

Fr Geo

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- 5TH JANUARY 2020

Proper of the Mass

First reading: Is 60:1-6 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

To take advantage of the traditionally quiet, post-Christmas period and to allow our administrative staff some of their annual leave, the **Parish Office will be closed until 9am 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.

Parish Diary

Monday 6 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 7 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Wednesday 8 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Thursday 9 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Friday 10 January

Mass (OLR) 9am

Saturday 11 January

Individual Reconciliation 8.30am
Mass (OLR) 9.00am

Vigil Mass (OLR) 5pm

Vigil Mass (Beerwah) 6pm

Sunday 12 January

The Baptism 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

Planned Giving

Many thanks to all our parishioners who are in Planned Giving as without your generous support we would be unable to invest in the present and future life of our Parish.

For those in Planned Giving who use the envelope system, your yearly planned giving envelopes will be available from the church in 2 weeks time.

Canali House of discernment at Herston is now accepting applications from those discerning their possible vocation to the priesthood.

Canali House, located adjacent to St Joan of Arc church, Herston, is a place of discernment, meaning that the residents aren't yet part of the priestly formation programme (or even a pre-formation programme). Rather, the residents continue to work or study while receiving guidance and direction from the resident Vocations Director, Fr Stanley Orji. Over the years many have resided at Canali House and in the process have developed as leaders and grown in their faith. For some, they have continued onto the seminary – for others their journey has taken them on a different path. For more information please contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544.



Catholic Missions would like to acknowledge and thank the people of Caloundra for your generous support of the Mission's Appeal and Project Compassion. This past year our Parish contributed a total of \$14,142.70 On behalf of those who will benefit directly from your generosity – *thank you.*

BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH: Our next Baptism Parent Information Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, 16th January 2020 at 7pm in OLR Church. At this meeting we will go through the ceremony explaining the symbols of Baptism and answering any questions. Also at this meeting we will confirm the dates and times of your child's baptism. Could you please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to this meeting.

In Transition

We welcome **Georgie Chiesa** who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

As a Parish Community we celebrate with **Harley Shenk & Ashleigh Coombs** as they celebrate their wedding in our Parish this weekend: *Congratulations.*

Thank you for supporting the Parish Plan Giving program.

PARISH PRIESTS
Fr Peter Brannelly PP
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Fr Josh Whitehead
Fr Joseph-Hien Van Vo



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There is a famous job interview question that asks a would be employee a tricky question. What would you do if you are driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night—it's raining cats and dogs and the windscreen wipers are straining to keep up with the constant, heavy rain. All of a sudden you pass by a bus stop that has no shelter from the torrential rain.

There are three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady who looks like she's about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The person of your dreams - the perfect man or woman you have been dreaming of meeting and making your life partner. The problem is that you have only room in your car for one passenger.

Which one of the three would you choose to offer a ride? **You can't offer a lift to all three so which one would you stop and give a ride to?**

The old lady, who I suppose represents the stranger in need?

Your old friend, to whom you owed your life?

The woman or man you were sure to spend the rest of your life with?

Would need, loyalty or love ultimately make the choice?

Any one of the three you could justify stopping for and offering the ride. But if you were really clever you would give the car keys to your best friend and ask him to drive the old lady to the hospital. Meanwhile, you would stay there in the stormy night holding closely the love of your life and probably neither of you would notice how wet you were as you waited for the bus.

**The solution to the problem was initially not the most obvious.
It takes ability to see the problem differently!**

Likewise, on this feast of the Epiphany, I suspect it took ability to see the star differently, for the wise ones who find Jesus in the middle of nowhere. In the year ahead, we're called to see differently, to be able see Jesus, where he couldn't possibly be. To make choices, that leads us closer to God.

We'll have to do some things differently than we have before - and that's hard for us. Usually we like to sit back and just follow the pattern. But the Lord calls each one of us forward one way - as the three wise ones were, and then just as suddenly, sends us back another way.

What I do know is that sometimes it does take courage and trust to follow the star and walk humbly with God into the great adventure of 2020. What was true for the Three Wise Men is just as true for us today. To view each moment and each challenge differently is what it means to be a person of faith.

In the midst of all our lives God is making himself manifest – that's what epiphany means! One thing I can assure you is that **the stars will be out again tonight leading us somewhere!**

Wishing you and yours every blessing for the coming week and coming year,

Fr Peter Brannelly