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Six People to Look Out for in Our Parish

When we think about what it means to be the Church in our parish, it should be more than just showing up every week, sitting in the same pew, saying hello to the same people, and going home. Church is meant to be a *vibrant community*—a family full of energy and life—where everyone feels seen, welcomed, and valued. The heart of our mission is this: *to actively accompany people to encounter Jesus*. That means every smile, every conversation, every moment of attention has a greater purpose because it can be the beginning of someone's journey toward Christ.

In our parish, there are people who might be slipping through the cracks, just waiting for someone to notice them. If we truly want to be the kind of Church that lives out our mission, then these are the six types of people we must keep an eye out for—so that through us, they can encounter Jesus.

1. The Visitor Who Keeps Coming Back

They've been showing up for weeks now. You've probably seen them around—but have you said hello? Asked their name? Invited them for coffee? If someone keeps coming back, it's because they're searching. And what are they searching for? Belonging. Hope. Meaning. Maybe even Jesus Himself. This is our chance to accompany them. To make the love of Jesus visible in a simple "Hey, I'm really glad you're here." Sometimes, that is the first real step toward encountering Him.

2. The New Parishioner

They've just moved here from somewhere else. They are excited and eager to be part of our community. But what happens after their arrival is just as important as their arrival itself. If we don't walk with them that spark can fade, but if we actively accompany them—invite them, pray with them, include them, guide them—they will encounter Jesus again and again in our community. Remember, you may have been new once too. You know how much that first invitation, that first connection, meant.

3. The Overwhelmed Parent(s)

They made it to Mass—maybe with a crying baby, a restless toddler, or a diaper bag in each hand. That alone is a victory. You can see the fatigue in their eyes. Maybe they're wondering if it's worth the effort. Maybe they feel judged. This is where we live out our mission—by offering grace instead of criticism, support instead of silence. A kind word, a smile, a helping hand can show them that this is a place where *Jesus sees them through us*.

4. The Young Person Who Feels Invisible

We call them the Church of tomorrow—but they need to know they're part of the Church today. Too often, they feel overlooked or unheard. But if we invite them, listen to them, and empower them, we aren't just being nice—we're being faithful to our mission. When a young person is seen, they're more open to encountering Christ in a personal way. And that can change their life.

5. The Elderly Parishioner Who Feels Forgotten

They've given so much to the Church—time, love, wisdom. But now, they sometimes sit alone, unnoticed. We must not wait until they are gone to honour them. We're called to *actively accompany*—not just the new, but the faithful who've paved the way. Visit them. Listen to their stories. Pray with them. Show them that their presence still brings us closer to Jesus.

6. The Parishioner Who Doesn't Come as Often Anymore

You remember them—they used to be here all the time. But now they're distant. Fading. Missing. There's almost always a reason—hurt, discouragement, burnout. We're not called to judge them—we're called to go after them, gently and lovingly. A simple, "I've missed seeing you," might open the door to healing and renewed faith. And when we reach out, we're not just inviting them back to church—we're inviting them back into a living encounter with Jesus.

So what is Church, really?

It's not just a building or a Sunday routine. It's a *vibrant community* on mission. It's a place where we don't just worship Jesus—we help others meet Him. It's a place where no one goes unnoticed, because we're all committed to seeing, loving, and walking with one another. Let's be that kind of Church. Let's live our mission together. Let's be people who see each other, and in doing so, help each other see *Jesus*.

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

Office closure - Labour Day 5th May

Dinner Dance 2025: "A night to remember"

On 26th April 2025, the parishioners and friends of OLR parish and its communities celebrated a dinner dance at the RSL Function Centre, Caloundra. Around 190 people attended the event where they enjoyed a three-course sumptuous meal, games, and lots of dancing throughout the night. Highlighting the night is the fantastic live performance of Brisbane-based Diamante Band with their non-stop music where guests crowded the dance floor most of the time. The Baby Boomers dominated the dance floor but of course some from the Silent Generation did not want to be outsmarted. A gentle lady, Marina, in her 90s still proved that she can still do her dance steps with Vicki as her dance partner.

There were two series of games played, *Get Me* and *Heads and Tails* which brought fun and laughter. An absolute classic is when Damon, one of our guests won the *Get Me* a shoelace, by diving and sliding into the dance floor just to beat Merle who was only a few steps in claiming the title to winning the game.

Nina, a professional dance instructor, provided additional entertainment by teaching many guests the cha cha, rock n roll and the nut bush, basic steps and moves that people were asking for more.

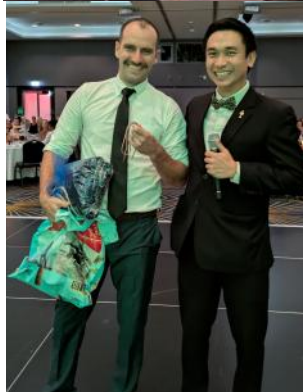
Barrie Woods from our parish also gave a solo song rendition of 'Sweet Sixteen'.

