



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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## The Presentation of the Lord 1 | 2 February 2025- Year C

### Understanding Our Catholic Identity

How do you understand your identity as a Catholic? If you knew the answer, how would you articulate it to someone who asked? Given the opportunity, you or I might choose to reply, "I am a beloved child of God." This may very well be something we believe in faith, but how would you expand on that if someone asked, "What do you mean?" How do I know – with utter conviction – that I am a beloved child of God?

#### The Importance of Reflection

Understanding our identity as Catholic Christians is essential. I know that I was baptized on March 29, 1981. I know that I am confirmed because I remember the celebration when I was 12 years old. I know that every time I receive the Eucharist, Jesus enters my body, and I hopefully become a little bit more like Him. While these three sacraments are powerful channels of God's grace, they still don't fully help me articulate how I know that Jesus loves me and has chosen me as His son or daughter. Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible Presence, and while they can be powerful channels of the supernatural, they are certainly not the only channels of God's presence.

#### The Missing Component: A Deeper Encounter with Jesus

Many Catholics have faithfully practiced their faith for a lifetime, yet may not be familiar with the idea of a deeply personal relationship with Jesus – perhaps because it wasn't often spoken about in the past. But the heart of our faith is this: Jesus is risen and present among us. The Church teaches that He desires to be close to each of us, not just as a belief we hold, but as a living presence in our daily lives. Sometimes, we come to know this in a special way – through a moment of grace, prayer, or deep peace – where His love becomes something we truly feel and recognize. When that happens, our faith is no longer just something we practice; it becomes a source of joy, renewal, and deeper trust in God's love for us.

#### Leadership and the Future of Our Parish

As we continue to delve into newness of life with our 2025 Mass roster, and as the mission-focused leadership structure of Mass Centres becomes clearer, it will be utterly necessary to have leaders in place who are **Faithful, Available, Contagious, and Teachable**. These criteria can be remembered through the acronym FACT.

- **Faithful Leaders** have, or are open to seeking, a personal relationship with Jesus and strive to live their lives with joy and love for others.
- **Available Leaders** have the necessary time to serve their community.
- **Contagious Leaders** don't have COVID-19, but they are infectious in nature – affable and eager to recruit other leaders to approach our mission with intentionality.
- **Teachable Leaders** cultivate a prayerful openness to the freshness and movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in our communities. They are flexible in their approach to leadership in a Catholic context.

#### Calling Forth Lay Pastoral Leaders

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be calling forth lay pastoral leaders in each Mass Centre who fit the above criteria and who will be commissioned to lead. Not everyone is called to lead – indeed, the majority are called to follow – but every person is called to exercise influence by using their unique God-given skills to serve and love others, both outside and inside our Mass Centres.

As we enter this new season, some leadership roles will evolve, with individuals stepping into new opportunities where their gifts can shine. At times, this may mean inviting someone to transition into a different role that aligns more closely with their strengths. This strategy represents a commitment to ensuring that each role is filled by the person best suited for it. A key aspect of leadership in our parish is a shared vision – when a team is united in purpose, the mission flourishes. Our mission remains clear: to make new followers of Jesus (Matthew 28:19), and by working together in harmony, we can pursue it with renewed energy and focus.

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### **Our True Identity: Beloved Children of God**

For those who may experience significant challenges at this time, it will be vital to cultivate a healthy identity as beloved children of God. Our identity does not lie in what we do—such as the ministry we perform when we celebrate Mass. This truth bears repeating because, for some, the opposite feeling may arise when they are asked to step away from ministry. However, our identity as worshipping Catholics who are intimately loved by God is not, in any way, connected with serving in ministry.

### **Moving Forward with Openness to the Holy Spirit**

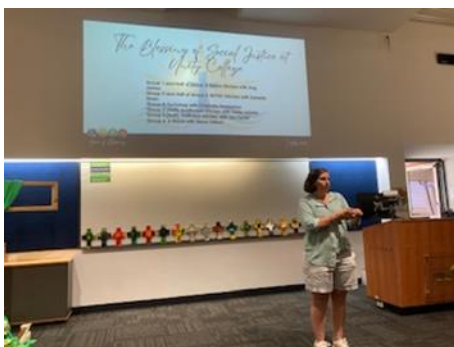
As we look ahead, may we remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds, seeking to notice and accept the ways God communicates love, peace, patience, and joy in our lives.

