



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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### Faith Communities Council: Leading with Joy and Purpose

Did you know that our parish is guided by a passionate group of lay people called *Pastoral Leaders*? These are everyday parishioners who have been invited into leadership within their local Mass communities to nurture faith, build community, and support our shared mission. Together, they form what we call the Faith Communities Council, or FCC – a team that meets regularly to pray, share, and discern what God is asking of us in our parish's six main Mass communities.

When the FCC gathers each month, one of the first things they do is share the “wins” – signs of growth, connection, and joy. This practice isn't accidental. As the saying goes, “*Culture is formed by what we celebrate and what we tolerate,*” and the FCC is intentional about celebrating what is good and life-giving.

Lately, there has been a lot to celebrate. People are engaging more deeply at Mass, with a growing buzz as parishioners greet each other and take time to learn names. A simple invitation to learn three new names is helping build a culture of welcome. More people are lingering after Mass to chat, with even previously reserved parishioners now staying to connect. Name badges are becoming more common, helping people feel seen. Young children are stepping forward to carry the gifts at Mass, while new volunteers are entering into ministry. Even sacramental enquiries, particularly for Baptism, are flowing naturally from these joyful Sunday experiences. One Pastoral Leader remarked, “It just feels like everyone's getting happier.” And that matters.

But the FCC doesn't just celebrate – it dreams and strategizes. At each meeting, the Pastoral Leaders reflect deeply and share on what God might be inviting their community into next. They ask: Where is growth possible? What would meaningful change look like? How can we give our lives to God more fully?

These questions often lead to some practical conversations. Leaders are thinking creatively about how we welcome people, from making sure greeters remain available for latecomers to inviting every parishioner to take personal responsibility for hospitality. They're exploring how to involve children more meaningfully, and how to encourage stronger singing and participation to create a more joyful and prayerful atmosphere. They're working to ensure all Mass communities feel part of one united parish through consistent symbols, language, and events. Above all, they are trying to help every parishioner feel connected and included, no matter which Mass they attend.

What makes this work especially meaningful is that the FCC isn't some distant committee. It's made up of people you already know – the ones who welcome you at the start of each Mass. Their leadership helps ensure that our parish doesn't just run smoothly, but that it flourishes with purpose, guided by the Spirit and united in mission.

So what can you do? Start by saying hello to your Pastoral Leader. Ask them what they're noticing. Take the invitation to learn three new names this week. Think about one small way you might help your local community grow – whether that's by offering a welcome, lending a hand, or simply being more present. And most of all, please pray for your Pastoral Leader and the Faith Communities Council. Their work, while often behind the scenes, is helping our parish grow into a place that is alive with the joy of the Gospel.

Let's keep building a parish that is **Christ-Centred, Relationship-Centred, Generous, Joyful, Courageous, Authentic**, and rooted in the mission to actively accompany people to encounter Jesus.

With peace and love,  
Fr Josh

# Happy Grandparents Day to all our wonderful Grandparents & elderly!

## Service and Outreach Ministry Update

### Community Cooking Ministry: Compassion in Action

Our Parish Community Cooking Ministry recently finished their latest batch of cook-ups, continuing to be the hands and feet of Jesus, providing nutritious meals to those in need in our region. With more than 1,000 meals produced and counting, our cooking ministry is making a real difference for those struggling in our community. We are so grateful for the generous support of our incredible volunteers—from our Parish, the Uniting Church, and Unity College students and staff and to all our parishioners who have generously donated food and financial support through our food drives. Your kindness and generosity are bringing hope to those who need it most.



### Local Outreach Initiatives

Our Parish continues to support Outreach initiatives in our community with the team providing hot soup for the recent Rosies Christmas in July event as well as home cooked meals for regular outreaches with Share-a-Meal who gather each Thursday evening at Happy Valley with meals and fellowship for those doing it tough in our community.



If you would be interested in Volunteering as part of our Outreach team to help support initiatives like these in our local community please reach out to: [cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au)

We would love to have you join with our team to help those in the community who need it most.



### Walking the Path of Reconciliation

The Parish hosted its "What's a Reconciliation Action Plan?" workshop, with more than 20 parishioners coming together to hear an insightful presentation from Joni McCourt (Archdiocesan RAP Manager) and Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministries). The session explored meaningful ways to advance reconciliation in our parish and community through a Reconciliation Action Plan. Unfortunately the follow up "RAP Networking Workshop - Implementing the RAP" scheduled for the end of June had to be rescheduled. This will now be hosted on **August 30<sup>th</sup>**. It will be an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations, as we move forward on the shared journey of reconciliation. It will include an information

session focused on implementing the RAP and focus on key action items to increase inclusiveness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in our Parish. **Pease bring a plate to share - No RSVP Needed - All are Welcome on Saturday 30th August |10:30am-3:00pm at OLR Caloundra.** Whether stirring a pot, setting a table, or listening with an open heart—every act of service is a step closer to the kind of community we're called to build. Thank you for being part of this journey with us. *David, Bob, Trish, Mary & Roz*

## Pilgrims of Hope: A United Celebration for Catholic Education Week

In a beautiful expression of unity and faith, Unity College, Notre Dame College, and Our Lady of the Rosary School will come together to celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW) with a meaningful pilgrimage from Shelly Beach to Our Lady of the Rosary Church. This shared journey will culminate in a Mass attended by students and staff from all three schools.

