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## The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 14/15 June 2025- Year C

### THE JUBILEE YEAR

The Jubilee Year is one of the Church's most ancient and powerful traditions. Jubilees celebrate a sacred time of restoration, mercy, and new beginnings. Its origins go all the way back to ancient times, where God commands Moses to consecrate every 50th year as a sacred year of God's favour. *"Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan"* (Lev 15:10). In that year, land was returned to its original owners, debts were forgiven, slaves were set free, and even the earth itself was given rest as no crops were planted. It was God's way of ensuring that freedom won in the Exodus would never be lost, that no one would remain trapped in poverty, injustice, or despair. The Jubilee was a "great reset," not just of economics or property, but of human dignity and divine mercy. The Church later established Jubilee Years to occur every 25 years, making this sacred time of grace and renewal more accessible to each generation.



In 2025, the Church once again celebrates a Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Francis as a time for the whole world to rediscover hope, especially amidst so much conflict, division, and uncertainty in our times; the theme being *Pilgrims of Hope*. It is a personal invitation to slow down and renew oneself... "to let go and let God".

A central feature of any Jubilee is the opening of the Holy Door in Rome, and in cathedrals around the world. This door symbolises Christ Himself, who says, "I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved" (John 10:9). Passing through the Jubilee Door as a pilgrim is supposed to be a reflective and rejuvenating time.

I'm excited to share that next week, Sunday 22nd June at the **9:30am Mass** we will officially open our **Jubilee Archway** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra. The archway will be decorated by the art submissions of various ministries and cultural groups in the Parish and will remain accessible throughout the rest of the year. And much like a Holy Door, it will serve as a symbol of renewal, grace, and spiritual invitation during this Jubilee Year.

A holiday and a pilgrimage may both involve travel, but they are not the same. A holiday is like scrolling through photos whereas a pilgrimage is like stepping into the story. One offers leisure and enjoyment, the other invites active growth and deeper transformation.

Pilgrimage often includes challenge such as delays, discomfort, even struggle. But rather than being obstacles, these are seen as spiritually meaningful. As Christians, we believe that the journey itself is holy. Life, after all, is a kind of pilgrimage and the Jubilee reminds us that it is not just a journey to somewhere, but a doorway into seeing life differently with hope.

Personally, I love adventure and being in the great outdoors. There's something about nature that makes me feel truly alive, free from the confines of four walls. Whether it's after a jog, a surf, or a fishing session, I always try to take home a little lesson. My latest lesson? Tie knots properly and check the fishing line for wear and tear otherwise with one strong cast, your lure might go flying off! In the same way, try to be intentional about your pilgrimage through life. Every step, every moment, can teach us something if we're open to it.

Perhaps, like many of us, you've found it hard to slow down with everything life demands. It's hard to believe we're nearly halfway through 2025! But maybe, this year, something as simple as walking through the OLR Jubilee Archway or through the Holy Door at the Cathedral in Brisbane can be your quiet "yes" to God, a moment to encounter Jesus anew and take a simple step toward a fresh start, especially in the wake of being filled with the Spirit at Pentecost.

The Jubilee is more than a biblical tradition or Church event, it's a deeply personal invitation to return, release, and renew. A chance to begin again in the boundless mercy of God.

May your journey this week be marked by hope, renewal, and growth. *Fr Gerard*



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## The Sunshine Coast Homeless Need Our Help

With only 6 days to go, the race is on for each of the Priests to make their \$5000 target. Balance to date – Fr. Josh \$3742 and Fr Gerard \$4041. 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!

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## Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop – Implementing the RAP

EXPLORE THE DEEP HISTORY OF ABORIGINAL  
CULTURE AND CARING FOR COUNTRY

This workshop plays a vital role in reconciliation, offering a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, storytelling traditions, and cultural environmental

practices across the Sunshine Coast. It highlights the profound spiritual and cultural connection to land and waters, fostering meaningful reflection and engagement. Many parishes from across the Archdiocese will be traveling to attend this workshop. This is an invitation and an appeal to OLR parishioners to join this special presentation being hosted in our own Parish.

**With special guest: Kerry Jones.** Kerry Jones is a Kabi Kabi man from the Sunshine Coast and a Director of the Bunya Bunya Country Aboriginal Corporation. Since 2016, he has been an advocate for the Kabi Kabi First Nation and has worked with various environmental groups such as Maroochy Waterwatch.

