

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Beerwah | Caloundra | Currimundi | Kawana | Landsborough Little Mountain | Maleny | Unity

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4th Sunday of Easter - 20/21 April 2024 - Year B

Celebrating our Young and ministering to them.

Christianity celebrates the young (and young-at-heart!), as much as it does the old. I think of the countless young ones who have contributed to the life of faith, some of whom were named in the Pope's exhortation to young people, *Christus Vivit*. From the bible, he named: Joseph, Gideon, David, Samuel, Solomon, Ruth. (I think here of Timothy too). Some saints Pope Francis names are: St. Sebastian, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joan of Arc, St Dominic Savio, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (St. Francis Xavier I would also add!). The Church gifts faith to its young, and the young make a gift of faith back to it. What gift are you making of your faith to our young?

The younger members of the church – our children and families will be the focus of this weekend's preaching series. By now you will know that Frs. Josh, Gerard and I are preaching a series looking at the different ministry areas of our parish through the lens of the parish values which we as a parish decided on when embarking on our strategic plan.

It is our hope that if you are not already involved in a ministry, you will help in bringing our children and families to encounter the person of Jesus Christ. It is our hope, that you will do these things through the OLR values of Christ-centred, joyful, relationship-centred, courageous, generous, and authentic. These values do not require qualifications, degrees or oratory.

To the extent that we get involved in a ministry area and exercise these values, our Christian voice and those of our children can join with St. Peter in today's first reading in saying: "Rulers of the people, and elders!... This is the only name by which we can be saved!". Which ministry is the Holy Spirit stirring you to join? If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews; you are already exercising some of the values above. Can you open up your gifts to benefit all the children and families who pass through our parish?

See you in the week! Fr Francis



ANZAC DAY

They shall grow not old, As we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn; At the going down of the sun And in the morning WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Children & Families

"We have a dream that our Children and Families Ministry will provide opportunities to connect, create and cultivate relationships with all children and their families." -Children & Families Vision Statement, Parish Strategic Plan

Last Friday, we collaborated with Evangelisation Brisbane and facilitated this year's first Encounter Kids Day – an activity day for students in primary school. 20 children arrived at 8.30am for a full day of fun and hands-on learning based around the theme: *Joy in the Resurrection*. Sue from Catholic Mission created a "What brings me Joy" board with the students. The day was full of smiles, learnings, a scriptural re-enactment and even Lego creations. We concluded with a lovely prayer time in the Church, where the children had the opportunity to write a letter to Jesus. Fr Gerard then took the children on a mini tour of the Church. The highlight of the term for means of the ability of the term for means of the term for means of the ability of the term for means of the term for mean



Church. The highlight of the tour for many of the children was Fr Gerard taking them into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to see where Jesus lives. *Continue over page.....*

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

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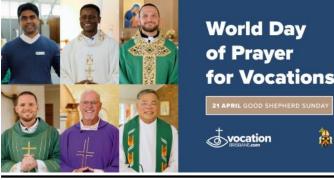
The Children's Liturgy Team also attended a Children's Liturgy Masterclass with Chantale from Evangelisation Brisbane. With the number of children attending the liturgies steadily increasing, this was a refreshing opportunity to learn some great skills and inspire new ideas for future sessions.

This week we commence our Sacramental program for this year. The Sacrament of Confirmation journey begins this Tuesday 23rd April; the Confirmation Ceremony will be on Friday 7th June. First Holy Communion starts in July. To enrol or for more information, see our Parish Website.

We are looking to grow our team. If the Children and Families Team is something you can assist with let us know. Even if it is once a month, i.e. Children's Liturgy, the Sacramental Program, Baptismal Preparation or Family Group outings, we would love to have you join our team. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

God bless, Children and Families Team





World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Kingdom Youth Group – Term 2 Launch Date

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Our youth group, for those in Years 7 - 12, is starting for Term 2 next Friday 26th April from 6pm-8:30pm at Unity College. All high schoolers are welcome to join us! We're having a pizza party with fun games, challenges, prizes and more, before heading into the Chapel to delve into the Resurrection and spend some time in prayer and small groups. All are welcome! Please register here: https://forms.office.com/r/9qGeq6jGV1.



