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## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough, Little Mountain, Maleny and Unity at Caloundra West.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 13/14 January 2024 Year B

### New Year, New Start, New Life

**Happy New Year to one and all!** We're already half way into January and every year, around this time, I always toil with how long to greet people with "Happy New Year" – so that's the last time you'll hear it from me! I'm not sure if you still make New Year resolutions, but January is certainly a good time to prayerfully discern the direction of your faith journey in 2024 - remembering that God always meets us where we are, but never leaves us there, no matter our age. We are constantly being invited by God into *more*: a deeper personal relationship with Jesus and a greater giving of ourselves and our resources – which is to say, new life. While there are many different ways to recognise advancement in the personal journey of faith, growth in **prayer**, **servicing** and **giving** are the three primary fruits of spiritual growth and new life in Christ.

Our first reading and Gospel this weekend both deal with prayer. Samuel, in the first reading, is counselled by Eli to respond to the, as-yet, unknown voice of God, with, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:10). This is a terrific prayer to take up when you spend time in daily personal private prayer. It's a prayer which prepares our hearts to listen – remembering that with two ears and one mouth, a healthy ratio in prayer is to listen twice as much as we speak. Similarly, in the Gospel, the two disciples of John were curious to see where Jesus lived and were invited to spend time with him. What could be more fundamental in prayer than simply being with Jesus.

As we delve more and more into the implementation phase of our parish strategic plan, an important event on the horizon is National Volunteers' Week (20-26<sup>th</sup> May 2024). At the conclusion of this celebratory week, we will be facilitating the first annual Parish Service Day. As per Outcome Four in the Whole-of-Parish outcomes – **The parish takes every opportunity to welcome people and encourage them to become involved** – the Parish Service Day will be a post-Mass event at every worshipping community wherein people can express their interest to serve in any of the ministries offered in that community.

Finally, you may remember last year Fr Francis and I preaching about financial giving for two weeks in Lent. As has already been communicated, the fruit of that preaching series was evident in your response – which I am extremely grateful for – and I am now actively looking to hire someone to coordinate evangelisation in our parish. This Lent, rather than preaching about giving again, there will be a series about bequests – gifts in wills. As you know, one of the realities we face as a popular retirement parish is the high proportion of aging worshippers. Our senior worshipping population are our bread and butter – what would we do without you? – and so it stands to reason that conversations about gifts in wills (bequests), are essential to both the legacy of faith-filled senior Catholics and the financial health of the parish into the future.

**May your New Year and 2024 faith journey be blessed. Fr Josh**

### Worship Ministry

Part of beginning a New Year are the goals and new plans that we often make as we commence another lap around the sun. One of the cleverest statements I have heard about the consideration of goals is "...don't attempt to boil the ocean." My interpretation of this statement is that we should avoid trying to set overly huge goals. Goals that, while impressive and noteworthy, require such massive action and change that attempts usually fail. I'm sure we've all tried at one point or another to begin a year with admirable goals that haven't made it to the third week in January. With that in the backs of our minds the Worship Team gathered late last year and planned our goals for 2024; goals that we believe are realistic, life-giving and achievable.

Central to our goals was the following statement from our Parish Mission statement:

"We are a Eucharistic community which is attractive and we joyfully work to plant seeds so that all people discover a relationship with Jesus."

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## Worship Ministry continued.....

The fact is, we **are** an attractive Eucharistic Community and I rarely, if ever, attend a Mass that is without joyful works. This year, our plans are to enhance the already wonderful works that make up this incredible parish.

Our goals are as follows;

1. To support our lectors by offering a program to further develop their skills in proclaiming the Good News.
2. To provide formation for those who serve in Music Ministry and to invite more people to share their musical gifts.
3. To explain the Mass. During the year, the priests will take a moment during Masses to briefly explain a part of the Mass and why we actually do it.
4. Establishing Listening/Focus Groups for each worshipping community. Providing means for each worshipping community to have a voice that is heard.

We are tremendously excited about the prospects of the year ahead and look forward to joining with you to joyfully plant seeds so that all people are invited to discover a relationship with Jesus.

