



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.**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28/29 October 2023 Year A

All Saints and Souls

This Wednesday we celebrate the wonderful feast of All Saints – that marvellous celebration of the communion of Saints who are both present every time we celebrate Mass, and who intercede for us to the Father. Do you have a favourite Saint whom you'll be praying to particularly on that day? Often, particular Saints become a person's favourite because they've invested time in getting to know them by learning about their life, imitating their faith, and asking for their prayers. My favourite Saint is St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, who died when she was only 24 years old, but who lived her life in small heroic ways every day of her short existence. If you are not sure about how to pray to a particular saint, the following may give some helpful structure: Call your saint and ask your petition, saying something like: For the intercession of (your saint here), I ask (your petition here). Finish your prayer with the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. We will celebrate an extra Mass at OLR 5.30pm on Wednesday for All Saints Day.

The annual Feast of All Souls takes place on Thursday this week, hot on the heels of All Saints; this is not an accident. We pray for the souls of those whom we've loved and lost because our prayers are efficacious – they are helpful in gaining the favour of God's gift of eternal salvation for our loved ones. Another reason we pray for those we have lost is because when they died, they ceased to exist according to our linear concept of time. Instead, they entered God's time, where in God's eyes, a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night (Ps 90:4-). It matters not, when they enter heaven according to our time and so we continue to pray for the gift of God's unconditional mercy and the purifying of their souls so as to enter into the eternal embrace of God's pure love. All you heavenly saints, pray for us, as we continue to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. Peace and blessings to you on the occasion of these two great celebrations, **Fr Josh**

Dear Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and Parish,

I am writing to inform you that I have submitted my resignation as the Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School due to personal reasons. Serving this vibrant and close-knit community has been a privilege and an honour. I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support, dedication, and faith each of you has shown during my time here. Our shared commitment to the holistic development of our students has been both inspiring and rewarding. I am immensely proud of the progress we have made together. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the staff and school community for your collaboration and dedication to providing an excellent education to our students. The school has a solid foundation for continued success, and I know that by working together with Tracey Gerrard and staff you will ensure the school's continued growth and achievement. Tracey's tenure as acting principal has been extended for the 2024 school year and during Semester 1 Brisbane Catholic Education will undertake a recruitment process for a substantive principal appointment in conjunction with Fr Josh and the school and parish community. More detailed information around this process will be provided early next year. I will cherish the memories and friendships I have made here and keep OLR in my thoughts and prayers as it continues to thrive in its mission. Thank you for your tremendous support and I wish you every blessing.

Kind Regards, **Michael Stewart**

Children and Families Ministry

As part of the Children and Families Strategic Plan over the next five years, The Children and Families Ministry Team are working to achieve three outcomes: **Children and Families experience being welcomed & included as part of the faith community; There is a vibrant program of Children's Sacramental preparation, which includes follow up programs for families; We have a visible and collaborative Parish-School relationships.** Some exciting news is that our team is blessed to now have Father Gerard also leading the Children & Families team, He has contributed so much already and is very popular with the children. Fr Gerard and I accepted an invitation to attend the Children and Families Archbishop's dinner on Wednesday evening. This was a wonderful opportunity to hear Archbishop speak about our ministry and catch up with people from other parishes, particularly our friends at Maroochydore Parish. In the last week of the school holidays, a Kingdom Kids activity morning was held at OLR, lead by Father Gerard, Felicity, members of the Youth & Young adults' team and some of the Kingdom Youth Group. Thank you to you, the members of our Parish who so far this year have contributed to helping us work towards some of these outcomes. We have so much to look forward to in the future. If you would like to play a role in helping us grow this important Ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Kind Regards, **Julie**

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Ageing Wisely

Free event on Thursday, 9th November 9:30am -1:30pm in the OLR Church,
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 Mass
- 9.30am Morning Tea and Registration
- 10.00am Welcome by Parish Priest
- 10.15am Charitable Gifts in Wills
- 10.45am Legal advice on Estate Planning
- 11.30am Retirement Planning - financial
- 12.00noon 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 phone 54309390 or email to caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to join in.

