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Responding to God's Invitation

If you have been around our Parish for any length of time you will notice that we tend to mention the word 'encounter' a lot. It is, after all, the central focus of our parish mission, "To be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus". While one encounter with the living Jesus can indeed completely transform a person, an ongoing pattern of encounter will propel them to transform others!

As Catholics we are incredibly blessed to have the sacraments as tangible moments of grace and meeting with God. These summit moments are pivotal to our journey and pattern of life but they are not the only places where we can encounter God. If we wish to pursue life everyday with Jesus, the Gospel invites us to consider opportunities to experience a deeper encounter with the living Lord.

This is already the desire of many hearts in our parish community - the bold response to Fr Josh & Fr Gerard's Pentecost challenge a few weeks ago was certainly evidence of this growing sense of desire. It is clear Holy Spirit is doing something in our Parish. No parish, for example, grows in numbers following a reduction in Masses, but we have grown by over 100 parishioners! This is just one example which has challenged the parish Senior Leadership Team to think about regular opportunities for people to respond to the movement of Holy Spirit in their hearts. Over the coming weeks we will begin offering the opportunity for prayer ministry immediately following weekend Masses.

On several occasions in the Holy Scriptures, God invites us to pray for one another with the laying on of hands. This is a very ancient and simple tradition in our Church and one that is open to any baptised person. You will see in this week's newsletter an invitation for those who might be interested to be *trained* in prayer ministry or prayer teams (as they are sometimes called) after Mass. A prayer team is two people who pray with those who come for prayer with specific needs. Praying for ourselves is good, but it can be deeply moving and impactful to have others stand with us and pray in faith and belief that God is intervening in our lives. Jesus promises "Where two or more are gathered in my name there, I am in the midst of them" Matt 18:20.

Many of the most profound lifechanging encounters in my life have happened when I have humbled myself and stepped out to ask for someone to pray with me for a particular need. Taking a step of faith like that can take courage, but faith attracts God's attention and action. Simon walks on water after a step of faith; the woman with the issue of blood is healed after a step of faith; Jesus, the King of the Universe stops and marvels at the faith of the Centurion who understood that Jesus could heal his servant from a distance.

This new ministry in our parish offers a concrete place where we can respond to the week-to-week call of God in our hearts. God is constantly calling us *into* more and *for* more. Creating room for more in our hearts begins with being prepared to give Him more and stepping beyond what we may have done before.

Beth Davies,
Mission Coordinator

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

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

First Holy Communion Registrations close 17th July!



Only a week to go to get your registration form in and up to date!
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).



light of Pope Leo's recent encouragement to "Become Fishers of Families" (June 2, 2025). **Congratulations** to the Children & Families MLT for your initiative.

Children & Families Fun Day

Last weekend, our parish's Children & Families Ministry Leadership Team (MLT) hosted a fun day in the sunshine at Kings Beach Amphitheatre. Over 60 people gathered for fun, food and games - including children, parents and grandparents. Events such as these are becoming increasingly important in our parish journey - especially in

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 18th July at 12 noon at The Caloundra Powerboat Club 2 Lamerough Parade Golden Beach**. All ladies from the whole Parish are welcome to attend. As the venue will need numbers, please RSVP to Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 14th July.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal – envelopes at each Mass

Our annual Winter Appeal is next weekend **19\20 July**. While you would be aware Vinnies assist those in need with emergency accommodation, food and clothing we also make it a priority to support the educational needs of children in families who may be struggling financially. Heartbreaking when we hear of students unable to go to school because they did not have any food for their lunch. Or when a child has only one uniform and sometimes, if the single uniform has to be washed it can not be dried in time, so the child goes to school wearing a damp uniform. Missing school camps or sporting events due to lack of funds also has a very negative and long lasting effect on students. The cost of educating a child, even at a local State School, is surprisingly expensive. To set up a child for year seven at a local High School can be well over \$1500 with uniforms, levies, Year 7 camp in first term, booklist and a BYOD (a laptop which meets the set school requirements). Thank you for your support in assisting parents meet the educational needs of their children. Jesus also had a special love for children.

