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Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Did you know that in our parish, 52% of our worshipping community is over 70 years old, and a cumulative 76% are over 50? I have recently been thinking about the opportunity for healing – spiritual and physical – that is offered when we celebrate the Anointing of the Sick, one of the two healing Sacraments (the other being Reconciliation). Time and again, I've experienced first-hand with parishioners the power this sacrament offers to those who receive the healing balm of oil, prayer and physical contact with another human being. Celebrating this Sacrament is a privilege that is not lost on me.

Would you be surprised to know, however, that the Anointing of the Sick is not just for those in danger of death? Rather, the onset of any medical condition or serious illness, or injury, or simply old age are the conditions required to validate the administration of this sacrament. Our very own *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

It is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him/her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived (CCC §1514).

Unfortunately, sometimes the Anointing of the Sick is still postponed until someone is at the point of dying. While the Sacrament certainly remains valid at the end of a person's life, the liturgy prays for recovery and healing – both spiritual and physical. In essence, Anointing of the Sick is an outpouring of God's grace for a person's healing and includes, but is not limited to:

- The uniting of the sick person to Jesus' own passion, for their own good and that of the whole Church
- The strengthening, peace, and courage to endure the sufferings of illness or old age in a Christian manner
- The forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was *not* able to obtain it through the sacrament of Reconciliation
- The restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of their soul
- Preparation for passing over to eternal life

While the administration of this sacrament is restricted to a priest due to its penitential nature, pastoral care of the sick is something in which every person is able to engage. In fact, it's one of the seven corporal works of mercy and comes straight from Jesus' influential Parable of the Sheep and Goats: "Whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me" (cf. Mt 25:31-46). In 1980, Pope Saint John Paul II declared: "Jesus Christ taught that [we] not only receive and experience the mercy of God, but that [we] are also called to practice mercy towards others" (*Dives in misericordia*, §14).

With this vision of healing and mercy in mind, our parish is once again embracing the practice of celebrating dedicated Anointing Masses throughout the year. These will be opportunities for those experiencing the conditions described above – serious illness, the effects of old age, or ongoing physical suffering – to receive the sacrament in the context of a communal Eucharistic celebration.

Our **first Anointing Mass** will take place at **Maleny** on Sunday, 13th July (9am Mass). All those who are eligible and feel drawn to receive this healing sacrament are warmly invited. Following this, there will be additional Anointing Masses held at **Caloundra** on Thursday 31st July (9am Mass), **Landsborough** on Sunday 7th September (9am Mass), **Beerwah** on Friday 3rd October (9am Mass).

This is a beautiful step forward in our parish's commitment to honouring the wisdom and needs of our older community members, and to making God's healing grace more visible in the lives of those who need it most. May these celebrations become a rich expression of our parish's faith, care and compassion.

Wishing you peace, blessings and healing. Fr Josh

If you ordered a badge please collect your badge from your Mass centre.



Congratulations to Fr Gerard, who celebrates two years of ordination this Sunday, 29th June. Thank you, Fr Gerard, for the love, care, and compassion you show in your vocation.

Peter's Pence

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. This year's collection will be taken up this weekend the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.

No Children's liturgy during the school holidays. See you all on the 20th July!

Alpha

It is with gratitude, mixed with a tinge of sadness, that we say goodbye to our current season of Alpha. This coming Tuesday is the final official week of gathering for our current group of participants. Alpha is a truly unique, fun, beautiful experience. Over 10 weeks strangers become friends and friends become family. As a previous participant, host and helper at Alpha it is truly inspirational to witness yourself and those in the group make the journey from unsure



and sometimes cynical to open and faith filled and hungry to experience Jesus. As you can see the group have been engaged across the time. We have had some laughs and shared some



heartfelt stories and thoughts with each other along the way.

As our year rolls forward the Faith and Formation team are getting ready to welcome our new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Candidates into a modified Alpha program to begin their process of learning and discernment to become Catholics. As these new and prospective members of our church family journey we ask that you pray for them and the RCIA team as we journey with them. Both Alpha and RCIA represent the living out of the primary call of Jesus to His church – to evangelise. In these endeavours we are bringing people, beloved children of the Father into the family of God by proclaiming and bringing people into the Kingdom of God through Baptising and the sacraments of initiation. (Matt 28:16-20).

