there in person.

Fr Francis will lead us in an in depth look at prayer, and its practice, through the perspective of Ronald Rolheiser's beautiful book 'Prayer: Our Deepest Longing'. Some copies will be available for those needing them.

Register with the QR code



Confirmation

What a blessing it was to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Sacred Heart Community in Maleny last week. Congratulations to (L-R), Samara, Rock, Louisa and Tom. Special thanks to Bev Perry who prepared our children for the Sacrament.



The Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis' initiative for the Catholic Church to collaboratively chart its path in the modern era, emphasizing listening, discernment and mission. This Assembly, featuring 363 voting members — including laymen and women for the first time — convened at the Vatican

Oct. 4-29 to advise the Pope on the theme:

"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission."

During this month, we, the People of God, participate in the synodal Assembly through our prayers that delegates follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit during this historic meeting, the most significant one for the future of our Church since the Second Vatican Council in 1965. See Parish website for more information and/or

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

OLR Carpark

Please note that the OLR carpark is having asphalt repairs done this Wednesday & the south car park of the church will be on Thursday. Please expect disruption and be prepared to park on the streets. Workers will be there to guide you. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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>

In Transition

We welcome **Reign McIntosh & Elle Cutler** who will be baptised at OLR Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for **Jim Cammell, Norma Hanley & Deirdre Tully** who died last week and their funerals will be at OLR on the 17th October 11am and 18th October 1pm & G&W chapel 20th October 11am 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

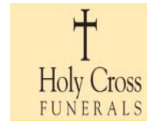
Rest in Peace.

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

Special Happy Birthday wishes to Fr Gerard who is 30 today!

Ageing Wisely

Thursday, 9th November 9:30am - 1:30pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, free event,



sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals
Morning tea & lunch provided.

Agenda

9:00am Morning Tea and Registration
9:30am Welcome by Parish Priest
9:45am Charitable Gifts in Wills
10:15am Legal advice on Estate Planning
11:00am Retirement Planning - financial
12:00pm Lunch and fellowship
12:30pm Pre-arranging funerals
1:00pm Ageing in-home support services
1:30pm Finish



The greying years are often a difficult time for parishioners as we try to navigate changing living arrangements, health and financial circumstances.

For catering purposes, please RSVP names, contact number & email on or before Monday, 6 November by email to caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

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

Parish Diary

Monday 16 October

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

Tuesday 17 October

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

Wednesday 18 October

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

Thursday 19 October

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

Friday 20 October

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

Saturday 21 October

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

Sunday 22 Oct

29th 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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GLORIA concert

The Maleny Inspiration Project Choir will present its GLORIA concert in Caloundra, on Sat 28 October 2pm at the Queen Street Uniting Church Caloundra, and on Sun 29 October 2pm at the Maleny Primary School Hall.

With orchestra and soloists directed by Kim Kirkman the concert will present Glorias from a wide period of time in western music. The Gloria is the 2nd sung part of the Ordinary of a Mass - *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*.

They are chosen from the 8th Century with the Missa di Angelis plainchant to 1350 with the first written mass by a known composer to the height of the renaissance to Vivaldi to Zelenka, a Czech baroque composer. Some music historians think this performance will be an Australian premiere.

Tickets just \$20.

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Maleny - www.trybooking.com/CLWIV

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.



Alpha has started!

**Tuesdays 6-8pm & Fridays
9.30-11.30 at OLR Parish Centre.**
If you would like to join us please email alphaolrcal@gmail.com for further information and registration. Who will you invite?

All welcome!!

Morning tea will be held this Sunday, Oct 15th as well as 22nd after Caloundra 9:30am mass. Please bring a plate (home cooked or shop bought) to help support the teams providing this popular hospitality.

Our Lady of the Way Landsborough

Every Friday OLV 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.

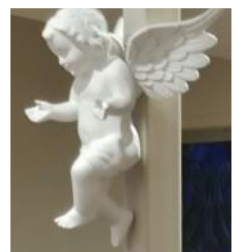
New Ladies Group

30-45 year olds—Egan room (OLR Caloundra) 6.30pm
Great conversations with women, where we talk about life, family, spiritual journey, and all that matters deeply to us!
The Second Friday of the Month - 10th November, 13th December.
For more information text Jill - 0402 742 920

Visiting Speaker on Divine Mercy Devotion

John Canavan the director of Divine Mercy Publications, Melbourne, will be sharing his personal testimony of the impact of Divine Mercy on his life and his conversion. All are welcome to attend at: Stella Maris Maroochydore 26th October 6-7pm.

OLR Feast Day



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