



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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## Sunday of the RESURRECTION - 30/31 March 2024 - Year B

### He Is Risen!

As a child, I did not like going to Mass; it was something to be endured as we – my siblings and I – sat in the front row of the church, trying to behave. On the way to Mass in the car, we'd be narky with each other, poking and prodding until, perhaps prematurely exasperated, Mum or Dad would turn around and sternly rebuke our bad behaviour. Needless to say, I found ways to *endure* the hour-long torture of sitting still. Curiously, I always needed to go to the toilet at least once every Sunday during Mass. My favourite part of Mass was the recessional hymn; not because of its obvious place as the *last* part of Mass, but because it was normally upbeat, and offered a chance to lean over to my little sister, Gemma, and make her laugh by verbally exaggerating the music or the pronunciation of the lyrics. We'd try to suppress our giggles as we enjoyed what we thought to be our own self-made oasis of fun. Little did I know, or even appreciate at the time, that we were experiencing *joy* – the same joy which is offered by Jesus' resurrected presence in our midst!

He *is* risen... not, He *has* risen – as if the resurrection was just something that happened 2000 years ago. Jesus *is* risen because he is present in our midst as some-*one* to be encountered; some-*one* – a person – to be known, loved, and experienced.

Think about the person or people that you love most dearly in the world - they may be sitting right next to you as you read this. How do you experience their love and the joy of their presence? You like spending time with them; you're curious about them and seek to listen to them, to learn from them, and to know them in a deeper way; you feel filled by the gift of their presence in your life. How much more perfect, therefore, must be the gift of Jesus' presence, love and desire for you. Friends, to experience joy *is* to experience the gift of Jesus' risen presence in our lives.

The joy of this day, the greatest and noblest of all celebrations, overflows in the love and faith born of a deeply personal encounter with the risen Jesus. The joy of this day overflows into the next 50 days because Easter cannot be contained into one day or even eight days. And so I make an invitation to you – yes, you reading this reflection: seek to experience and celebrate Jesus' risen presence in your life. If this is something that seems outside your faith practice, seek to notice the different thoughts or feelings that are given and let them be causes of joy in your heart. This is often how God speaks to our hearts.

Finally, I am always conscious that when we celebrate Easter (and Christmas), the regular worshipping community is joined by a multitude of visitors. May I be the first one to extend an unconditional welcome to you – whether you've travelled up or down the Bruce Highway, have flown in for Easter, or are a local; perhaps even a neighbour. It's we – the regular worshipping community – who are enriched by the gift of your presence and so we say "Thank you." I wish each and every person in this parish a blessed Easter filled with the gift of joy.

*Peace and blessings, Fr Josh*

### Service and Outreach

*'We have a dream that our Service and Outreach ministry will show Jesus' radical love to those in the wider community who feel marginalised, disconnected and vulnerable.'*

Thank you to all those who completed the digital forms either on March 3<sup>rd</sup> or since then. We decided to trial a soft launch at the OLR 9.30 Mass only to concentrate our efforts. We encountered some issues regarding email addresses and people being unable to access the tablets on the day to fill in the form after Mass. Now that these issues have been resolved, we look forward to a whole of parish launch hopefully commencing during Volunteer Week at the end of May.

The Brisbane Archdiocese has launched their Laudato Si: Caring for Our Common Home Action Plan for 2024-2026 and to quote from the message from Archbishop Mark "I encourage every family, parish, community, school, agency and institution in the Archdiocese to embrace this Laudato Si Action Plan. Much is being done already, but we all need to go further in responding to the Holy Father's invitation to take the path of ecological conversion. This plan will help us all change the way we see the world around us and the way we act." We will be forming our own parish group to create an action plan for our parish. If this is something that interests you, please contact Trish on the Service and Outreach email address listed.

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

### A Warm Welcome

Welcome to everyone joining us today! Whether you are travelling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country. Thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration of Christ's Resurrection. We hope you feel at home among us.

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We would like to thank those of you who have been donating to the parish via the Cash for Containers Scheme. Please find your nearest return point and use our scheme ID C11072500 or use the bins near the Dobson room at the OLR church.

*Wishing you all a holy and happy Easter.*

*Trish Harding, David Marshall, Anne Devane, Bob Cullen, Ros McWhirter and Mary McMillan*

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### Parish Music Mass and Meeting

All those who are currently involved or would like to be involved in playing or singing at Mass are invited to a **9am Mass and Discussion** at OLR church on **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**, next week. This Mass, during the Octave of Easter when we celebrate eight Easter Sundays in a row, will have a full music roster, led by the 6.30am Mass choir. The aim of this Mass is to offer music ministers an opportunity to be nourished without having to serve. This will be followed by a gathering in the Egan room to share your *current* experiences serving in this ministry, as well as hopes for the *future* - particularly with regards to the ways in which God is inviting us to grow in this ministry.

See you there!