This year's CEW theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, resonates deeply with the 2025 Jubilee Year theme and reminds us of the enduring power of hope—hope that transcends boundaries, inspires action, and brings communities together. As pilgrims walking side by side, we reflect on our shared mission to nurture faith, learning, and compassion in our schools.

To mark this special occasion, a scallop shell design has been added to our event materials. Traditionally associated with pilgrimage, the shell symbolises our spiritual journey and the unity of purpose that guides us. It serves as a visual reminder of our commitment to walk together in faith and hope.

This pilgrimage is more than a walk—it is a celebration of our Catholic identity, a moment of reflection, and a powerful testament to the strength of our parish school community. We look forward to sharing this sacred experience and continuing our journey as *Pilgrims of Hope*.

*Grant Haigh – Principal OLR*

**The Assumption** Thursday 14th August 6pm – OLR & Landsborough (Vigil Mass)  
(Holy Day of Obligation) Friday 15th August 9am – OLR & Beerwah



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

**Congratulations** to our very own parishioner and Principal of [Notre Dame College](#), Mr Dan McShea, for being awarded the Spirit of Catholic Education by Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) this past week. Dan was nominated alongside other educators and staff members within BCE for his wonderful contribution to the life of his school community. We are proud to call Dan, who, with his family, worships at 5pm Notre Dame and 9.30am OLR Masses, one of our own. **Congratulations Dan!**



### **You're Invited: Prayer Team Training** Saturday 2nd August | 10:30am | Egan Room

Have you ever felt called to pray with others? We're inviting all parishioners to take part in **Prayer Team Training** as we prepare to launch a new **Post-Mass Prayer Ministry** in our parish.

This ministry will begin as a pilot program at **OLR Church**, but is intended to grow across all our communities. We're looking for people who are open, compassionate, and willing to pray with others in a simple, Spirit-led way after Mass.

Come along to the training on **Saturday 2nd August at 10:30am in the Egan Room** to learn more, grow in confidence, and discern if this might be a way you can serve. All are welcome – no experience necessary, just an open heart. If you're interested but unable to attend, or would like to know more, please contact the parish office and we will organise other options. Let's grow a culture of prayer, hope, and healing in our parish – together. **Beth and Fr Josh**

### **Junior Altar Servers Day - August 16th**

Calling all children interested in Altar serving in our Parish!  
These training days are for you!

Come along and learn about the Mass, and begin your journey as an Altar Server in this Parish. Junior Altar Servers are placed on a roster at their preferred Mass Centre, and will have plenty of support as they continue to learn and develop their skills! Altar Servers are encouraged to come back to our training days to help new Altar Servers and refresh their memory! Our next Training Day is **Saturday 16th August 1:30pm - 3:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church**. Please click scan the QR code to register.



### **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Thank You.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations to our annual Winter Appeal. All funds donated will be used in the local area to assist those in need in a wide range of capacities. If you still wish to donate please place the appeal envelope on any plate during mass or in the Vinnies poor box. **God Bless.**

### **You're Invited to Parish Summit Day - "Curiosity to Encounter"**

**Saturday 23rd August | 8:30am - 3:30pm | Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra**

*Morning tea and lunch provided*

You are warmly invited to our **Parish Summit Day** – a day for everyone in our parish to come together for renewal, reflection, and connection. This year's theme, **"Curiosity to Encounter"**, invites us to move from faithful practice to personal transformation. We'll explore how a flicker of curiosity can become a deep encounter with Christ. It's a chance to reflect not only on what we do as Catholics, but on what **God is doing in us** – and how we might respond with joy and openness. The day will be filled with **inspiring input, rich conversation, shared prayer**, and a renewed sense of where God is calling us as a parish community.

Whether you're actively involved or simply seeking space to reconnect with your faith, this day is for you. **Come and be part of something life-giving. Come and be renewed. Register now by scanning the QR code** (RSVPs appreciated for catering purposes.)

### **On the Journey**

We congratulate **Cinthya McPake-Maher and Nicholas & Jaxson Barker** who will be baptised at Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for **Brian Thompson** whose funeral was on Thursday at Landsborough. We also pray for **Gloria Kelly** whose service will be on Tuesday 29th July OLR at 11am and **Margaret Walsh** whose funeral will be on the 8th August 11am at Gregson & Weight. May their soul and the souls of our deceased priests,

religious and parishioners, **Rest in Peace.**

## **Parish Diary**

### **Monday 28 July**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

### **Tuesday 29 July**

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

### **Wednesday 30 July**

(OLR School liturgy) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### **Thursday 31 July**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

### **Friday 1 August**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny) 3-4pm

### **Saturday 2 August**

NO Morning Mass (OLR)

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

### **Saturday 2 August**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

### **Sunday 3 August**

**18th 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



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