



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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## PENTECOST Sunday 7/8 June 2025- Year C

### Lifting the Lid: Letting the Holy Spirit In More Deeply

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we're reminded that Holy Spirit is a person who is alive, active, and always inviting us into something more. Not to *do* more, but to *become* more—more peace, more joy, more transformation. Yet for many of us—myself included—faith can easily settle into routine. Week in and week out, we go through familiar motions, and while there's beauty in that rhythm, Pentecost calls us to a renewed openness. The Spirit wants to stretch our hearts, awaken our desire, and *lift the lids* we may not even know we've closed.

Think of a lid on a container. Sometimes it's shut so tight that nothing can get in—or out. Spiritually, that can happen when we close ourselves off to Holy Spirit's movement. But when we allow that lid to lift, even just a little, something beautiful begins to happen: we create space for God to expand our capacity to love, to listen, and to live in the fullness of who we're created to be. Lifting the lid begins with *daring to dream and imagine* the more that God, through Holy Spirit, desires for us. Not just in what we do for others or how we serve in the parish, but in how we live from a deeper sense of identity: as beloved daughters and sons of God. Holy Spirit doesn't just anoint us for action—but transforms us from within. The fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—are signs that our hearts are being made more like Jesus' own heart.

When we give Holy Spirit permission to move, we begin to see our lives differently. We start to imagine not just *doing* more for God, but *becoming* more like God. Picture waking up each morning and having Jesus be the first name on your lips. "My Lord and my God"—a simple prayer from the lips of St. Thomas when he recognized the Risen Christ—can become our own declaration of trust and love at the start of each day.

Some lids don't lift so easily though. Sometimes, they're stuck. That's when the witness of others—how they speak about God, how they live their faith—can loosen what's sealed tight in us. One of the ways Holy Spirit moves is through the stories of those around us. That's why *your story matters*. The Spirit who lives in you has done things in your life—small and great—that deserve to be noticed, named, and shared. The story of your faith is not just for you. It is a gift to others. It may be the very thing that sparks curiosity, openness, or even conversion in someone else. Think of the people who've shaped your own faith. Most likely, they weren't perfect theologians. More likely, they were simply honest and open about what God had done in their lives. Their stories moved you because they carried the presence and power of the Spirit. You can do the same. You already are. In recent months, I've found myself returning often to the Psalms. They're full of stories—prayers that recount what God has done and how the heart responds. Even if you're not a poet or a composer, you have your own psalm to offer. You, too, can glorify God through your life and your words. You, too, can make His love known.

Of course, for any of this to happen, we need space to listen. We can't speak about the Spirit if we haven't first heard the Spirit. And listening isn't always easy. It requires both *ability* and *capacity*. We grow in the ability to discern God's voice through stillness, silence and solitude—through creating quiet corners in our lives where Holy Spirit can whisper to our hearts. But we also need the capacity to listen. That means making room. If our days are full of noise, constant activity, and distraction, we're likely to miss the Spirit's nudge. Bishop Greg Homeming, a Carmelite monk and current Bishop of Lismore, once shared that he didn't teach his novices how to pray—he sent them into silence, trusting that God would meet them there. The Spirit speaks in stillness, silence and solitude.

As we celebrate Pentecost, the feast of Holy Spirit's continual outpouring, let this be an invitation to lift the lid in your own life. Let Holy Spirit fill you—perhaps for the first time ever. Imagine God's *more* for you. Reflect on what the Lord has already done and be ready to share it. Make space to listen because when we open ourselves to the Spirit's movement, everything changes—not just what we do, but who we are. This Pentecost, may our lids be lifted. May our hearts be expanded. And may Holy Spirit find in us a place to dwell, to speak, and to send.

*Pentecost Blessings, Fr Josh*

## The Sunshine Coast Homeless Need Our Help

With only 12 days to go, the race is on to make their \$5000 target. Balance to date – Fr. Josh \$1308 and Fr Gerard \$1667. They are participating in the 2025 Vinnies CEO sleep out, 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](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/frjoshuawhitehead/queensland)
- [www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/gerardlai/queensland](http://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!

## 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). 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.

## RCIA



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is coming up. It will begin on the **26th of June** with a Come & See night and then the Learning and Discerning begins on the **17th 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)



## 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.



## May Mass Count

In May each year the Australian Catholic Church conducts a National Count of attendance at weekend Mass. This count is conducted over the month of May and an average attendance at each Mass time calculated and reported to our Archdiocese. Below is a table of Mass counts for our Parish and a five-year comparison.