For more information, please email Felicity at felicity.jones@bne.catholic.edu.au or call the parish office.

Upcoming Liturgical Workshops

The lector's workshops are still continuing and aimed at depthing 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:

Kawana: 28 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.



Wednesday Art Group

Jude's Art Class is back on every Wednesday 10am-12noon in the Parish Centre (Egan Room). Call Jude for further details on 0421 777 508.

Confirmation – It all starts this **Tuesday 23rd April**

If you have registered your child for the sacrament of Confirmation for Term 2, we will see you at the parent information night this *Tuesday 5-6pm* in the OLR church. Fr Richard Leonard SJ will be the guest speaker for the night. Children are welcome.

On the Journey

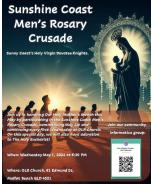
We welcome Isabella Schroeder, Clara McLoughlin & Oliver Jones who will be baptised at OLR this weekend. We pray for Noela Olsen who died last week, her funeral will be on Tuesday 30th April at 11am at Gregson & Weight. May her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace**.

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



Alpha Term 2 Course

Next Alpha starts on April 30th! In our year of invitation, have you considered who you could invite to our next Alpha Course? Alpha Term 2 at OLR begins on **Tuesday evening at 6pm** in the Parish Centre. Register now at the Office or via the Parish Linktree. It is an 8 week course; with dinner and great company included! Any questions, please email alphaolrcal@gmail.com



Men's Rosary Crusade

To coincide with the celebration of Our Holy Mother's month in May, our inaugural rosary gathering will commence on 1st May, the first Wednesday of the month.

On this special day, we will also have adoration to The Holy Eucharist! This Holy Rosary will be carried out each first Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at the OLR Church.



However, we encourage everyone to join our WhatsApp group using the

QR code, in case of any special events, news, or in case scheduled activities change. We hope that your "yes" becomes an invitation to others to join us in this noble endeavour of prayer, unity, and devotion to Our Lady.

Know Your Faith

Our Adult Faith Formation Team warmly invites all parishioners to 'Know your Faith' deeper. Fr Francis is offering small group faith formation

opportunities at OLR, Landsborough and Maleny on a monthly cycle starting in May:

- Wk 1 Landsborough Friday 9.30am
- Wk 2 OLR Thursday 5pm
- Wk 3 Maleny Tuesday 9.30am
- Wk 4 OLR Thursday 5pm.
- No offering in the fifth week of a month

Please join us to learn more about the beauty and wonder of our faith!

Unity Weekday Mass

Wednesday morning weekday Mass at Unity Chapel will re-commence on Wednesday 1st May 7.50am

World Mission – May Rosary Prayers

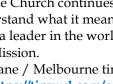
In the month of May, Catholic Mission is once again excited to invite you all to honour Mother Mary through praying the "mission rosary" online.



The World Mission Rosary aims to "embrace the world in prayer" and especially pray for those living in poverty. This special rosary has a colour-coded decade representing each continent where the Church continues our foundress Pauline Jaricot's mission. It helps us to understand what it means to belong to a Global Church and how the Church can be a leader in the world through the work of Mission.

Monday - Friday. Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time /12 pm Perth time Join Zoom Meeting: https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280 Password: 876574





Parish Diary

Monday 22 April Mass (OLR) 9am Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 23 April Mass (OLR) 9am

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

Wednesday 24 April

Mass (UNITY) starts 1st May Liturgy (OLR SCHOOL) 9am Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 25 April ANZAC DAY Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Currimundi) 9:30am

Friday 26 April

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

Saturday 27 April

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

Vigil Mass Mass (OLR) 5pm **Confirmation Rite of Enrolment-OLR** Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 28 April

5th 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 **Confirmation Rite of Enrolment-OLR** Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am Mass (Unity) 5pm -Youth Mass

Linktree QR Code



As a Parish family we would like to congratulate Gavín Cameron & Prapaí Petkham who will be married on Friday 26th April at OLR Caloundra.