Kerry is passionate about reintroducing traditional fire management practices and values collaboration with partners to support Kabi Kabi leadership in this field.

This will be an opportunity to listen with an open heart, learn and engage in meaningful conversations, as we move forward on the shared journey of reconciliation and unity.

Followed by an info session about implementing the RAP with a focus on key action items to increase inclusiveness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in our Parish.

**Date: Saturday 28th June Time: 9:30am – 2:30 pm**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 61 Edmund St, Caloundra**

**Cost: FREE** but donations welcomed – all proceeds will go towards sponsoring Elders in communities a seat at the Reconciliation dinner **RSVP: Thursday 26th June 2025**

*Please bring a savory or sweet plate of food to share for morning tea and lunch.*  
*For dietary requirements please label food – eg. Dairy free, gluten free. Tea, coffee, water will be supplied.*

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## Kingdom Kids Youth

Kingdom Kids Youth Group is back on next **Tuesday 17th June 4pm - 5:30pm**  
**at Unity College Chapel!**

This Youth group is aimed at children in Grade 4-6. These evenings are opportunities to hang out and explore the faith in an accessible way, participate in games and activities, engage with input that helps build understanding of who Jesus is in their lives, and build friendships with likeminded kids in the parish.

If you would like to register your child, please scan the QR code here for the registration form!  
Any other questions, please contact Amelia - [willmera@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:willmera@bne.catholic.net.au)



## 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.



With only 2 weeks to go we need your **RSVP** to the Parish office by **24th June** for catering purposes.

Ph: 5430 9389 or [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

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

### Catholic Mission Event

What a great event held at Caloundra last Monday morning, with beautiful and enthusiastic parishioners who came and listened to Abraham Muma talk on the latest projects in Zambia. If you missed out on the



talk and would like

more information, please scan the QR code or email:

[jcullen@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:jcullen@catholicmission.org.au)



### The Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is the official title of the journey to become a Catholic as an adult. We have a group of around 10 people who are actively seeking to join the family of the Church. If you are **interested in completing your sacraments**, you want to start your **journey of discernment to become a Catholic** or you **know someone who is interested now** is the time to let us know.

Join us on **26<sup>th</sup> of June in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm** for our **Come & See Evening** where we will discuss all the details of the upcoming journey and you can meet the team.

We encourage interested candidates to contact the parish office and someone from the RCIA team will be in contact.

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If you are already a Catholic and passionate about supporting the journey of our candidates please let us know. We are looking for people to assist with hospitality, companionship and sponsorship for our candidates. You do not have to be a Catholic expert - so if you are interested contact us via the office and we would love to speak to you.

*Have a blessed week, Beth Davies, Mission Coordinator.*



### Grief Support

The next monthly Grief Support meeting for all parishioners will be held at OLR on **Friday 20th June at 9.30am** followed by morning tea. Major life changes or events may cause severe emotional distress.

If the Grief Support team can be of confidential assistance, please contact the Parish office or email Kath at [olrgriefsupp@gmail.com](mailto:olrgriefsupp@gmail.com)

### Family Fun Day – Saturday 5th July 11am-2pm

Our next parish Family Fun Day will be held on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 2pm** at the Kings Beach Amphitheatre! This will be a wonderful day filled with games, activities, and plenty of food to go around. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the registration form by scanning the QR code. More detailed information to come closer to the date. *God Bless, Children & Families Team.*



### Two-Minute Homily

This Trinity Sunday we are blessed to hear from Fr Gerard who beautifully reflects on the profound truth that God is love in perfect communion. Go to our website [caloundracatholicparish.net](http://caloundracatholicparish.net) to

Follow the link to listen to Fr Gerard speak or [brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au)



### On the Journey

We congratulate **Indiah Webb, Nash Stewart & Arlo Rooks** who will be baptised at Caloundra & Landsborough this weekend. We pray for **Lyn Ivey** (Maleny) whose funeral will be 17th June 10.30am Albany Creek Crematorium chapel. May her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, may they **Rest in Peace.**

## Parish Diary

### Monday 16 June

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

### Tuesday 17 June

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

### Wednesday 18 June

Liturgy (OLR School) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 19 June

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

### Friday 20 June

Lay Led liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

### Saturday 21 June

NO Morning Mass (OLR)

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

### Saturday 21 June

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

### Sunday 22 June

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Maleny) 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!



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