



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY/1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE - YEAR C

### We are an Easter People

The Liturgical season of Eastertide spans across the 50 days from Easter Sunday (April 20) to Pentecost (June 8). During this season, both our weekday and weekend readings come largely from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Acts is the New Testament book that immediately follows the four Gospels. It is written by Luke the evangelist and serves as a continuation of his Gospel, recounting the life of the early Church and the mission of the apostles.

Three days after Jesus is crucified and dies, he rises from the dead and appears to his disciples. **Interestingly, at that moment, he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them (John 20:21-22)**, something we often associate with Pentecost 50 days later. So why does this seem to happen twice? Because while Pentecost, the formal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, occurs 50 days after Easter, **the Spirit was already at work from the moment of the Resurrection**, empowering the apostles to begin their mission. John gently shows us the quiet and personal gift of the Spirit on Easter evening, while Acts (2:1-4) reveals the powerful and public outpouring at Pentecost. Together, they offer us a fuller picture of how the Holy Spirit moves, both gently in our hearts and boldly in the life of the Church.

This Sunday, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus is taken up into heaven after appearing to many people post-resurrection. Before ascending, he leaves his disciples with a mission: **Go out into the world and preach the Good News (Matt 28:19)**. It is a powerful reminder that the mission does not end with Jesus' departure, it begins with it. Empowered by the Spirit and emboldened by the Resurrection, the disciples begin their outward movement to evangelise, form communities, and serve.

Isn't it amazing that over 2000 years later, more than 1.4 billion Catholics in every country and continent continue this mission, thanks to the faithfulness of those first apostles and their followers? Just like the early Church, we gather for fellowship and the breaking of the bread, before going out on mission again.

Last week, we celebrated our Parish Service Day on 25 May, thanking all who currently pray and serve in our Parish, and then encouraging more people to do so. Our dream is to have 70% of parishioners serving in a ministry area by 2028! Can you imagine how vibrant and animated our parish might look if that happened?! You are encouraged to get involved with volunteering in one of six ministry areas: **Children & Families,**

**Community Life, Faith & Formation, Service & Outreach,**  
**Worship, or Youth and Young Adults.**



More information on our website (scan the QR code):



As a continuation of the early Church, we are the Acts of the Apostles in the 21st century. **We are called to be apostles today, people who believe in the risen Christ and share that joy with others.** It's a joy that doesn't just turn up and leave, but one that builds, transforms, and gives life to the community. As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, may Jesus open your minds and hearts to encounter him anew.

If Jesus is truly risen and ascended, then we need to let our faces reflect that glory! Let's not leave church looking like we've just been to a funeral. As the late Pope Francis once said, Christians shouldn't walk around with the face of a sourpuss. The joy of the Resurrection and Ascension should shine through us. And as Saint Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, *"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."* Even the smallest smile can become the greatest act of service.

So, in light of that joy and mission, what might serving the Church look like for you in this parish? Maybe it starts with a smile, and grows into something even greater.

*With joyful blessings, Fr Gerard*

## OFFICE CLOSURE - WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (STAFF RETREAT)

### Sang's Ordination - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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).

Pick up will be in Alfred Street (at the School Bus stop) at 4.30pm to depart by 4.45pm.

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

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

### Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants

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 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

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)

### Holy Hour - Commencing Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Holy Hour is a chance to gather in Adoration in the presence of our God in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an opportunity to experience the presence of our creator, to meditate in awe and give thanks for the saving suffering of Jesus and experience the presence of the advocate Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity to bring all ourselves to God Himself. Holy Hour will be followed by Lectio Divina on the Scripture of the following Sunday.



**Time:** Fridays 3-4pm Holy Hour followed by 4pm-4:30pm Lectio Divina

**Location:** Sacred Heart Church, 45 Cedar St, Maleny



### 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.

**When:** Thursdays 8:00-9:30 am from 12th June-31st July.

**Where:** Kawana Good Shepherd Centre, Buddina.

'No Cost' Registrations & Enquiries:

**Contact:** John Manion: [johnmanion101@gmail.com.au](mailto:johnmanion101@gmail.com.au)

### Encounter & Connect - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

You're warmly invited to an evening of encounter—a sacred time to deepen your relationship with God. Through inspiring preaching, praise-filled music, an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration, you'll be drawn deeper into God's presence.

**Date:** Friday 6th June 2025

**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:30pm

**Location:** Petrie Catholic Parish

**Cost:** Free

If you are interested, please email

[cp.missionsupport@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.missionsupport@bne.catholic.net.au)



Looking for a something to do with the kids on the first day of school holidays? Or perhaps you want to connect with other families in the parish! This day is for you! More information coming soon!



The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is coming up. It will begin on the **26<sup>th</sup> of June** with a **Come & See night** and then the Learning and Discerning begins on the 17<sup>th</sup> July. This will lead to the Celebration of Initiation and Sacraments on the 23rd November. If you would like to join in, help out or know someone who is interested please contact the Parish Office on 07 5430 9390 or email [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

### ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate **Kobe Davey** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We congratulate **Kieran & Laura** and **Grace & William** who celebrated the sacrament of marriage over the weekend.

We pray the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners -

**Rest in Peace.**

## COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY UPDATE

Last weekend we celebrated our second annual Parish Service Day. This was purposely planned for the conclusion of National Volunteers Week where all past and present volunteers within our Parish were acknowledged and thanked. Our Parish has been built on the sacrifice and generosity of these volunteers.

This past weekend we also highlighted the six parish ministry areas, and the specific volunteer-based opportunities within each area. After each weekend mass the six ministries were represented outside the churches to enable each worshipping parishioner the opportunity to see, discuss and consider how they can volunteer to help our parish become *"...a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus."*

Thank you to several parishioners who weren't able to go on a monthly roster, but found creative ways to still volunteer. For example, Community Life Ministry oversees hospitality and desperately needs more help - however, whilst going on a monthly roster isn't possible for some parishioners, baking or buying food offers are gladly welcomed.

The Parish Service Day encouraged more parishioners to use their "time, talent and treasures" to contribute to the OLR mission and purpose!

***Blessings, Community Life Team.***



### Ladies Lunch

On Thursday 22nd May, 34 ladies from Caloundra, Beerwah, Landsborough & Maleny Mass Centre's gathered together at Reposium Cafe at Beerwah. It was a fabulous time of fellowship & enjoying a delectable morning tea. The joy of catching up with friends & making new connections was inspiring. Thank you to Margaret Monaghan for her organisation of this gathering. The feedback from everyone was so positive!



The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 20th June** at 12 noon at Wung Nam Thai Water Palace, The Esplanade, Bulcock Beach. If you would like to come please contact Maureen 0437738326 by Monday 16th June. All Parish ladies are invited. Please join us!

**A reminder to all that attended there is an open invite for you to join the Maleny Connect Bible study this coming Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of June at 9:30am. We hope to see you there.**

## Parish Diary

### **Monday 2nd June**

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am  
Charismatic Prayer Group (OLR)  
7pm-9pm

### **Tuesday 3rd June**

Adoration (Maleny) 8:30am  
Rosary (Maleny) 9am  
Mass (OLR) 9am  
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am  
Ladies Group (OLR) 9:30am  
Confirmation Session 3 (OLR)  
5-6pm  
Alpha (OLR) 6pm-8pm

### **Wednesday 4th June**

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am  
Baptism Preparation (OLR)  
7pm-8pm

### **Thursday 5th June**

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

### **Friday 6th June**

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Beerwah) 9am  
Holy Hour (Maleny) 3pm-4:30pm

### **Saturday 7th June**

2nd Rite Reconciliation &  
Adoration 9am (OLR)  
Alpha Retreat Day & Kingdom  
Youth Alpha Day

### **Vigil Masses**

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

### **Sunday 8th June**

#### *Pentecost*

Mass (OLR) 7.30am  
Mass (Maleny) 9am  
Mass (OLR) 9:30am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am  
Mass (Unity) 5pm



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