Masses for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

This Wednesday, November 1st, is the feast of **All Saints** and the following day is

All Souls – two very important annual occasions that remind us of our mortality and the purpose of our own lives; they cause us to reflect upon and pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Our Mass times on All Saints' Day are: Unity 7.50am & Caloundra 5.30pm

Our Mass times for All Souls' Day is: Caloundra 9am & Currimundi 9.30am

Please note the extra Wednesday Mass for ALL Saints Day

This weekend at the entrance to all our churches you will discover our parish **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** and you are invited to inscribe on the pages the names of your loved ones and friends who have gone before you.

As a faith community we will remember them and pray for them in our November Masses. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the rich mercy of God, **rest in peace**

Unity College Principal 2024

Friends, the Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, Dr Sally Towns, recently announced that the new Unity College Principal for 2024 and beyond will be Mr Brett Jones. Mr Jones is currently employed at St John's College, Nambour, as Deputy Principal. We recently announced that the current Unity College Principal, Mr Dan McShea, will be the new Notre Dame College Principal from 2024 onward. Congratulations to both Brett and Dan as they prepare to take up their new roles next year. Please pray for them, their families, and schools during this time of transition.

In Transition

We welcome **Zoe & Alexander Ash** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

Special mention to **Margaret & Don Forbes** who will be celebrating there 50yr wedding anniversary 27th October.

We pray for **Alan Cooper** who died last week and whose Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 31st October 1.30pm in the OLR church. We also prayer for **Sr Patricia Heenan RSC** (Bishop Brian's sister) & **Emily Camillo** (a member of the Landsborough community), who died last week. 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.

Communion to the Sick Ministers

Dear amazing people who take Jesus' Body to those who are unable to join us for Mass: your ministry is so appreciated. You are Jesus' hands and feet for as He Himself says, "Whatever you did to the least of these, who are my children, you did to me" (Mt 25:40). It has come to my attention that there may be persons taking extra consecrated hosts for themselves to consume at home so that – and I can only surmise – they can receive daily Eucharist; this is to cease immediately, please. Holy Communion is never separated from the celebration of Mass; indeed, the only reasons we have tabernacles in our churches is to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for adoration and for those who are physically unable to celebrate Mass. While Catholics are only obliged to receive Eucharist once a year, daily Mass is indeed encouraged. Our belief however, is that the celebration of Mass on Sundays is sufficient to sustain a healthy Eucharistic Sacramental life. I appreciate your understanding in this important matter. **Fr Josh**

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

Parish Diary

Monday 30 October

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

Tuesday 31 October

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

Wednesday 1 November

All Saints Day

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am
Mass (OLR) 5.30pm

Thursday 2 November

All Souls Day

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

Friday 3 November

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

Saturday 4 November

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

Sunday 5 November

31st 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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New Ladies Group

Do you know any amazing ladies aged 30-45 in search of meaningful connections and a shared faith? Our group is the perfect fit! We delve into the stuff that matters - friendship, family, and life's incredible journey.

Our gatherings are on the second Friday of each month at 6:30pm. Our next gathering is 10th November.
For more information text Jill - 0402 742 920 or simply scan the QR code .



SCAN ME

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.

Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants

Those parents with newborn babies wishing for them to be baptized are reminded of the preparation meeting which takes place at Our Lady of the Rosary Church,

Caloundra, this **Thursday 2nd November**, beginning at 7pm. At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates.

To book in for the preparation evening please contact the Parish office.



"The Wells House" and "The Lynam House"

The Directors and members of the Caloundra Catholic Homes Foundation Ltd, representatives from Centacare, residents and long time supporters gathered on Thursday as Fr Josh blessed **"The Wells House" and "The Lynam House"** for our residents who have re-located from Lavally Lodge at Beerwah.



First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please join us on **4th November @ 7.45am** Our Lady of the Rosary Church Caloundra



All welcome!!

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