



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

## Happy Australia Day



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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 25/26 January 2025- Year C**

### Vision for Leadership in Our Parish

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last few years, I have been collecting a treasure trove of sayings, principles, and axioms about leadership in a parish context and the spiritual life. One of my favourites for the spiritual life is, "If the only prayer you ever said was 'Thank you,' it would be enough" (Meister Eckhart, d. 1328). Another, which most certainly applies to leadership in a parish context, is: "Without vision, there is often division." It reminds me of Proverbs 29:18, which says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Without a clear destination, people are often doomed to wander aimlessly. In this time of change and opportunity, we are called to express gratitude for all those who have faithfully served, some for a lifetime, while also looking ahead with a shared vision and faith that God is continually inviting us into newness of life.

#### My Vision for Our Parish

*I envision our parish as a place where people become saints. My dream is that, as we make space for the Holy Spirit to move freely in our hearts, the wider community will see our parish as a place where people are loved like they've never been loved before. We make visible the face of Jesus because each person's relationship with Christ creates an overflow of love that is caught and experienced by others.*

*Ours is a parish where locals and travellers meet, where all feel welcome, and where people of all cultures and ages experience inclusion. We actively accompany those who ask, seek, and knock – and even those who don't. Relationships matter to us, and when people enter our churches, they experience real support, belonging, and celebration of their gifts.*

*We are a Eucharistic community that is joyful, vibrant, and committed to planting seeds so that all people can encounter Jesus. This is a place where people feel seen and valued, where they want to belong, and where the unique beauty of the Sunshine Coast is captured in our community life. We do all of this because we are part of a loving, universal Catholic Church and are united as participants in the communion of saints.*

A parishioner recently shared this reflection, which beautifully captures our vision:

*"It is so encouraging to experience how our small group is willing to meet and grow together. We are now more open to share our thoughts and beliefs. We are not alone anymore on this journey. To understand that we are the church and are responsible for encouraging others to find and get closer to God is transformative. Just going to church on Sunday is not enough anymore. It is a two-way relationship with God. We need to reach out to others."*

#### Six Leadership Teams: Serving Our Parish

To bring this *vision* to life, we will be focusing on two key initiatives as we look forward. The first is the development of leadership teams for each of our six Mass Times – leadership teams which reflect the 6 ministry areas in our parish. ***Please note*** that I would *not* expect our 2 Retirement Mass Centres – Currimundi and Little Mountain – to implement these leadership teams. ***Note also*** that the role of the 6 existing Ministry Leadership Teams is to support each Mass Centre/Time (all 8) in their initiatives to carry out **Our Mission to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus**. The 6 ministry areas are:

- **Community Life:** Leading social initiatives, including welcoming before Mass, post-Mass hospitality, and other activities to foster belonging to the Body of Christ.
- **Worship:** Overseeing all aspects of Sunday Mass worship at each Mass Centre.
- **Faith & Formation:** Promoting the development of a Christo-centric faith within each Mass Centre.
- **Service & Outreach:** Facilitating opportunities to love and serve those who may not be Catholic or practicing their faith; being the hands and feet of Jesus (Mt 25:40).
- **Children & Families:** Creating a welcoming environment where children and families encounter Jesus.
- **Youth & Young Adults:** Providing spaces for young people to explore a relationship with Jesus amidst peers.

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As well as a 6-person leadership team for each Mass Time, I will be calling forth a **lay Pastoral Leader in each of our 6 Mass Centres** (Once again, I will not expect this at our retirement village communities). While effective operational leadership already takes place at each Mass, the conduit for **unanimity of vision** is gathering a leader from each Mass Centre around one table to discuss and plan how we will achieve the above vision in each community.

### **Introducing the Notre Dame Launch Team**

The second key initiative is the formation of a Launch Team for the new 5pm Saturday Notre Dame Mass Centre. This new Mass Centre is an exciting opportunity to expand our mission and serve the community in new ways. The Launch Team will consist of 20-30 parishioners who will commit to worshipping at this Mass and engaging in fortnightly training (until the Mass is officially launched to school families at Easter). This training will include:

- Team Development
- Self-Leadership and Leadership
- Strengths and Personalities
- Exploring how the Notre Dame Mass Centre will function within the parish
- Developing apprentices and raising up new leaders

### **Come and See Evening: Be Part of the Notre Dame Launch Team**

I invite all who feel called to discern their role in this exciting initiative to join us for a '**Come and See**' evening:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 5th February
- **Time:** 5.30pm
- **Location:** Notre Dame College
- **Details:** The evening will include substantial canapés, drinks, and a chance to hear my vision for this new Mass Centre.
- **RSVP:** Registration is required and will be capped at 40 attendees. A registration link will be emailed next week. Please note: This event is for those discerning a call to serve in the Launch Team. A general tour of the new school will be organized at the end of Term 1.

