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The Power of Name Tags in Our Parish Family

Friends, this weekend marks five weeks into our new season as a parish—a season characterized by a **developing unity**. It gives me great joy to report that in the last five weeks, we have ordered 160 new parishioner name tags! I cannot overstate the importance of this news because it represents a quantitative measure of people's increasing openness and desire both to know other parishioners and to be known.

We are a sleeping giant as a parish, but that giant is waking up as parts of the Body work together more efficiently to carry out our common mission: to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies others in encountering Jesus. This is our mission, our purpose, our reason for existence as a parish, and every single person has a part to play—regardless of age—according to their unique giftedness. If this is our mission—and it is because it is thoroughly biblical in foundation (see Mt 28:19; Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4-6; Eph 4:11-13; 1 Pt 4:10)—I see 160 new name tags as a wonderful sign of developing unity.

In contrast, anonymity, separateness, and *the status quo* are tools the evil one uses to maintain Catholic parishes that only exist to feed the sheep without empowering and activating the sheep to become shepherds who lead others to Jesus. It begins with every person experiencing the love of Jesus—both supernaturally (this is called *encounter*) and **through** a brother or sister in Christ—who empowers and energizes us through the Holy Spirit for mission. If you do not yet have a name tag, please consider ordering one so that you can be part of God's work in 2025.

Reflecting on this good news about new name tags, it struck me that the days when we could expect to turn up to Mass without any responsibilities are well and truly gone. I would like to share a personal story about a formative experience to explain.

With most of my siblings having their own families, our whole family gathers on Boxing Day every second year to celebrate Christmas. I was grateful to be able to join them that particular year, but admittedly, I was extremely tired after the Advent season, the celebration of Christmas Masses, and landing in Auckland at 12:30 a.m. on December 26.

Joining the family later that morning, I had decided that I didn't need to help with anything since everything was already organized. Now, I'm from a large family, and at that time—with seven siblings, several spouses, nephews and nieces, visitors, and even two foster children present—there were roles for everyone, even the visitors. My lack of proactivity in helping to set up, wash up, pack up, or even being present to others, was not lost on my siblings, who, after the visitors had departed, confronted me. Apparently, being tired and feeling like I couldn't do anything to help didn't cut the mustard.

"We are a family," one of them said, "and in a family, everyone has responsibilities."

That experience, which took place about five years ago, still gives me cause for reflection—particularly in the context of our parish family. Families function well when every person knows that they are loved and valued as part of the family, and it is no different in a parish family. Wearing a name tag so that we can learn each other's names is the most fundamental part of our developing unity. I, myself, feel embarrassed when I see a parishioner I recognize but do not know by name. Indeed, I regularly meet parishioners who are a little put out that I don't know their name! While I am certain that I can learn every person's name—as we all should in our regular Mass centre—I personally need your help by either ordering a name tag or wearing it if you already have one.

Thank you for wearing your name tag and for playing a vital role in our parish's mission to be a vibrant community—full of energy and life—that actively accompanies people in encountering Jesus!

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Josh

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

Waste Time with God - hosted by CCR Brisbane



Come and spend time with God praising, worshipping, listening and manifesting the gifts of the Spirit. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and experience the healing power of God.
You are Welcome!

Time: 1pm to 4pm Saturday, 29th March 2025 including afternoon tea.
Location: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 61 Edmund St, Caloundra, QLD.

To Those who love Taizé Prayer

Sincere thanks to all who have gathered each year for Taizé Prayer in Advent and Lent. After careful discernment, I believe the time has come for me to retire fully from my voluntary commitments in the parish. I will no longer be leading Taizé Prayer at OLR. I know these evenings will be sorely missed but I do hope you will join me in giving thanks for all that we have received over so many years through this beautiful prayer-form. Thank you sincerely for your faith-filled presence which I have always found so enriching.

Wishing you all abundant blessings, Erica.

RCIT - Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens

Has your child missed one of the Sacraments? Would your child like to know more about the Catholic Faith? The parish offers RCIT, for students in high school (Year 7 and up). Intakes are March and October. Please email the Parish office for more details.



Ash Wednesday - 5th March 2025

Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. It is designated by the Church as a day of fast and abstinence, as is Good Friday.

In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal a day. Alternately smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other times but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old. Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat. The practice of fasting and abstinence aims at leading us to interior conversion by making us more disciplined and more charitable. We fast

in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others. In addition, the practice helps us imitate the example of Jesus who fasted for 40 days in the desert. The ashes that are marked on our foreheads on the first day of Lent are a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow and reminds us of the need to repent of our failings.

Ash Wednesday Mass times:

- 7.00am - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
- 7.50am - Unity College Chapel, Caloundra West.
- 9.00am - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.
- 9.00am - Sacred Heart Church, Maleny.
- 9.15am - Blessed Frederic Ozanam Chapel, Currimundi.
- 9.30am - Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mt.
- 6.00pm - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
- 6.00pm - Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough.

If you are attending any of the Ash Wednesday Masses and can assist in the liturgical roles, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please see your community leader or email the Parish office.

On the Journey

We congratulate *Lucy Stephens & Ivy Herman* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Rita Lindberg* who has recently died, her funeral will be at OLR on Tuesday 25th 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.

Youth & Young Adults



Kia Ora as you can tell by my greeting, I am a Kiwi, but my nationality is Samoan. My name is Christyna Malietoa-Brown. I was born in Christchurch but spent most of my life in Auckland. I am excited to say, I am the new Youth Minister. I have taken over and hope to help journey with the students to grow closer to God. A little more about me is that I am one of 12 siblings. I just moved over in November and have been in youth ministry for 4 years now. I worked in NZ as the Assistant Coordinator of Young Adult and Youth Ministry and hope to bring a bit of kiwi flavour to the role.

Last Friday Kingdom Youth started up again. I had been told just how amazing this youth group is, and how everyone gets into it and that the normal number of attendees is over 30. I was not disappointed as 45 young people came to Kingdom Youth at 6pm to Unity College ready and excited to be a part of a group that wants to grow in faith and friendship. This term's theme is 'Known'. We are all known by God and to do our part in learning about the church we are a part of. We started this journey with games, krispy kremes, slushies, praise and worship, talks and a chance to gather in small groups with others their age, to chat with each other about faith and their stories.



If you feel like you or want your child/children to also be part of a group where you have the freedom to share and enjoy your faith outside of school. Or want to meet others your age or even want to volunteer. I would be more than happy to hear from you.

You can reach me at cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au



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Enjoy your Cuppa this weekend with fellow Parishioners!

Parish Diary

Monday 17 Feb

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

Tuesday 18 Feb

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

Wednesday 19 Feb

(Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 20 Feb

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

Friday 21 Feb

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 22 Feb

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

Vigil Masses

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Held at Unity Chapel till Easter

Sunday 23 Feb

7th 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
Sunshine Coast Function Centre Caloundra RSL
19 West Terrace Caloundra

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