### Average Weekend Mass Attendance

|                                    | 2025        | 2024       | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| OLR Saturday 5 pm                  | 181         | 154        | 148        | 160        | 202        |
| Notre Dame Saturday 5pm            | 72          |            |            |            |            |
| OLR Sunday 7.30 am (formerly 6.30) | 175         | 82         | 87         | 87         | 99         |
| Landsborough/Maleny Sunday 9am     | 101         |            |            |            |            |
| OLR Sunday 9.30 am                 | 311         | 234        | 224        | 212        | 226        |
| Unity Sunday 5pm                   | 122         | 87         | 73         | 94         | 64         |
| Landsborough                       |             | 41         | 41         | 42         | 43         |
| Maleny                             |             | 63         | 66         | 71         | 70         |
| Beerwah                            |             | 48         | 45         | 34         | 39         |
| Kawana                             |             | 69         | 73         | 74         | 83         |
| Unity 8am                          |             | 71         | 60         | 67         | 62         |
| Little Mountain                    | 50          | 41         | 53         | 47         | 42         |
| Currimundi                         | 30          | 29         | 34         | 27         | 24         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>1042</b> | <b>919</b> | <b>904</b> | <b>915</b> | <b>954</b> |

## On the Journey

We congratulate **Zara Sharpe & Antonio Viana da Silva** who will be baptised at Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for our recently deceased: **Fr Ashley Barbrooke**, St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane Thursday 12th June 10am  
**Kathleen Yates (Kawana)**, Little Flower Church Kedron, Tuesday 10th June 10am  
**Ann Mills (Unity)** G&W Chapel Buderim, Thursday 12th June 11am  
**Patricia Jones** G&W Caloundra Friday 13th June 1pm

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



### **Confirmation – Friday 13th June**

On Friday 13 June, 52 of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. This is a joyful milestone, as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened to live as faithful followers of Jesus, beautifully echoing what we celebrate this weekend at Pentecost.

We thank the Sacramental Team: Julie, Nadine, Donna, Amelia, JP, and Fr Gerard for their dedication and care in preparing the children for this special moment.

Please continue to pray for the Confirmation Candidates, their Sponsors and their families at this time.

### **Catholic Mission & Caloundra Catholic Parish-You are Invited!**

Please join us to hear about Catholic Mission's latest projects in Zambia – Chalabesa Mission Hospital and rural health centres in the Diocese of Mpika. Our guest speaker is Abraham Muma who is a Health Desk Coordinator from Diocese of Mpika, Zambia.



Monday 9th June 2025 at OLR Caloundra, Mass at 9am followed by morning tea and then the presentation. Any questions contact Josephine on 0419733878 or email [jcullen@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:jcullen@catholicmission.org.au)

### **Multicultural Mass at Stella Maris**

The parishioners of Caloundra Parish are warmly invited to join members of our diverse and truly universal Catholic Faith for the annual Multicultural Mass at Stella Maris church, Maroochydore on **Sunday, June 22nd**, with Mass beginning at 11am. Following the Mass the different cultural groups will present a taste of their gourmet traditions for lunch for everyone to share. The cultural presentation captures some of the colour and unique customs of the many traditions of our Catholic Faith – please join us and be part of our celebrations that recognize the uniqueness and diversity of our Catholic faith.

### **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.



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](mailto:johnmanion101@gmail.com)

### **Save the Date – Family Fun Day – Saturday 28th June 11am-2pm**

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!



### **Presentation on 'Dementia Awareness' by Leah Keating, Dementia Doula 27th June 2025**



Thanks to **Holy Cross Funerals** who will be sponsoring Morning tea and bringing Leah back to the Coast, this time at the Hinterland! On **Friday 27th June** following 9am Mass at Mary Mackillop Beerwah, we will have morning tea before Leah's presentation.

Understanding dementia – supporting loved ones & our community. Dementia affects more than just memory, it impacts families, friendships, and daily life. Whether you're caring for a loved one or simply want to understand more, join us for a free Dementia Awareness session at Beerwah.

Please RSVP the Parish office by **24th June** for catering purposes.  
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## **Parish Diary**

### **Monday 9 June**

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

### **Tuesday 10 June**

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

### **Wednesday 11 June**

Liturgy (OLR School) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### **Thursday 12 June**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

### **Friday 13 June**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

### **Saturday 14 June**

**NO Morning Mass (OLR)**

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

### **Saturday 14 June**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

### **Sunday 15 June**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

### **Whole Parish Ladies Lunch**

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!





