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Planning Ahead for Funerals and End-of-Life Care

From the moment of conception to natural death, every human life is sacred and deeply valuable. As a priest, I have the privilege of accompanying people through all stages of life. It's often during life's most painful and challenging moments that we grow and learn the most. While baptisms and weddings tend to follow familiar patterns, end-of-life care and funeral preparations are often unique. They are shaped by uncertainty and the many different ways people experience grief and loss. Instead of waiting until a loved one has passed, why not ease the burden on your family by planning ahead? Preparing now can take the guesswork out of difficult decisions later and allow space for peace and clarity when it matters most.

Over the years, I've walked with many families during times of grief, and one thing I often hear is, "I don't know what Mum would have wanted" or "We never spoke about this." In the middle of sorrow, those unanswered questions can add to the burden.

As Christians, we believe death is not the end but the beginning of eternal life. Preparing for it is a great sign of compassion and love for those closest to you.

Here are a few gentle suggestions:

- **Take some time to reflect on your wishes:** Would you like a funeral Mass? A particular hymn or Scripture reading? Burial or cremation? Jot these things down and share them with a loved one.
- **Have a conversation with your family:** Let them know what you've decided when the time comes. It doesn't need to be dramatic, just a simple chat around the table can ease uncertainty later on.
- **Speak with the parish:** We can assist with practical resources, pre-planning a funeral liturgy, or just simply having a quiet conversation if you're not sure where to begin.
- **Think about spiritual care:** If your health begins to decline, would you like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Would you want Communion brought to you? Or someone from the Church to simply sit and pray with you at your bedside? These moments of grace can bring great comfort. It's important to let others know your wishes in advance.

Some parishioners have even chosen to write letters to their families, leaving words of blessing and love. Others have kept a planning sheet tucked away with their important documents. These small acts can become great cherished gifts.

Our faith calls us to be people of hope (particularly fitting in this Jubilee year, where we are called to be pilgrims of hope). This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that life is fragile, and that what truly counts isn't what we accumulate, but how we live, love, and prepare our hearts for God (Luke 12:13-21). Jesus tells us we do not know the day nor the hour, so the invitation is to live wisely and faithfully now.

I invite you to take the opportunity to prepare, not just for the end, but for eternity. If you'd like support or guidance, the Parish Office is here to help.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me." – John 14:1

Blessings, Fr Gerard



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



Ignite Car Wash & BBQ



Next weekend **Sunday 10 August** our annual car wash and BBQ is on at OLR Church. There will be a sausage sizzle **after both the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses**, with cars being washed **between 7am-12noon**, for only \$20 each. If you are able to volunteer to assist with either the BBQ or car washing, please contact the Youth Team via cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au



Please continue to pray for our youth. They are preparing their hearts for the journey into Brisbane for their own experiences of encounter with God.

God bless, Christyna, Youth Minister

All funds raised go towards sending our Youth Group to Ignite Conference 2025

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 scan the QR code to register.



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.)



First Holy Communion children

Please keep in your prayers the 42 children currently preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Featured below are some of the children who were recently enrolled in the Sacramental Program during one of our parish Masses. They will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass or the 9:30am Sunday Mass at OLR on the weekend of 30-31 August.



On the Journey

We congratulate **Parker Mullane, Harriet Keane-Kelly, Knox Gleeson & Koda Ford** who will be baptised at Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for the following Parishioners whose funerals will be:

- **Margaret Walsh** 8th August 11am at Gregson & Weight.
- **Margaret Wilson** 8th August 11am OLR
- **Desmond Cliff** 14th August 12noon OLR

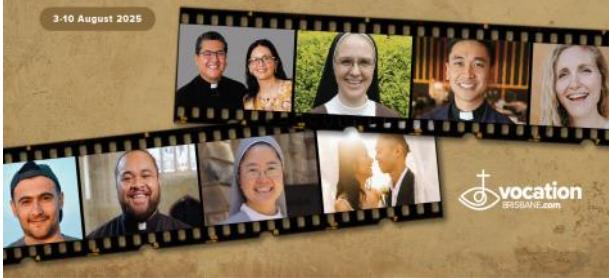
May their soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, **Rest in Peace.**

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

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

3-10 August 2025



National Vocation Awareness Week is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment in the Church, allowing people to explore their calling, and encourage their next step in following the call of God.

How will you respond to God's call this week?
How will you encourage others in their call?

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Parish Diary

Monday 4 August

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

Tuesday 5 August

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

Wednesday 6 August

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

Thursday 7 August

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

Friday 8 August

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

Saturday 9 August

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

Saturday 9 August

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

Sunday 10 August

19th 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

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 15th August at 12 noon at Landsborough Hotel 32 Cribb Street Landsborough**. If you would like to attend please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 11th August so I can confirm numbers. Anyone who would like to carpool from OLR, please let me know when you RSVP.



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



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

Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Walk

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club invites you to join in a **Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Walk** from **St Anne's Kalinga at 8am** (or from Holy Cross Woollooin at 8:35, