



WELCOMING OUR NEW PRIEST

Lam Vu was born in Vung Tau, Vietnam in 1971. Lam was part of that great wave of Vietnamese who were welcomed to Australia at the end of the 1970s when, at the age of 8, he left Vietnam on his father's boat. Eventually settling in Inala, Lam completed his secondary schooling at Inala State High and then studied Architecture at University of Queensland. After graduation Lam worked as an Architect in Brisbane.

In 1999, discerning God's call, Lam entered the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. At the end of that journey Lam was ordained priest in 2008 at St Mark's, Inala, Brisbane. As a priest Fr Lam has had a diverse ministry working as Vocation Director, University Chaplain, Student Master, and recently Parish Priest of St Mary's, South Brisbane and Administrator of Dutton Park-West End Parish.

As Fr Lam slowly discovers the diversity of our Parish Family and introduces himself to the different communities, I am sure you will make him feel welcome.

Parish Diary

Monday 13 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 14 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Wednesday 15 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Thursday 16 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Friday 17 January

St Anthony

Mass (OLR) 9am

Saturday 18 January

Individual Reconciliation 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9.00am

Vigil Mass (OLR) 5pm

Vigil Mass (Beerwah) 6pm

Sunday 19 January

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 7am

Mass (Unity College) 8am

Mass (Kawana) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Little Mountain) 10.30am

Mass (OLR) 5pm

In Transition

As a Parish Community we celebrate with

Richard Dunbar & Jenna O'Sing as they celebrate their wedding in our Parish this weekend: *Congratulations.*

The Challenges Ahead

Thank you to everyone who financially supports our parish, especially those who have made their commitment through our planned giving programme – your generosity and trust is very much appreciated. From next week your new envelopes will be available.

Over the next couple of weeks our parish finances and the different financial demands placed upon us will be highlighted. This year we covered our running costs and achieved a small surplus. However, looking into the future, with increasing maintenance and evangelization costs, the need to purchase land at Aura for a future church and school, the challenge to be a more responsive faith community, means we need to look realistically at our budget and plan accordingly. The future is indeed exciting – but we will squander the future if we don't grasp now the opportunities that are presented to us.

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, thank you for your generosity and financial sacrifices over the past year. If you are not already a member of our planned giving programme a warm invitation is extended to you to be part of the programme. There are brochures available at the entrance to the church. However you support the parish, *thank you.*

Handing on the Faith

One of the important tasks of our parish family is the *handing on of the faith* to the next generation. This is something that is taken very seriously here in our diverse Caloundra Parish. This year the important dates, which you will find in the Parish Calendar are:

First Communion for children in grade 4 and above following their sacrament of Confirmation:

- Rite of Enrolment Communion 5 pm Saturday 22nd of February
- Rite of Enrolment Communion 9:30 am Sunday 23rd of February
- Family Preparation Evening 6 pm - 7 pm Wednesday 4th of March
- Family Preparation Evening 6 pm - 7 pm Wednesday 11th of March
- Family Preparation Evening 6 pm - 7 pm Wednesday 18th of March
- First Reconciliation 5:45 pm - 7:15 pm Wednesday 25th of March
- Celebration of First Holy Communion Saturday 28th of March
- Celebration of First Holy Communion Sunday 29th of March

Confirmation for children in grade 3 and above:

- Parents only Confirmation Evening 6 pm – 7 pm Wednesday 22nd of April
- Rite of Enrolment Confirmation 5 pm Saturday 25th of April
- Rite of Enrolment Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday 26th of April
- Family Preparation Evening 6 pm- 7 pm Wednesday 13th of May
- Family Preparation Evening 6 pm- 7 pm Wednesday 20th of May
- Family Preparation Evening 6 pm- 7 pm Wednesday 27th of May
- Celebration of Confirmation 5 pm and 7 pm Friday 5th of June

Join us as we work to form the young people of our parish in growing to know Christ through the Sacraments.

Caloundra Catholic Parish

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

St Mary MacKillop, Beerwah ~ Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra ~ Unity College, Caloundra South ~
Bl Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi ~ Good Shepherd, Kawana ~ Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough ~
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain ~ Sacred Heart, Maleny ~ and beyond.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD- 12TH JANUARY 2020

Proper of the Mass

First reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 Gospel: Mt 3:13-17

PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Peter Brannelly PP
Fr Lam Vu
Fr Joseph-Hien Van Vo
Fr Josh Whitehead



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Unity College

Caloundra South
Principal: Dan McShea
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Stop the Press

We have an exciting announcement to make: on 23 February, in six weeks, a group of five young adults are coming to our parish to live and work for one year. These five people are from a Brisbane organisation called NET Ministries Australia. NET is an acronym which stands for National Evangelisation Team and the 'Netters', as they're colloquially known, have committed a year of their lives to engaging in the Mission of the Church – with a special focus toward evangelising young people.

As with many parishes in our Archdiocese, we have a disproportionately small number of young people who are engaged in the life of the parish – let alone being regular worshipers at Mass. Over the course of 2020, our NET team will divide its time between parish-based activities and Unity College as they seek to bring the Good News to our youth.

Our 'Netters' will be trained to go out and meet young people where they are; no longer can we wait for them to come to us. Their mission brief will include running parish and school-based encounter days through new and existing youth groups. Further, they will be offering opportunities for existing parishioners to encounter Christ through fellowship and prayer.

Rather than being mere contractors, however, having a NET team in our parish is part of a larger vision of *Making and Forming disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ* (Mt 28:19). The aim of creating a vision such as this is to measure everything we do as a parish against the vision; in doing so, we help to create a parish culture in which every person is engaged in Jesus Christ's mission of bringing the Good News to the ends of the earth.

NET Ministries Australia has been running since 1988 and has contributed to enriching the faith life of schools, parishes and communities in more than 40 locations around Australia, reaching more than 500,000 young people. Our team will bring high levels of enthusiasm and energy to the parish vision as they seek to build upon the rich and proud history of young people giving a year of their lives to Jesus Christ's mission in the Church.

Fr Josh Whitehead

Thank you for your continued financial support of the Parish