The flyer features a circular logo on the left with the text 'catholic encounter KIDS'. To the right of the logo, it states '12th April 8:30 am - 5 pm' and 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Caloundra'. Below this, it says 'For primary school aged children. A day filled with fun, games, activities and engaging messages and prayer.' A QR code is present with the text 'More info here' and an arrow pointing to it. At the bottom, the website 'www.encountercatholickids.com.au/caloundra' is listed. The background of the flyer is a photograph of four children (three boys and one girl) smiling and leaning forward in a grassy area.

### Encounter Kids Holiday Program

Our Parish is offering a one-day holiday program for Primary Schoolers in Prep to Year 6 on **Friday 12th April**.

The day will be held in the Parish Centre (Egan Room) from 9am-3pm with supervision available from 8:30am - 5pm. Cost is \$25 for one child, \$40 for two children; 3rd child and any after are free.

Scan the QR code or visit

[encountercatholickids.com.au/caloundra](http://encountercatholickids.com.au/caloundra) for more information.

### OLR Inaugural Book Club

Save the date for the OLR inaugural Book Club on **Thursday, April 18th at 5-6pm** in the Parish Centre. Ensure you have your copy of "He Leadeth Me" by Father Csizek, either by purchasing your own or borrowing one of the limited copies available here by March 23rd. Let's gather to dive into the first two chapters and launch the club discussions. Sign up using the OLR Linktree found at the What's New section on our church website.

### Upcoming Liturgical Workshops

Following a successful Lector's Workshop held at OLR, the Worship Team has planned to provide further opportunities following Easter, for parishioners to be involved and to participate actively in the Mass.

The lector's workshops are aimed at deepening the skills and mindset of all existing lectors as well as those wishing to join. It is our vision for workshops to be a part of the rhythm of life of this parish, since no one workshop can cover every facet of proclaiming God's Word. Your involvement will enrich you and your worshipping community!

So come along! All sessions will be in the Church following Mass. Scheduled dates are:

**Beerwah 6 April - after 5pm Mass**

**Maleny 7 April - after 9am Mass**

**Landsborough 14 April - after 7am Mass**

**Kawana 28th April - after 8am Mass in the Good Shepherd Centre**

**Unity 8am & 5pm 28 April - at 3:30pm - before the Evening Mass**

**OLR 4 May - after 5.00pm Mass**

**OLR 5 May - a single session will be held at 8am in the OLR church for 6.30am & 9.30am lectors**

May the souls of all our departed loved ones 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.

### Misa Mensual en Espanol

To all our Spanish speaking parishioners and friends - Once a month at St Mary's church, King Street, Buderim we have Mass celebrated in Spanish. The next Mass will be at **6pm on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** - please join us and tell your friends! *A todos nuestros feligreses y amigos de habla hispana: una vez al mes en la iglesia de St Mary, King Street Buderim, celebramos misa en español. La próxima misa será a las 6 p. m. el sábado 13 de abril. ¡Únase a nosotros y cuénteles a sus amigos!* For your diary, we will be celebrating a Mass in Spanish every second Saturday of the month - for further details please contact Patricia 0480 304 643. Please tell your Spanish speaking friends. *Gracias*

### Praying with the Liturgy - A Liturgical Retreat

For all involved in preparing & celebrating liturgy, readers, communion ministers, music ministers, liturgy committee members... and all who gather for worship.

You are invited to a half-day retreat from **9am-12.30pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. There is a small cost, which the parish will cover, and which includes morning tea. The retreat will offer liturgy-focused input, experience and reflection and is presented by Fr Tom Elich & Sr Jill O'Brien. If you would like to attend this retreat experience please call the parish office, 5430 9390, 9am-1pm, Mon-Fri, to express your interest and whether you are able to car pool.



### Wanted Please

If anyone has any pyx, bibles or prayer books that they no longer require, could please donate them to the Parish. These will then be distributed by Pastoral Carers for people in their homes and nursing homes.



### 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.

### Work Place Health & Safety

We all have a duty of care to each other, so if you see any issues of concern please email the parish office as we need a paper trail to attend to issues.

[caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

As a Parish family we would like to congratulate

**Amber, Carlos & Edgar**

who will have completed their initiation journeys at OLR Caloundra on Easter vigil.

### Term 2 Confirmation

All baptised children from grade 3 and up are welcome to celebrate their Confirmation in Term 2. The program starts on **23rd April at 5-6pm in the OLR Church**, and runs for 7 weeks with the Confirmation ceremony on **Friday 7th June**.

You will need to attend all sessions to be able to celebrate the sacrament.

Stella Maris Parish, Maroochydore, is running the same program a day apart so you are welcome to attend there or here. To register please visit our website <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/confirmation/>

Complete the registration form signed by both parents and attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Please note that you will have to do it from your computer, as this site does not work well on mobile phones. For any questions please contact the Parish office at

[caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Parish Diary

### Monday 1 April

**Easter Monday—Office Closed**

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

### Tuesday 2 April

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

### Wednesday 3 April

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 4 April

Mass (OLR) 6pm  
Mass (Lands) 6pm

### Friday 5 April

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

### Saturday 6 April

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

### Vigil Mass

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

### Sunday 7 April

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

Mass (OLR) 6.30am  
Mass (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

### PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Joshua Whitehead  
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