

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27/28 January 2024 Year B



Year of Prayer

Last Sunday, during the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis inaugurated the *Year of Prayer*.

Looking over the subsequent press conference, I wish to share some noteworthy themes: The Pope desires the *Year of Prayer* to be a time of preparation ahead of events in 2025. He hopes the focus on prayer will renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him, to adore him, to

thank God for his many gifts and to praise his work in creation. Pope Francis hopes for us to grow in prayer that translates into solidarity and sharing of our resources. He hopes for prayer which leads to holiness and prayer practiced even amidst activity - a year of intense prayer in which we receive the outpouring of God's grace. Pope Francis hopes that above any initiatives, the Year of Prayer may be a time of rediscovering the value and practice of prayer.

For the immediate future, the press conference recommended revisiting Pope Francis' 38 talks on Prayer given between 2020-2021. Email or contact the parish office for the web link to a document compiling these talks. The press conference also noted that a book series on prayer will be released within the next two or three months.

I have a few thoughts on the pope's invitation and look forward to putting on a slew of prayer related activities. In the meanwhile, I will appreciate your input on what may work for you or the parish.

God bless, Fr. Francis

Children & Families Ministry

Welcome to another exciting year from the Children and Families Ministry Team. We pray that 2024 will be a year filled with opportunities to connect, create, and cultivate relationships with children and their families in our Parish.

Children's Liturgy: Today we recommence Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9.30am Mass at OLR for Term One. Children's liturgy is an opportunity where our trained educators explore the faith with your child at a level they can connect with and understand. Children are presented with the Gospel reading for that Sunday often via interactive multimedia, followed by related hands-on activities and prayer. The children then re-join the congregation before the offertory. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

Sacramental Program: The Parish Sacramental Program will recommence shortly with Confirmation beginning on Tuesday 23rd April and First Holy Communion 16th July. More information and a sign-up link will be posted in the OLR & Unity schools and the Parish Newsletters in a few weeks.

Kid's Corner: We hope to make mass attendance a little easier for young families by creating a child friendly area at the back of the OLR church.

Thank you for Serving: Thank you to the many volunteers who supported this important ministry over the past year. We would love to continue to grow this ministry . If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact the office for further information. We would love to hear from you!

-Fr Gerard, Julie, Mark & Dave Children and Families Ministry Team

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Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes are ready for collection please collect your envelopes from the church.

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

2024 Lenten Mini Mission Session Outlines

During our 2024 Mini Mission, Jo Hayes will present three sessions over three days across Caloundra (mornings) and Maroochydore (evenings) parishes.

Monday 19th Feb: How to Hear from God

It is possible to hear from God on a daily basis. To have an intimate, personal relationship with Him that practically transforms our everyday life - leading to greater peace, joy, clarity, direction and freedom.



'Holiness' is not just for 'the great saints'. Holiness is possible for everyday folk, like you and I. What it looks like to pursue holiness, the consequence of sin, and the freedom that comes with regular Confession.

Wednesday 21st Feb: Harnessing the power of The Word of God - a session on Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is the prayerful reading of Divine Scripture.

Learn the what/why/how of this ancient spiritual practice, and how knowing, believing and applying The Word will radically transform your life.

Our Caloundra Mini Mission will begin with 9am Mass each day, followed by a short cuppa at 9.30am and the one-hour session with Jo. The same content will be offered each day up at Stella Maris church, Maroochydore with a 4.30pm Mass followed by a 5-6pm session. You can find out more about Jo at www.johayes.com.au



Presentation on 'Dementia Awareness'. by Leah Keating, Dementia Doula.



Have you ever wondered what dementia is? Do you know about modifiable risk factors for dementia? Are you a carer for someone living with dementia? Would you like to learn more about communication strategies or how to best support your loved one as their brain is changing with the disease?

Then come along to a free presentation on Monday 12th February 10am in the OLR Church.

We will begin with morning tea at 9.30am – sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals.

If you would like to ask Leah anything anonymously about dementia, there is a box in the parish office. You can leave your questions there and Leah will cover these at the end of the presentation. Alternatively you can email Leah at leahkeating2019@gmail.com or ask questions on the day. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Vicki in the parish office on — caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

ALPHA courses are starting next week.

We have three Alpha courses starting next week: 5-7pm on Tuesday 30th Jan at Caloundra, 12-2pm on Thursday 8th Feb at the Southern Cross Village Community Centre in Little Mountain (FULL) and 10am-12noon Friday on 2nd Feb at Landsborough. (FULL)



Please consider this your personal invitation from me to do an Alpha course.

We have experienced so much fruit from nearly 150 parishioners who have already completed Alpha. They have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, a new desire to give from the wellspring of their gifts and talents, and many people even discovering the desire to actively accompany other people in the faith. Alpha is fun, interesting and free! Will you step out in faith by saying "Yes" to this invitation, which really comes from Jesus? For more information, you can scan the Linktree QR code in this newsletter or simply call the parish office on 5430 9390 between 9am-1pm Mon-Fri. Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

Unity College Chapel

Mass will recommence in the Unity College Chapel each Wednesday morning, during School term,

starting at 7.50am on the 7th February 2024.

Craft Group

Craft Group returns 5th February @ 9am in the Parish Centre at Caloundra.

In Transition

We welcome *Taylor Bancroft* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for Paula Cropper who died last week. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 30th January, 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church Maleny. May her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

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



Maleny Centenary Invitation

The big day is only a week away! The 100yr celebration at Sacred Heart Maleny.

Next Sunday **4 February from 9am-1pm** Mass will be at 9am with Archbishop Coleridge presiding. Celebrations afterwards include morning tea, the centenary book launch, a history slideshow, time capsule and free lunch, which was generously sponsored by *Holy Cross Funerals*. Parking will be limited, car pooling is advised. Car parking attendants will be on duty.

What better way to help celebrate our unity as a parish.

Event enquiries: sacredheartmaleny@outlook.com
Centenary book available for \$25, book enquiries to guyanneminter@gmail.com

The Heart on the Hill, Maleny's centenary history book, will be available for purchase after the Centenary Mass on Sunday 4 February.

Payment will be either cash or card. \$25.

Live Streaming

The OLR 9.30am Mass is in need of more people to do the Livestreaming Please contact the Parish office if you are interested and we will train you up.

Grief Support sessions for interested parishioners

The Grief Support Team is introducing small group sessions for interested parishioners starting on Friday 2nd February after 9am Mass (9.45-11.15am) in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Centre.

Feel free to attend without any commitment or cost. It is hoped that you will gain further understanding of the difficult grief journey and feel supported in the uniqueness of your own experience.

The following topics will be discussed over a period of 6 weekly sessions:

- The Nature of Grief
- Managing Difficult Emotions
- Nurturing the Wounded Self
- Remembering the One Who Died
- Making Needed Adjustments
- Who am I now?

Inquiries: Phone Kath Watson 0415572060



First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please join us on 3rd February @ 7.45am OLR Church Caloundra

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm

Parish Diary

Monday 29 January

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

Tuesday 30 January

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

Wednesday 31 January

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

Thursday 1 February

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

Friday 2 February

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

Saturday 3 February Mass (OLR) 9am

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

Sunday 4 February

Sth 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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