



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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6th Sunday 24/25 May 2025- Year C

Parish Service Day

Friends, this weekend at all Masses, we celebrate our second annual Parish Service Day. This celebration comes at the end of National Volunteers Week, during which we thank and acknowledge all who volunteer in service of our mission at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish. Our parish simply could not operate without the sacrifice and generosity of volunteers, and so—from the least visible to the most—and on behalf of every single parishioner, I thank you for your service.

Our parish's mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus. This simple and catchy phrase, which I hope is beginning to roll off your lips as readily as you hear it from me, is—and should be—the measuring stick for everything we do and the basis upon which we offer ourselves in service of Jesus (who is our Head) and His Body (which is His Church). This weekend, each worshipping parishioner has an opportunity to commit themselves to service in our parish—regardless of age, mobility, education, or faith.

Last weekend, our parish hit a new attendance high, with **1,133** people celebrating Mass. It's worth noting that, prior to 2025, our historical Mass count averaged around **950** people each weekend. Since Cyclone Alfred in early March, we have not dipped below 1,000! While Mass numbers are not the only measure of how we're doing as a parish, they do offer an indication of our strength in the key areas of **Hymns, Homilies, and Hospitality**. (Hospitality includes both our intentional approach to welcoming people before Mass and connecting with them afterward over a drink and a bite to eat.) It should come as no surprise that, together with the Community Life Leadership Team, I am continuing to work toward having both trained welcomers before Mass and drinks/nibbles after Mass every weekend.

Coupled with the growth in our Mass numbers, our expanding parish leadership structure is deliberately designed to support more people getting involved. In this **Year of Engagement**, we have implemented a **Pastoral Leader** for each of our six main Masses (noting that our two retirement communities of Little Mountain and Currimundi are exempt). Each Pastoral Leader is receiving leadership coaching and has been charged with the responsibility of building a leadership team of their own, reflecting our existing Ministry Leadership Teams. In practice, this means each Mass community includes individuals with whom each of the six Ministry Leadership Teams can communicate. For example, each Mass community needs someone the Community Life Leadership Team can liaise with, and someone the Children & Families Team can communicate with.

While for many parishioners, 'leadership teams' and such may seem distant or unrelated to their day-to-day faith lives, our growing structure is designed to foster both **unity** in our parish and **clear, effective communication and decision-making**. This weekend, as we celebrate our second annual Parish Service Day, I invite you to see yourselves and your community as part of one Body, one Parish. "We are many parts, but we are all one body," as Paul says to the Corinthians (1 Cor 12:12). Separateness and independence between communities may have been promoted in our parish in the past, but in this time, unity is utterly necessary—not just for our survival, but for our flourishing.

Once again, to those who are already volunteers in any ministry, I say thank you. In the years ahead, it is my vision that Parish Service Day becomes the time when people commit to serving in a new ministry for the following 12 months. This vision will become a reality as we create the necessary structures to onboard and train people immediately. For example, new lectors (readers at Mass) will receive training in the weeks following Parish Service Day. Until then, I ask those who are already serving to please continue in your ministry as we do our best at the parish office to process new volunteers as quickly as possible. May God bless us with an abundance of volunteers who joyfully say **yes** to God's **invitation** in this **Year of Engagement**.

Peace and blessings,

Fr Josh

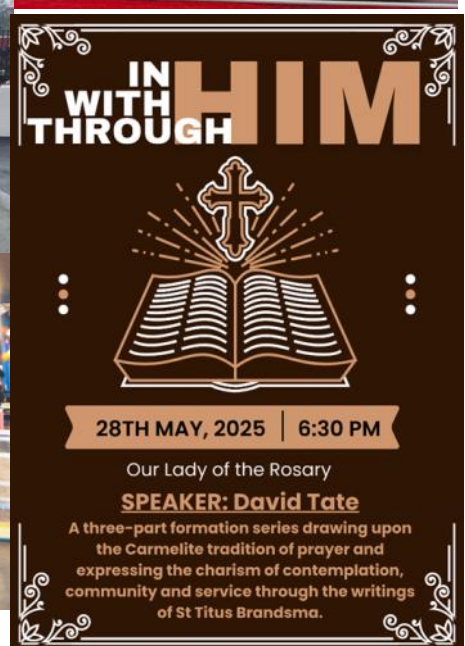


The Parish office will be closed on **Wednesday 4th June** for a staff retreat.

Youth & Young Adults

The Youth and Young Adults team have had a great year so far. Our Young Adults have had Lenten groups, Adoration nights, Movie viewings of The Chosen and collabs with Maroochydore Parish. What's coming up, is a talk with David Tate and watching the first game of State of Origin together on *Wednesday the 28th May 6.30pm* in the parish center. All young adults and parishioners are invited!

