

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21/22 October 2023 Year A

A Reflection on the Priesthood

Golly, time flies when you're having fun! I can't believe it's been four months since my ordination to the priesthood. Growing up I never really thought about priesthood. I was more interested in becoming a policeman, soccer player, teacher or scientist (or maybe I could be all of them at once)! All I knew was that I wanted to make a positive impact in the world, however, priesthood never crossed my mind... until it did; first when I was working in youth ministry, then living in a Catholic house of discernment and finally during some time in prayer at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. After that, the thought never really went away so in 2017 I went to test out a possible vocation to the diocesan priesthood at Holy Spirit Seminary.





So here I am, four months into the priesthood in a very lovely parish with such warm and welcoming people. On top of the regular sacramental ministries of a priest, some other things I have gotten up to include house blessings, school visits, middle of the night hospital callouts, pastoral conversations, event organisation, administration and attending meetings. Surprising,

eventful, exciting and fulfilling are some words which describe the priesthood for me. What I find sustains my ministry is my morning prayer, just a conversation with Jesus and meditation of the Word of God. I find this is very important as it's how I recharge my spiritual batteries and I really notice a difference when I don't pray. I'd like to leave you with a poem by Jean-Baptiste



Henri Lacordaire which I love. I feel explains the priesthood well.

Thou Art a Priest Forever

To live in the midst of the world with no desire for its pleasures;

to be a member of every family, yet belonging to none;

to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets, to heal all wounds;

to daily go from people to God to offer Him their homage and petitions;

to return from God to people to bring them His pardon and hope;

to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity;

to bless and to be blest forever.

O God, what a life, and it is yours,

O Priest of Jesus Christ! Oh what a joy it is to be a priest! I look forward to many more years of ministry.

Blessings, Fr Gerard



Youth & Young Adults

The Youth & Young Adults Team have had another busy year, so far providing the young people in our community with a variety of ways to enter into relationship with Jesus. Kingdom Youth & Young Adults continues to run weekly with our highschoolers meeting every Friday at Unity College from 6pm–8:30pm in term time. Our young adults meeting runs every Wednesday on a rotation of social and formation events from 6pm. Recently, we took a group of 43 of these young people to Ignite Conference in Brisbane, which was a weekend of encounter and the transformation of hearts. We are so grateful to the wonderful OLR community who continue to support us in so many ways – prayerfully, financially, and through the giving of so much of their time.

Our youth group continues to average 40 students each week. This year our theme has been "Jesus, Transform Me," and we have looked at how we can be transformed into the people God calls us to be, if we invest in a relationship with Him. Like any friendship, we must meet in the middle, also investing time into the relationship to get to know Jesus better, so we may come to know where He is calling us. Our topics have included how this relationship with Jesus can transform us, heart, mind, and soul – to love others first, to think and act with Christian values, and to draw closer to Jesus in prayer. We then looked at how this relationship with Jesus can transform our relationships with our family, friends, and other loved ones – to forgive, to love them as we want to be loved, and to love even through hardship. We then focused on prayer and how we can continue to invest in this transformative relationship, ending last term with the experience of Adoration.

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Youth & Young Adult continued from front page....

This was a beautiful night, and we even had some requests that the time should have been longer! This term we are looking at how we, as young Christians, can be in the world, but not of world; how we can be proud of our faith even with all the pressures of society today.

If you would like to volunteer or support us in any other way, please feel free to contact me on kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au. You might also like to follow us on Instagram for more updates @kingdom.caloundra. May God bless you as we look towards the end of the year!

Felicity Jones, Youth Minister.



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Thank You

A BIG Vinnies Thank-you!

The Good Shepherd Conference at Kawana want to give a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated items, volunteered their time before, during and after the event and to those who came and supported our recent book and plant sale fundraiser. The weather was great and the result was amazing. *The event raised \$5020.00*, which will provide much needed assistance to many going through difficult times, as well as trying to cope with the high cost of living. Your ongoing support is always greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone and well done.

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

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

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

In Transition

We pray for *Helena Bowtell* who died last week and her funeral will be on Monday, 23rd October in the OLR church at 12noon. *Alannah Churchward* who died last week and her Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred heart Church Maleny, on Tuesday 24th October at 1pm. *John Howard* who died last week and his funeral will be at OLR on 27th October at 1.30pm. Please also pray for the soul of *Alan Cooper*, his funeral is TBC. 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.



Ageing Wisely

Thursday, 9th November 9:30am -1:30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Church, free event, **sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals** It is not an event to be missed as the information

on the day is usually costly to obtain and will be provided free of charge to Our Lady of the Rosary parishioners. There will be professional speakers from Thynne McCartney lawyers, Goals and Dreams Financial Planning, the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Centacare and Holy Cross Funerals. Morning tea and lunch will also be 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

FAITHFUL SERVANTS

This week's faithful servant is Kathy Yates.



Go to our latest parish news on the Website, to read what inspires Kathy.



GLORIA concert

The Maleny Inspiration Project Choir will present its <u>GLORIA</u> 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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All welcome!!

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

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.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 23 October

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

Tuesday 24 October

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

Wednesday 25 October

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

Thursday 26 October

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

Friday 27 October

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

Saturday 28 October

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

> Vigil Mass Mass (OLR) 5pm Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 29 Oct

30th 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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