



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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 4/5th November 2023 Year A

Visio Divina

Did you know that viewing art can be a form of prayer? Since antiquity, artwork found in churches such as paintings, sculptures, textiles and stained-glass windows was used to provide imagery to accompany the biblical stories and Church Tradition. This was particularly useful for a large majority of church-goers who were illiterate. Prayer, while it may be the most natural thing one can do, also needs to be taught. I hope this short article might enhance your prayer life in some way, particularly as *Teaching Prayer* is the First Priority of the 2023 Apostolic Priorities of the Archdiocese of Brisbane (more details here: bit.ly/EB_KeyDocuments).

If prayer is simply communication with God, and if there are millions of ways to communicate, then there are millions of ways of praying, and perhaps you've only just scratched the surface. Each of us responds differently to stimulus, so it is my hope that this might be yet another mode of prayer you might like to use to connect with the Creator of the universe. The richest method of prayer engages all the senses (hence the 'bells and smells' at Mass). So, for the ideal prayer experience and for best results, find a quiet place where you can be alone, away from external distractions. Visio Divina, Latin for *Divine Seeing*, is a form of prayer in which one meditates on sacred art.



Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt



The Annunciation, Fra Angelico



The Finding of Jesus in the Temple, Sofia Novelli

Steps of Visio Divina

Visio (Gaze)	Choose a sacred image, look at the artwork and notice what strikes you. Allow yourself to be surprised or puzzled. Is there anything you have not noticed before, or anything that should be asked or explained for this text to be understood?
Meditatio (Meditation)	Ponder the image once more. Prayerfully listen to the accompanying Scripture, being attentive to what words or phrases strike you. Spend time pondering how the Image of God sheds light on your life here and now.
Oratio (Prayer)	Having observed the Image of God, we now respond in prayer. Speak to God about what you're noticing. This is a conversation from your heart with the Lord.
Contemplatio (Contemplation)	This is the purpose of <i>visio</i> : to hear the living Word of God today. What does God say to me? Simply rest with God. This is a time of divine intimacy.
Actio (Action)	Ask God how he wants you to live out anything that came up during this time of prayer.

Adapted from www.beholdvisiodivina.com

Pray well, Fr Gerard

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Faith & Formation in our Parish

"Jesus said, 'I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no-one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6).

As practicing Catholics, we are on a **Journey of Faith**. The ultimate end of that journey is to be with God in Heaven, as Saint (insert your name here!) Do you really believe it is possible?? Do you have a plan, or a roadmap to get you there? Have you given any thought to what you need on your Journey? **Do you know the Way?**

On the journey we need to always look to Jesus.

On the journey we need to follow the directions provided by those who know the Way.

On the journey we need nourishment for the soul.

On the journey we need support and companionship.

On the journey we need to help others in need along the way.

The Faith and Formation team have the responsibility to support the development of faith and discipleship in all adult parishioners through providing opportunities for spiritual and prayerful accompaniment, catechesis and formation experiences and dialogue. We will be offering regular opportunities for all of these, starting with our Practice of Prayer short course with Fr Francis on Thursday 9th November.

This timeslot of 4-5 pm on Thursdays will become the regular Catechetical/Spiritual development time, so keep it free each week!

Our next offering (after the Practice of Prayer) will be a 'back to basics' course on what we, as Catholics, believe. This will incorporate elements of the RCIA program and include our catechumenates for 2024. Please consider joining us if you may benefit from a 'brush up'. Has it been a while?

Jacinta Elks, Team Leader

Ageing Wisely free event.

RSVP Monday, 6 November by phone 54309390 or email to caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

This free event is this Thursday, 9th November 9:30am -1:30pm in the OLR Church,
sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals

Numbers are needed for catering purposes.

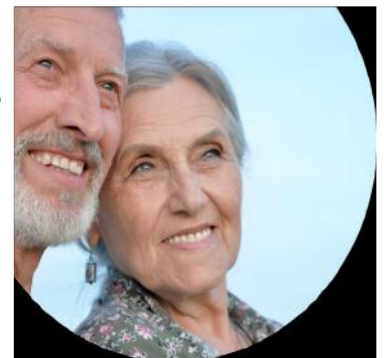
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It is not an event to be missed as the information on the day is usually costly to obtain and will be provided free of charge to Our Lady of the Rosary parishioners.

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




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

Extraordinary Communion Ministers

Thank you to all our wonderful pastoral carers who take communion to the sick and homebound.
You take the gift of our Lord to people who are so very grateful.

In recent weeks we have had two very large nursing homes open - one at Birtinya and another at Pelican Waters. Unfortunately we do not have a sufficient number of extraordinary communion ministers to visit these nursing homes.

Could I please ask if anyone has an hour-or-two per month to spare and could assist in this very important ministry, please call Vivienne on 0409897673. Training will be provided and you will be attending in pairs.

In Transition

We welcome **Bridie & Eli Sim & Evelyn McPake-Maher** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

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.



Catholic Mission

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The Scripture Readings at Sunday Mass

The first document issued by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, emphasised that "Sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy".

In response, the Lectionary (the book containing the extracts from the Bible read at public worship) was published soon after Vatican II provided a much greater range of readings from scripture than had been the case previously.

The Gospel readings for Sunday Masses were decided upon first. They are consecutive passages taken from the gospel allocated to each year in a three-year cycle called A, B and C. The Gospel of Matthew is read in Year A, Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C. The Gospel of John does not have its own year but is read every year on some Sundays of Lent, on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and during Easter.

The first reading for each Sunday of the three-year cycle was then selected. It is almost always taken from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and is chosen because it harmonises with the Gospel. In the Easter Season the first reading is from the Book of Acts which records the progress of the early Church, its witness and its growth.

The second reading comes from one of the New Testament letters (epistles), most often from Paul but also from Peter, John and James. It normally has no thematic relationship to either the first reading or the Gospel. The same epistle is read in a semi-continuous way over a number of Sundays. *by Elizabeth Harrington*

Adoration

All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on Wednesday 8th November, 6.30pm at OLR. We'd love to see you there!

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

Parish Diary

Monday 6 November

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

Tuesday 7 November

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

Wednesday 8 November

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

Thursday 9 November

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

Friday 10 November

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

Saturday 11 November

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

Sunday 12 November

32nd 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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The Maleny Sacred Heart Church community invites Parishioners to celebrate the Centenary of the first Catholic Church in Maleny in February 1924, built on land donated by Mr Pat Daley. A Centenary book is being compiled and will be available at the celebrations on Sunday 4th February 2024.

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