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Living out Synodality in Our Parish

As we continue to navigate a time of renewal in our parish, I invite every single person to reflect deeply on who we are—our identity as individual Catholics and as one Body—and where we are going as a community of faith. This invitation to reflection has been instigated by my attendance at the recent **Archdiocese of Brisbane Clergy and Principals' Forum**. The forum was led by **Suzanne Pascoe**, a key Australian participant in both sessions of the global **Synod on Synodality in 2023/24**. Suzanne's experience and wisdom helped those present grasp the concept of Synodality more clearly—a journey of becoming a more listening, discerning, and mission-driven Church.

Our parish's mission is clear: **to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus**. This is not a slogan; it is a summons. It is a call to each of us—not just clergy or leadership—to be people of presence, welcome, and witness in a rapidly changing Church and world. We know this is not without difficulty. In the past 10 months, we have experienced significant pastoral change and challenge ourselves, and while these changes have not been easy, we are being invited into something deeper. As the Synod documents spell out and remind us, *"this is a time not just for management, but for missionary creativity."* A time to move from maintenance to mission. A time to listen, discern, and act together.

At the heart of the Synod's vision is a call to **formation in ecclesial (church) discernment**. Formation is essential—not simply to maintain programs or schedules, but to foster a shared spiritual attentiveness to what God is doing in our midst. This is why it is also crucial that we continue to be intentional around raising up and forming lay leaders: people equipped to help lead prayerful listening, dialogue, and discernment at every level of parish life.

Our parish is uniquely diverse—spanning urban and rural communities, young families and older parishioners, newcomers and long-established locals. While this diversity is a gift, it also presents a challenge: to resist the pull of individualism or the desire to cling to what was. The invitation now is to seek unity, not uniformity—to grow into one body with many members, all centred in Christ.

The Synod documents also speak to the evolving nature of parish boundaries and traditional structures. As territorial bonds shift and fade, the Church must work to *"rebuild community life, to put a face to faceless entities, and to strengthen relationships."* This is especially true for those on the peripheries, who require deliberate pastoral care. We cannot become vibrant if some among us feel left behind. Every change and challenge we experience, however, is a spiritual opportunity—an opportunity to encounter someone new, to hear a different story, and to forge bonds across old lines. It is a chance to become one parish in truth, not just in name.

I am especially pleased to share that **our parish will soon be offered opportunities to gather and actively discern how we might implement the actions and priorities that emerged from the Archdiocesan Synod**. This will be a chance for us to not only reflect, but to prayerfully participate in shaping the future direction of our parish in light of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in our Archdiocese at this time.

So let us move forward with hope, not hesitation. Let us become a **school of discipleship**, where faith formation is ongoing, and every person—young or old—knows they are valued, heard, and called. Let us create a **parish culture** where leaders are nurtured and decisions flow from prayerful listening to the Holy Spirit. Above all, let us not retreat into separate identities. Let us step toward each other—across communities, across Mass times, and across change. Unity is not achieved by accident; it is built by choosing **communion over comfort, discernment over reaction, and mission over nostalgia**.

If we embrace this journey, we will not only survive this season of change, we will be **transformed by it**. By becoming more deeply who we are called to be, we will lead others into the joy of encountering Jesus. May the Spirit guide us; may Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, intercede for us; and may Jesus, alive in His Church, be the centre of all we are and do.

With prayer and hope, Fr Josh

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

Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This week is the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal at most communities. Envelopes are available on the pews and may be placed in the collection baskets. If you wish to take the envelope home and bring it back at a later date that would be fine. While we acknowledge Vinnies makes regular requests for your support, sadly we have an ever increasing need within our community. In the next few months all Vinnies conferences will be contacting families who are struggling to meet the educational needs of their children. The financial support we provide assists greatly in getting students ready for starting next year on a positive note.

And this is just one of the many ways we provide practical assistance to those in need. Thank you for your continued support you show within our community.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 26/27 July

In 2021, Pope Francis instituted a new annual celebration in our Catholic calendar: the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*. The theme for the 2025 celebration is *"Blessed are those who have not lost hope,"* taken from the Book of Sirach (Sir 14:2). This theme invites us to reflect on the elderly as a vital source of wisdom and hope within our families and communities.

This special day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July, near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. It is a meaningful opportunity not only to honour the contributions of older generations but also to foster a spirit of connection and hope across all ages.

We are encouraged to recognise the invaluable wisdom and lived experience of the elderly, and to invite younger generations to engage with, learn from, and celebrate them. **Families of all generations**—grandchildren, children, grandparents, and even great-grandparents—**are warmly invited to gather together for the celebration of the Eucharist** at any parish Mass next weekend, 26/27 July.

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.

Kingdom Kids

Our next Kingdom Kids Youth Group will be held
Tuesday 26th August 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



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.



On the Journey

We congratulate [August & Emery Magolan](#), [Ruben & Kyah Lockwood](#) and [Annabelle McMahon](#) who will be baptised at Caloundra and Landsborough this weekend.

We pray for [Howard Smith](#) whose funeral was on Thursday. May his 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.

Biggest Morning Tea – This Monday 21st July

The craft group is hosting a morning tea for The Cancer Council this **Monday 21st of July 10am** in the Parish Centre.

All parishioners are welcome. No need to RSVP but if you would like more information you could contact Rosemary 0438812693

Please bring a small donation which will go to the Cancer Council.

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*

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during the school term at the 9am Maleny and 9:30am Caloundra Masses, all younger members of our Parish Family are invited to a special *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. All are welcome.

Date Claimer: Saturday 23rd August

Parish Summit Day

We last came together in December 2022 and so on **Saturday 23rd August, from 8:30am to 3:30pm**, we will gather once again for a **Parish Summit Day** – a key moment for all parishioners to reflect on and renew our shared mission.

Please **save the date in your diary**.

More details and registration in next weeks newsletter. *Fr Josh*

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We all have a duty of care to each other, so if you see any issues of concern please email the parish office as we need a paper trail to attend to issues.

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Missionary Morning Tea at the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Caloundra are holding a Missionary Morning Tea supporting a Women's Refuge in PNG. **On Tuesday 22 July from 9:30am Morning tea & Market Stalls at 119 Sugar Bag Road, Little Mountain**

At 10:30am a Concert featuring the Salvation Army Divisional Fellowship Band will entertain us. Entry only \$10.

Please notify Marg Lenz on 0459 998 824 if you intend to attend.

Year of Engagement Prayer

Lord God, I say yes to your will for me:

To live out my baptism in obedience to you.

As a member of our parish, I commit myself to your mission of invitation: To be vibrant like your Son,
to extend myself in charity,

and to actively accompany people to encounter Jesus.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Parish Diary

Monday 21 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 22 July

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 23 July

(OLR School liturgy) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 24 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 25 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny) 3-4pm

Saturday 26 July

NO Morning Mass (OLR)

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

Saturday 26 July

Grandparent Day

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

Sunday 27 July

Grandparent Day

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am



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