### **Closing Invitation**

Friends, thank you for taking the time to reflect on this vision for our parish. I encourage you to prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to serve and grow in this exciting season. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or thoughts. Together, let's embrace this opportunity to grow as a vibrant, welcoming community that brings others closer to Christ. *Peace and blessings, Fr Josh*

### **What You Need to Know**

- **Lay Pastoral Leaders and Leadership Teams:** Opportunities to lead and support each Mass Centre are developing.
- **Notre Dame Launch Team:** A chance to be part of something new and exciting.
- **Come and See Evening:** Wednesday, 5th February at Notre Dame College. RSVP required.

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## **New Formation Challenges & Opportunities in 2025**

Our Parish is in the midst of a shift. This time of adjustment calls us all to begin to take hold of the ways we can support the ongoing discipleship and spiritual growth of those in the pews next to us and even to look outward to those who want to come into the church but do not know how.

In recent weeks the Faith and Formation team have recognised that the emerging challenges also offer opportunities to foster deeper engagement in formation and fellowship activities for a greater number of parishioners. Many of us may not be aware that hosting a spiritual reading book club, bible study or even assisting and journeying with someone seeking to be initiated into the church (RCIA) do not require diplomas and degrees: all that is needed is a desire to learn and walk alongside someone and the time to do so. The silent question I can hear hanging in the air is *...how many RCIA candidates do we really have?* While we may only have a few right now, this number will grow as we continue to run Alpha throughout the parish. What better time to build a team of passionate people who are willing to open the door for someone else to join God's family.

It is a privilege that God invites us to embrace our call to be a *"vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus"*. In answering this call, we experience, not only, the joy of stepping out, but also the growth, learning and new connection with others that are created in the process.

*If you feel a tug on your heart to be involved in RCIA, Formation or want to find out more contact the parish office by phone or email and I would be happy to have a conversation with you.*

**Beth – for Faith and Formation Team**

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

## Attention all Extra Ordinary Communion ministers of the Sick or Aged

If you are an extra ordinary Communion Minister of the sick or aged, there is a compulsory Annual Pastoral Care get together on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January in the Caloundra Egan Room at 10am.**

The session will include, but not limited to:

- Priest's availability for visits,
- Expectation of Pastoral carers including visit frequency
- Updating safeguarding
- Updating your Flocknote details

We look forward to seeing you there. Morning tea will be provided.

As this is an annual compulsory session please notify Vivienne on 0409 897 673 if you are unable to attend.



## Introducing our new Local Safeguarding Officer Donna Bradshaw

As a member of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish I am excited to be a support to The Team. The Church has given me a lot and helped me to develop my love for Jesus and as a Christian. I wish now to be a good servant to God and give back some of what I have received.

I work at Caloundra RSL as the Compliance Manager with 30+ years of experience in the Compliance Sector. I have a passion for Health and Safety and also do a lot of work in the areas of Fire Safety and Food Safety. Working in the hospitality sector I am accustomed to working with regulators and currently answer to and am audited by 28 Govt areas. This includes tracking and ensuring compliance with training and certification requirements for Working with Children Blue Card requirements and other safeguard training, upholding and ensuring that policy is upheld for the care, wellbeing and protection of all Children, Young People and others at risk in our community.

I love people and looking out for their safety is an important way I can demonstrate my love and care.

I can be contacted on [lsr.caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

*Blessings, Donna Bradshaw*

## On the Journey

We congratulate **Harry MacRae** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for all who have recently died **John Dozzi, Margherita Pierantozzi**, may their souls and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

**Rest in Peace.**

## 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.

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# DINNER & DANCE

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Date: **26th April 2025 (5.30pm to 11.00pm)**

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Seating: Tables of 10

## Parish Diary

Monday 27 Jan

**Public Holiday – Office Closed**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 28 Jan

**St Thomas Aquinas**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 29 Jan

**(Lt Mt)** 9.30am

Thursday 30 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

**(Currimundi)** 9:15am

Friday 31 Jan

**St John Bosco**

Mass (OLR) 9am

**Mass (Beerwah)** 9am

Saturday 1 Feb

**NO Mass (OLR)**

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

**Vigil Masses**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

**Held at Unity Chapel till Easter**

Sunday 2 Feb

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

## Year of Engagement Prayer

Lord God, I say yes to your will for me:

To live out my baptism in obedience to you. As a member of our parish,

I commit myself to your mission of invitation:

To be vibrant like your Son, to extend myself in charity, and to actively accompany people to encounter Jesus.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

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