*Peace and blessings, Fr. Josh*

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## **Service & Outreach**

On Thursday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> January some of our team joined the Unity College Teachers at their Inservice Day for a session entitled The Blessing of Social Justice at Unity College. We started in the lecture hall and learnt the history of the community cooking that we do with the students each term.



Marianna from St Vincent de Paul explained that it originated from a need for some of the students attending the college. Initially it was just the teachers and tuckshop convenor doing the cooking, the classroom teachers would alert the principal when a family was in need. Covid changed this situation as the students weren't attending school and people couldn't gather in large groups to cook.

Verity, who at the time was a year 12 student at the college and is now a teacher there, explained the drive thru system that the school used during that time. An email would be sent to the school detailing the number of family members and any known food allergies. A family representative would then arrive at the front of the school to collect the requested frozen meals.

Ros from our Parish Ministry team then explained how this has now evolved to the cooking that we now do with the Uniting church ladies, and the students. Nutritious meals are frozen and shared between Unity College and our Parish. Last year we were able to distribute over 800 meals to the needy. It is a wonderful ecumenical and intergenerational opportunity for us to be the hands of Christ.



Later in the afternoon we broke into groups with all the teachers involved and cooked over 200 meals. Most of these meals with sufficient quantities reserved to provide meals that evening at Happy Valley in liaison with the Share a Meal group. The food was very well received by the many homeless who attend this gathering every Thursday evening.

Share a Meal was instigated and coordinated by parishioners Dawn Wilson and Pat Kinghorn to provide hot, home-cooked meals every Thursday night from 2001 to 2017. Thanks to their inspiration, Share a Meal continues every Thursday night to be a haven for the homeless, lonely and disadvantaged. Some parishioners are still involved cooking and serving.

If you know anyone in need of a meal or if you would like to be part of the volunteer team for the community cooking please contact Trish Harding email [cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au)

*Have a great week, Service & Outreach team – Trish, Roslyn, Mary, David & Bob*

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## **On the Journey**

We congratulate *Elise Wyhoon & Enzo Pennisi & Evie Mariani Alves* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Bevin Wigan* who has recently died, his funeral will be at ORL on Thursday 6th February at 11am.

May his soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

***Rest in Peace.***

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

## 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

### Plan Giving envelopes are ready for collection.

The Plan Giving envelopes are at each of the Mass Centres. Please contact the Parish office if you can't find yours, would like to change to direct debit or your situation has changed and wish to cancel the envelopes.



Lucy L

### Badges

To the generous benefactor who has kindly donated funds for the next 100 badges, a very *big thank you*.

We welcome everyone to order a **FREE** badge if you haven't already got one. We would love to see everyone wearing a badge for ease of communication while interacting with each other.

Please email your name and if you would like a pin or magnet to the Parish office on [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

If you have ordered a badge please collect from your mass centre.

### Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants - First one for 2025



We wish to remind parents with children up to the age of 7, wishing for them to be baptized, that the next preparation meeting is at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra, on **Thursday 6th February 7-8pm**.

At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates. To book in for the preparation evening please email the Parish office [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Catholic Formation

If you are interested in the below course, Maroochydore have a hub happening for this Module, if you would like to join them.

Are you looking to deepen both your understanding of Catholic theology and your experience of faith? Module 1 of Catholic Foundations - Catholic Theology in Context begins **Monday 3 February 2025** and registrations are **open now!** The experience of the Catholic Foundations core modules is designed to engage both the head and the heart, to encourage participants to grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. This module is a 10-week intensive with an optional Archdiocesan Certificate awarded upon the completion of five responses to set reflection questions.

Find out more and register at [catholicformation.au](http://catholicformation.au)

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 3 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

#### Tuesday 4 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

#### Wednesday 5 Feb

*St Agatha*

(Lt Mt) 9.30am

#### Thursday 6 Feb

*St Paul Miki and companions*

Mass (OLR) 9am  
(Currimundi) 9:15am

#### Friday 7 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Beerwah) 9am

#### Saturday 8 Feb

**NO Morning Mass (OLR)**  
9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

#### Vigil Masses

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Held at Unity Chapel till Easter

#### Sunday 9 Feb

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

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# DINNER & DANCE

## OLR Social Event

26th April 2025 | 5:30pm to 11:00pm  
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