God bless,

**Paul, Worship Ministry Leader**

## Fr. Josh's vision for our parish

I have a Spirit-inspired vision for our future and I invite you to make it yours – to make a home for it in your heart. I invite you to imagine what parish life will be like when every single member of our worshipping community has experienced transformation by the Holy Spirit. This is a vision for everyone, no matter age, race, or culture, because it's a vision of belonging to Jesus.

I dream of a parish where our core business is transforming lives by accompanying people to encounter, know, love and follow Jesus. We know that this is our role and mission because we have experienced this journey of accompaniment ourselves.

I envision a community of communities where every celebration of Mass is animated by an outpouring of worship in the hearts of the entire congregation; where every person celebrates with a contagious joy in their singing, listening and prayer, and which leads to a palpable atmosphere of God's presence. This contagious joy then overflows as we are sent to tell others about what we have experienced ourselves.

When visitors or new parishioners – young adults, young families, and matured-aged people – walk through our doors, they experience a welcome and inviting love that causes a desire to make our parish their home. Through this desire and a clearly signposted discipleship journey, we experience annual growth in the Sacraments of Initiation across all age groups.

I dream of a parish where every person is excited to use the skills, gifts and talents they have been given by God in service of others, both inside and outside of the worshipping community. They know they are called to serve because they know that God has a plan for them that relies on them.

This desire to be part of the mission also leads to a transformation in the way we approach sacrificial giving. We give of ourselves and our resources to God, rather than to the parish, and in doing so, experience the liberating freedom of trust: that what we have received from God is more than enough. Come Holy Spirit!

## Invitation to all members of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Community, Please join us for all or part of Maleny Centenary Celebrations - 4th February.

The day will start at 9.00am with Mass and unveiling of a plaque by Archbishop Coleridge. Morning tea, audiovisual presentation and book launch followed by lunch in the Pat Daley Centre. 1pm will be the cutting of the commemorative cake and placing of a time capsule.

Event enquiries: [sacredheartmaleny@outlook.com](mailto:sacredheartmaleny@outlook.com)  
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Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

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

### There's nothing "ordinary" about ordinary time

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which was celebrated on Monday last week is the last day of the liturgical season of Christmas Time. The Church's liturgical calendar then moves into Ordinary Time. There are two parts to Ordinary Time: the first falls between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, and the second between the Monday after Pentecost and the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. Previously these Ordinary Time Sundays were simply designated Sundays "after Epiphany" or "after Pentecost". The name "Ordinary Time" is rather an unfortunate one because the word "ordinary" normally means something unexceptional or uninteresting. There is no such thing as "ordinary time" in Christian worship, however. The word "ordinary" as used in "Ordinary Time" means that the Sundays after the seasons of Christmas and Easter are counted in order, using *ordinal* numbers. Ordinary Time is one of the liturgical seasons – the longest season of the church year. Its liturgical colour of green points to our Christian *hope* and *life*, entering into the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. Ordinary Time calls us to celebrate the presence of God in the ordinary patterns of human life.

By Elizabeth Harrington.

### Cooks wanted

Are you gifted at cooking? Could you spare an hour a month?  
Are you looking for a small way to help the church but not sure how?

Fr Josh, Fr Francis and Fr Gerard are looking for someone to help cook lunch for the clergy once a month on Friday.

Currently there are two slots which are vacant.

Please call the Parish office if you are able to assist. Thank you!



### A Year of Invitation

My Lord and my God, you never cease to invite me to know,  
love and follow your Son, Jesus.

Give me the grace and courage to be a channel of your love  
so that my "yes" to you becomes an invitation to others.

I offer up my entire self – heart, mind and will –  
to your purpose for me.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Safeguarding News

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### In Transition

We welcome **Arabella Pennisi, Fred Henry & Andie McMillian** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

Congratulations to **Ebonny Cooper & Theodore Webster** who will be married on Thursday at Tiffany's.

We pray for **Joanne Funk** who died last week and her funeral was on Friday at OLR.  
May her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

**Rest in Peace.**

## Parish Diary

### Monday 15 January

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

### Tuesday 16 January

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

### Wednesday 17 January

No Mass (UNITY)  
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 18 January

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

### Friday 19 January

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

### Saturday 20 January

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

### Sunday 21 January

*3rd 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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