Our Kingdom Youth went to IGNITE LAUNCH on Saturday and had a blast! We want to thank everyone who gave to our Easter fundraiser that helped with the cost for Launch. It was a long day, and the kids were knackered when they got home. But for me (Christyna) who has never gone, I loved watching the kids interact with others while waiting in line and talking about Jesus. The recognition that they are not alone in the journey of faith was inspiring and really heart-warming to see. Below you will find photos of the day. If you would like to join or feel your child would like to join Kingdom Youth, scan the QR code and register, it's every Friday at Unity College's Chapel from 6-8:30pm.



Come join our team!
God Bless Christyna – Youth Minister

The Sunshine Coast Homeless Need Our Help

Fr. Josh and Fr Gerard are participating in the 2025 Vinnies CEO sleep out. The race is on to make their \$5000 fundraising target per person. If you would like to support one or both of their causes head to the Vinnies CEO sleepout website:

- www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/frjoshuawhitehead/queensland
- www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/gerardlai/queensland

They will be sleeping on Maroochydore Beach on the longest night of the year, 19th June, as part of an eye-opening experience, as well as to raise awareness for those who are sleeping rough every night. Thank you in advance for any contribution you make!



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during the school term at the 9am Maleny and 9:30am Caloundra Masses, all younger members of our Parish Family are invited to a special *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. All are welcome.

On the Journey

We congratulate **Archie Sanders, Ethan Human, Alexander & Kyan Hamling and Jaxson Tran** who will be baptised at Caloundra and Maleny this weekend.

We pray for **Kerin O'Sullivan** whose funeral will be at OLR 11am on the 29th May. We also pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, may they

Rest in Peace.

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

Parish office closed 30th May – Maleny show Day – Public holiday

Sang's Ordination – Friday 13th June 2025

Sang Duc Bui is being ordained to the Priesthood and would like to welcome you to his ordination on *Friday the 13th June, 7pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen.*

A 35 seat bus is being organised for those who would like to go and don't want to drive. The cost is \$20 per person (cost is subsidised by the Parish).

Please arrive at OLR at 4.30pm to depart by 4.45pm.

The bus will return after Mass (expect to arrived back around 11pm).

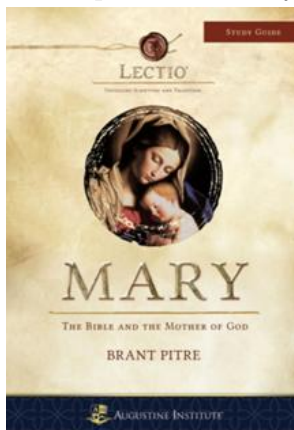
If you wish to utilise this service please call the parish office 5430 9390.

Lectio: 'Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God' bible study

This 8 wk Thursday morning video and discussion course presentations by Dr Brant Pitre, from the Augustine Institute, will address doctrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary such as the 'Immaculate Conception/Bodily Assumption into Heaven/ Mother of God/ Our Mother & our Model Disciple' from OLD and NEW Testament scriptures.

We will discover Old Testament revelations of Mary as the 'New Eve', the 'New Ark' and the 'New Rachel' that will enhance your concepts of Mariology and assist you to build, with your non-Catholic family and friends, bridges of understanding instead of walls of division.

Please see the website for a You tube link to watch, for a better understanding of the course content.



- **When:** Thursdays 8:00-9:30 am from 12th June-31st July (morn. tea served)
- **Where:** Kawana Good Shepherd Centre, Buddina (opp Library & Centrelink).
- **'No Cost' Registrations & Enquiries:**
- **Contact:** John Manion by email: johnmanion101@gmail.com.au



Save The Date!

On Sunday the **22nd June at the 9.30am OLR Mass** we will be blessing and opening the Jubilee Archway! Keep an eye out for more details to follow.

What is a Reconciliation Action Plan? and Why have a RAP?

Saturday 31 May, Morning Tea 10.30am

Presentation 11.00am-12 Noon.

OLR Catholic Church, 61 Edmund St. Caloundra.

Hosted by OLR Service & Outreach Ministry Team.

All are most welcome to hear Joni McCourt (Archdiocesan RAP Manager) and Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministry Coordinator) explore these questions.

A RAP focuses on strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and piloting strategies for further reconciliation commitments and empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

"This is not about politics or ideology; it's about the Gospel. So that, in the power of the Gospel, we can walk together the path of a genuine and lasting Reconciliation". Archbishop Mark Coleridge.



Parish Diary

Monday 26 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 27 May

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 28 May

Liturgy (OLR School) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 29 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 30 May

Maleny show Day – Public holiday

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 31 May

NO Morning Mass (OLR)

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

Vigil Masses

Ascension of the Lord

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

Sunday 1 June

Ascension of the Lord

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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