Thanks to our chief photographer Leah, who was snapping the night away with plenty of photos and videos, which you can all view on our Caloundra Parish website under [Our Parish / Photo Gallery / Dinner Dance](#)

The dinner dance is an important activity of the parish since it brings fellowship in the form of a social event where all our communities can connect and build relationships and share in each other's lives. The support of our sponsors, Holy Cross Funerals and the RSL Caloundra, also made this fellowship initiative possible.

From the Organising Team, thank you to the sponsors and all the parishioners and friends who made this successful night possible.

Vicki, Cristina & Edgar



Easter 2025

The Easter Triduum was celebrated throughout the Parish in huge numbers, with a total of 3595 joining in worship. It was wonderful to see so many gather and particular mention for first ever mass at Norte Dame. A typical weekend averages around 1050 worshippers across all mass centres.

	Holy Thursday	Good Friday Stations	Good Friday Veneration	Vigil and Easter Sunday
OLR	239	251	504	
OLR 5pm Saturday				400
OLR 7.30				448
OLR 9.30 Sunday				770
Landsborough/Maleny	84		74	304
Beerwah		61		
Notre Dame				315
Little Mountain			50	102
Currimundi			20	34
Total	323	251	648	2373

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

Term 2 Sacrament of Confirmation - starts 6th May!

If you have booked your child for the sacrament of Confirmation please be at the OLR Church this **Tuesday 6th May** 5-6pm for the Parent information night. The program packs will be handed out that night. If you are yet to join please do so by Monday 5th May. Go to our website and fully complete the form. www.caloundracatholicparish.net

Synod24

The Church is a living, breathing body. It is not confined to the four walls of a building. In fact, the Church is you and me: the people of God. Over time, the Church has evolved alongside the changing world. While it never alters its core teachings on faith and morals, it continually adapts the way it lives out these truths in response to new times, cultures, and challenges. One way the Church evolves with the changing times is through gatherings and councils. You might recall the Australia-wide Plenary Council held in 2022. Flowing on from that, the Archdiocese of Brisbane sought to proactively create action plans to implement the outcomes, this initiative became known as Synod24.

The SYNOD24 Action Plans are organised around eight key decrees from the Plenary Council, within in each decree there are various actions of varying priority.

1. **Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts:** Fostering reconciliation and acknowledging past harms.
2. **Choosing Repentance, Seeking Healing:** Addressing the Church's response to abuse and promoting healing.
3. **Called by Christ, Sent Forth as Missionary Disciples:** Encouraging evangelisation and missionary work.
4. **Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men:** Promoting gender equality within Church structures.
5. **Communion in Grace, Sacrament to the World:** Enhancing liturgical life and sacramental participation.
6. **Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry:** Developing leadership and formation programs.
7. **At the Service of Communion, Participation and Mission:** Governance: Reforming governance structures for greater inclusivity.
8. **Integral Ecology and Conversion for the Sake of Our Common Home:** Emphasising ecological responsibility and care for creation.

Beginning in May, the Archdiocese will launch a new phase focused on parish-level decision-making. This initiative empowers local parishes to discern and determine which elements of the Synod Action Plans they are best positioned to implement, based on their unique context, resources, and needs. I warmly encourage you to visit <https://aobsynod2024.com/synod24-resources/> as we prayerfully reflect and discern, together as a parish community, how we are being called to respond to the Synod24 Action Plans.

Yours faithfully, Fr Gerard

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 16th May at 12 noon at Kings Beach Tavern** 43 Burgess Street Kings Beach. All ladies from all the parish are most welcome. If you would like to attend please RSVP Maureen 0437 738326 by **Monday 13th May** to confirm numbers.



Parish Diary

Monday 5 May

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

Tuesday 6 May

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am
Rosary (Maleny) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 7 May

Liturgy (OLR School) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 8 May

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 9 May

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

Saturday 10 May

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

Vigil Masses

4th Sunday of Easter

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

Sunday 11 May

Mothers Day!

4th Sunday of Easter

Mass (OLR) 7.30am
Mass (Maleny) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Unity) 5pm
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Alpha Update – our new season begins....

On Tuesday this last week we kicked off our first Alpha for the year. The team were blessed to welcome guests of varying ages and backgrounds for our opening session. There was some top-notch food, conversations and lots of laughs and fun. The whole Alpha team and I are excited and expectant for the conversations and connections to be made in the coming weeks. We thank you for your prayers in the lead up and ask that you keep the participants and team in your prayers in the coming weeks. Your prayers mean the world to us as it opens the door for transformations and new discoveries. If you feel you would like to join us for Alpha there will be courses offered at differing times in the months ahead. Keep your eye on our social media and the newsletter for details.



On the Journey We congratulate **Fletcher Allsop, Charlie & Winifred Sheriff & Valentina Green** who will be baptised at Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

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