In the coming weeks if you feel drawn to begin a deeper engagement with our commission from Jesus to bring the good news to others, I challenge you to respond to this call. We have new seasons of Alpha starting in October this year – intentionally put the time aside and contact the office to put your name on a waitlist for the next Alpha. You might consider accompanying one of our new candidates who need someone to walk alongside them. Or you may even wish to participate in Alpha along with our RCIA candidates. If you want to know more about any of these opportunities, you can email or call the office – caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au and they will put you in touch with our team.

First Holy Communion Registrations are Open!



If your child is in Grade 4-6 and has already completed the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to register them for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. (For those families who had signed up for confirmation this year and your child is in year 4 and above please email the parish office that you would like your child to continue their sacrament, you don't need to register again). The 2025 Sacramental Program (FHC) will launch on **Tuesday night 22nd July 5-6pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Please register through the website by scanning the QR code. (If you haven't already done so you will need to join Flocknote first).

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 **Thursday 3rd July 7-8pm**. 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



On the Journey

We pray for **Gina Fry** whose funeral service will be at OLR 11am on the 1st July. May her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, **Rest in Peace.**

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

Apologies for the Short Notice Important Event – Postponed!



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Reconciliation Action Plan Workshop that was to be held on Saturday 28th June at OLR Church, has been postponed until August.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused. The Archdiocesan Ministries team will advise of the rescheduled date once confirmed.

Children and Families Ministry Update

Our next big event is **Saturday 5th July: Parish Family Fun Day!** This will be a wonderful event for families in the Parish. From 11am –2pm, we will be at Kings Beach Amphitheatre bringing the vibes, games, activities, food, and even a footy game! Please register your attendance via the QR code!

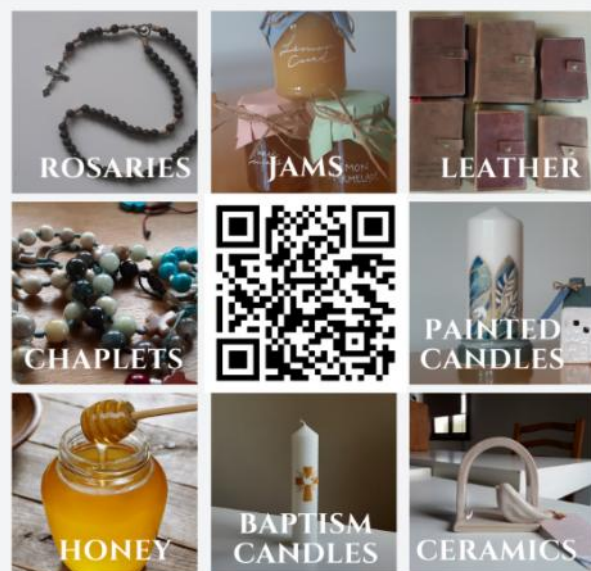
The next Kingdom Kids night will be **Tuesday 15th July 4-5:30pm at Unity College Hall/Chapel**. Make sure to register using the QR code below (targeted at children in grades 4-6)!

For more information and for **all our upcoming events in Term 3 & 4**, please email us at cp.childrenandfamilies@bne.catholic.net.au or check out our **website page!**



These events and initiatives are a great way to build connections and relationships with other families within the parish, and provide your kids an awesome opportunity to connect with other likeminded children in the community! If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at any time!

God Bless, Children and Families Ministry Team (Fr Gerard, Amelia, Julie, Nadine, Mark & David)



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Sisters of Mary Morning Star

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star will be visiting the Parish next weekend **5/6 July**.

They will have a table set up at the OLR 7.30 /9.30, 11am Brazilian Mass and at Unity 5pm

Parish Diary

Monday 30 June

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

Tuesday 1 July

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

Wednesday 2 July

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

Thursday 3 July

St Thomas, apostle

Lay Led Liturgy (OLR) 9am

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

Friday 4 July

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

Saturday 5 July

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

Saturday 5 July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm


Sunday 6 July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prayer in the Catholic Tradition

For more details call the Nambour Parish office on 54411034 or scan the QR Code below.



PRAYER IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION IN SIX SESSIONS OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

12 July 2025
Apophatic Prayer – Deacon Paul Jensen

7 August 2025
Lectio Divina – Fr Paul Chandler O.Carm.


18 September 2025
Jesus Prayer – Caleb Bowles

16 October 2025
Ignatian Prayer – Deacon Peter Pellican

8 November 2025
Prayer in the Holy Spirit – Mike Humphrys

25th November 2025
Liturgical Prayer – Sister Ursula O'Rourke

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