



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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**"If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it" (1 Cor 12:26).**

## Embracing Our Identity in Christ

Two weeks ago, we heard the Scripture above in our second reading, and while these are Paul's words, they are also God's Word. The Word communicates to us something of our identity as Christians and as members of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish. In this new season, it is important that we both create and take opportunities to recognize and celebrate unity. As St. Paul also writes in the same chapter, "Though we are many parts, we are one body" (v. 12).

## Planting a New Faith Community

In a parish where there is no 'us and them,' we take the opportunity to celebrate success and fruit in each community. On Wednesday evening this past week, 35 parishioners



gathered at Notre Dame College (which has been open for two weeks) to discern their part in planting

a new faith community in Aura. While our parish has approximately 1,100 people worshipping every weekend, Notre Dame College has over 200 families who are excited about being part of a new community – in 10 years, when the school is full, there will be over 1,500 families! It is our role as a parish to connect with these families and accompany them into a personal relationship with Jesus. I would like to honor the 35–40 people (some were unable to attend on the night) who have expressed their interest in taking an active part in our mission at Aura. Thank you for your courage to step out into the unknown and for trusting that we are being led by God.



## Trusting in God's Plan

We are all stepping into the unknown in our parish at this time, but I suspect that this is precisely where the Lord wants us. Being a little uncertain about the future gives us an opportunity to choose to trust in God, specifically that God will reveal what we need when we need it! Thank you for your courage and trust at this time.

## Growth in the Hinterland Mass

Another experience of success and fruit at this time is what is happening at the 9a.m. Hinterland Mass (1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays in Landsborough; 2nd & 4th Sundays at Maleny). We are three weeks into our new Mass roster, and already we are seeing an upward trend in the number of people who are taking the opportunity to choose unity – i.e., celebrating Mass in both locations. Last weekend, we had a terrific problem: Our Lady of the Way Church in Landsborough was bursting at the seams with 117 people in the church! While we are navigating the parking challenge,

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**Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.**

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the atmosphere and singing during Mass – so I heard from those who have shared this Good News – was amazing, as was the opportunity to gather after Mass to meet and greet each other. Congratulations to those who are taking active roles in parking assistance, welcoming, and hospitality.

### **Sharing Good News**

As we celebrate and give “special honour” to those who are responding to God’s invitations to serve in this new season, I invite you to take opportunities to share Good News when you see it. In particular, please take photos whenever two or more gather in Jesus’ name (Mt 18:20). Photos help us to get to know each other, as well as tell a story for all to enjoy. Please email your photos (with the permission of those pictured) to the parish office with a short description of the event, who was involved, and why you gathered.

*Blessings and Gratitude, Fr. Josh*

### **Badges – What a great response – you can still order your badge today!**

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** | **if you would like a pin or magnet** | **which Mass centre you go to**, to the Parish office on [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

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### **Hospitality is Everyone’s Responsibility**

When we welcome visitors to our home, whether family, friends or strangers, we normally tidy the house, greet guests at the door, provide enough food and drink for everyone and make sure that all are comfortable and included in the conversation. This hospitable behaviour applies also to the worshipping community. Even in those parishes which have designated ministers of hospitality, everyone at Mass has a ministry of welcome and warmth to the community and is called to ‘be present’ to others as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

This isn’t just a ‘feel-good’ fad or part of some trendy push to be inclusive. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t pull any punches about our attitude towards others at Mass. It clearly calls on the faithful to share *charity toward all who share with them in the celebration. They therefore are to shun any appearance of individualism or division, keeping before their mind that they are all brothers and sisters to each other. They should become one body .....* There is a beautiful expression of this unity when the faithful maintain uniformity in their actions and in standing, sitting or kneeling.

In other words, liturgy is not a time for ‘doing my own thing’ or ‘my time with God’. We’re all in this together! It is up to each one of us to ‘pay attention’ to those who are with us at Mass and to make everyone welcome.

*Elizabeth Harrington*

*Enjoy your Cuppa this weekend with fellow Parishioners!*

### **Grief Support**

If you are experiencing grief through the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship or a major life change of any kind, and you feel that the Grief Support team can be of assistance to you or a family member, please contact Kath on [olrgriefsupp@gmail.com](mailto:olrgriefsupp@gmail.com) or the Parish Office with your details so a support person can contact you.

All contact is treated with utmost confidentiality.

### **On the Journey**

We congratulate *Arie & Archer Yong-Gee* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Laurie Batey, Elizabeth (Betty) McGovern & Deborah Merrill* who have recently died.

Laurie’s funeral will be at ORL on Tuesday 11th February at 11am.

***Rest in Peace.***

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

### Planned Giving envelopes are ready for collection.

The Planned Giving envelopes are at each of the Mass Centres.  
Please contact the Parish office if you can't find yours  
or would like to change to direct debit.

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 10 Feb

*St Scholastica*

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

#### Tuesday 11 Feb

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

#### Wednesday 12 Feb

(Lt Mt) 9.30am

#### Thursday 13 Feb

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

#### Friday 14 Feb

*Sts Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop*

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

#### Saturday 15 Feb

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

#### Vigil Masses

#### *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm  
Held at Unity Chapel till Easter

#### Sunday 16 Feb

#### *6th 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



### What's On in Our Parish

The new year has well and truly started!  
So have all the activities that are on offer  
within our Parish.



#### From Craft | Cards | Art Class



Others starting up soon, see our  
website for all the details.



### Australia Day

Thank you to all who helped to make the  
weekend of hospitality  
enjoyable!



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