

The crowds at all our Christmas Masses defy description...

It never ceases to amaze me! I would like to thank all those who ensured that all our Christmas Masses were celebrated with joy and solemnity, especially our sacristans and Mass coordinators, local groups, musicians and choirs, volunteers and all those who quietly, behind the scenes, made sure everything flowed smoothly. I would also like to acknowledge our Parish Office staff for all their hard work preparing for Christmas and my brother priests for their energy and generosity.

The Parish Office will be closed until the 13th of January 2020.

In case of a pastoral emergency you can always contact a priest through the emergency phone number: 0408416136. Please also note that during the post-Christmas period we will have a daily Mass at Caloundra at 9am - All Welcome.

Wishing you and yours every blessing for the coming New Year.

Take care, **Fr Peter Brannelly**



Your generous financial support enables us to budget for the future and cover our expenses. On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, thanks for your continued support and trust. If you are a visitor or parishioner who would like to support the continued work of the parish at Our Lady of the Rosary there is now the option of utilizing a **Tap & Go facility** located near the door of the sacristy at the entrance to the church. Thanks once again.

The three hardest things to say are:

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire Sauce

Parish Diary

Monday 30 December

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 31 December

Mass (OLR) 9am

Wednesday 1 January 2020

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass (OLR) 9am

Thursday 2 January

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Mass (OLR) 9am

Friday 3 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Saturday 4 January

Individual Reconciliation 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9.00am

Vigil Mass (OLR) 5pm

Vigil Mass (Beerwah) 6pm

Sunday 5 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Busy Vinnies

Over the Christmas period our Five Parish St Vincent de Paul Conferences have been busy. For many in our community they are the human face of the church and their ministry is only made possible through your generous support.

Our Lady of the Rosary St Vincent de Paul Conference

We would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations of items, funds and time, in support of our annual Christmas Appeal. We also appreciated the efforts of each class at OLR School, who prepared a wonderful hamper for their "Secret Family".

The After School Care children and staff also assisted in a similar way with our appeal.

The local Seasons IGA has continued their long term association with St Vinnies in Caloundra and donated gift cards to add a personal touch to our hampers.

We supported 48 families this Christmas and have continued to support over 100 people throughout the year. Our companions are quite overwhelmed by your generosity.

Members of the Our of Good Counsel Conference appreciate the ongoing support of the Parish in their work supporting the Caloundra community. During 2019 the Conference has been able to directly assist almost 3000 people from the Vinnies Shop.

With this support of Unity College Community, Caloundra Community Bendigo Bank and others, the Conference has also been able to bring a bit of cheer to over 100 families and members of the Caloundra Community through its Christmas

Hamper Appeal. The hampers are a simple and practical gesture of friendship and support for people who maybe alone or doing it a bit tough at this time of year.

Kawana Good Shepherd Conference would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those in our community who support us every year at this time and help to put a smile on many a child's face for Christmas. We were able to deliver over 30 Christmas hampers.

The Landsborough Conference over the Christmas period have delivered 50 Hampers, took over 25 families to Aussie World and looked after 350 families throughout the year.

The Maleny Conference have assisted over 150 people through the year and have given out 18 hampers over this Christmas season.

Thank you to the community, from all at Vinnies for your continued support.

In Transition

We welcome **Max Tonkin, Josephine McCarthy, Abigail Muir, Kaea & Reid Waerea** who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH-29TH DECEMBER 2019

Proper of the Mass

First reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Second Reading: Col 3:12-21 Gospel: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

POPE FRANCIS & HIS TEN SECRETS TO HAPPINESS

Several years ago Pope Francis was interviewed by the Argentine weekly, *Viva*, and he put forward his own tips for happiness. As we look forward to the beginning of another new year it might be timely to reflect upon that age old adage, "What will make me happy?" No matter what age we are along the journey of life, it is an important question. Oblate Father, Fr Ron Rolheiser, has synthesized the article and provided us with not a bad checklist.

1. Live and let live -- All of us will live longer and more happily if we stop trying to arrange other peoples' lives. Jesus challenged us not to judge but to live with the tension and let God and history make the judgments. So we need to live by our own convictions and let others do the same.

2. Be giving of yourself to others -- Happiness lies in giving ourselves away. We need to be open and generous because if we withdraw into ourselves we run the risk of becoming self-centred and no happiness will be found there, since "stagnant water becomes putrid."

3. Proceed calmly -- Move with kindness, humility, and calm. These are the antitheses of anxiety and distress. Calm never causes high blood pressure. We need to make conscious efforts to never let the moment cause panic and excessive hurry. Rather be late than stressed.

4. A healthy sense of leisure -- Never lose the pleasures of art, literature, and playing with children. Remember that Jesus scandalized others with his capacity to enjoy life in all its sensuousness. We don't live by work alone, no matter how important and meaningful it might be. In heaven there will be no work, only leisure; we need to learn the art and joy of leisure, not just to prepare for heaven but to enjoy some of heaven already now.

5. Sundays should be holidays -- Workers should have Sundays off because Sunday is for family. Accomplishment, productivity, and speed must not become our most valued commodities or we will begin to take everything for granted – our lives, our health, our families, our friends, those around us, and all the good things in life. That is why God gave us a commandment to keep the Sabbath holy. This is not a lifestyle suggestion, but a commandment as binding as not killing. Moreover, if we are employers, the commandment demands too that we give our employees proper Sabbath-time.

6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people -- If you want to bless a young person, don't just tell that person that he or she is wonderful. Don't just admire youthful beauty and energy. Give a young person your job! Or, at least, work actively to help him or her find meaningful work. This will both bless that young person and bring a special happiness to your own life.

7. Respect and take care of nature -- The air we breathe out is the air we will re-inhale. This is true spiritually, psychologically and ecologically. We can't be whole and happy when Mother Earth is being stripped of her wholeness. Christ came to save the world, not just the people in the world. Our salvation, like our happiness, is tied to the way we treat the earth. It is immoral to slap another person in the face and so it is immoral too to throw our garbage into the face of Mother Earth.

8. Stop being negative -- Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. Negative thoughts feed unhappiness and a bad self-image. Positive thoughts feed happiness and healthy self-esteem.

9. Don't proselytize: respect others' beliefs -- What we cherish and put our faith into grows "by attraction, not by proselytizing." Beauty is the one thing that no one can argue with. Cherish your values, but always act towards others with graciousness, charity, and respect.

10. Work for peace -- Peace is more than the absence of war and working for peace means more than not causing disharmony. Peace, like war, must be waged actively by working for justice, equality, and an ever-wider inclusivity in terms of what makes up our family. Waging peace is the perennial struggle to stretch hearts, our own and others, to accept that in God's house there are many rooms and that all faiths, not least our own, are meant to be a house of prayer for all peoples.

We all want happiness. We are continually asking ourselves, "What will make us happy?" Every day of this coming year we will make choices directly impacting our happiness. Perhaps if we give Pope Francis' ten points a realistic chance in our lives, we just might capture some of that happiness that we long for!

Fr Peter Brannelly