Volunteer Role: Worship Ministry Leader

Are you passionate about worship and eager to lead others in encountering Jesus through liturgy? Our Parish is seeking a volunteer Worship Ministry Leader to help animate and coordinate the liturgical life of our multi-site parish. Guided by our mission *"to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus,"* this role invites someone with leadership gifts and a heart for worship to lead a small existing team of volunteers. If you're ready to make a meaningful contribution to our parish's spiritual renewal, please contact Fr Josh through the parish office to learn more.

Understanding Praying & Living the Scriptures - Module 2

Registration is now open for this groundbreaking second Module from Archdiocesan Ministries. Presenters include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Deacon Peter Pelicaan PHD, Melissa Ledwich and Caleb Bowles.

This course is available in person at Banyo or online.

Details: Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Dates: 10 Monday nights, 4 August - 20 October, 2025*
Location: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo
Cost: \$250pp for individuals, \$150pp for groups of 5 or more
RSVP: Friday 1 August, 2025
*excluding 29 September & 6 October

You can register via the QR code.

If you would like more information a prospectus is available from the parish office.



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

Kingdom Kids

Our next Kingdom Kids Youth Group will be held

Tuesday 15th July at Unity College Hall from 4-5:30pm!

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



Parish Diary

Monday 14 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 15 July

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 16 July

(OLR School liturgy) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 17 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 18 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny) 3-4pm

Saturday 19 July

NO Morning Mass (OLR)

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

Saturday 19 July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

Sunday 20 July

16th 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

Invitation to Prayer Team Information & Training

Have you felt stirred to go deeper in your faith to accompany others to encounter Jesus more personally? Our parish is beginning a new prayer ministry after each weekend Mass – and so we are inviting expressions of interest. Prayer teams are simply two people who offer to pray with others for their needs, trusting Jesus' promise: "Where two or more are gathered, I am there." If you are open to being trained in this simple yet powerful ministry, please join us for an initial Prayer Team information and training session at **10.30am in the OLR Egan Room on Saturday, 2nd August**. We look forward to seeing you there. *Beth and Fr Josh*

Date Claimer: Saturday 23rd August

Parish Summit Day – Vision, Mission, and Strategy

We last came together in December 2022 to share our hopes and dreams for the parish's Five-Year Strategic Plan. On **Saturday 23rd August, from 8:30am to 3:30pm**, we will gather once again for a **Parish Summit Day** – a key moment for reflecting on our progress and renewing our shared mission.

This time, we'll focus on three essential areas of growth in our Christian journey:

- Keeping **Christ at the centre** of our lives
- Deepening our **identity as disciples**
- Equipping ourselves to **actively accompany others** to encounter Jesus

Please **save the date in your diary**. The venue will be confirmed based on numbers (whether we are above or below 100 participants), so we encourage you to register early. Registration details will be available in next weekend's newsletter. I look forward to journeying together with you at this important event. *Fr Josh*

If you are celebrating Mass at OLR Caloundra, please enter through our Jubilee Door!

150 years of Edmund Rice Ministry



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On Monday, July 5th, 1875, the Christian Brothers began their ministry to the people of Queensland in Brisbane, at the former St Stephen's Cathedral. July 6th marked 150 years since that humble yet bold venture commenced.

To commemorate this significant milestone, the planning committee warmly invites all past and present staff and students of schools and ministries associated with Edmund Rice Ministries to join us in a Eucharist of Thanksgiving, led by Archbishop Mark on Thursday July 31st at 1.30pm, at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by refreshments.

This celebration is not only a tribute to our rich history but also a prayerful moment for the future of Edmund Rice Ministries.

On the Journey

We congratulate *Jye Williamson & Trish Callegari* who will be baptised at Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for *Damien Joseph* who has recently died. May his soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, **Rest in Peace.**

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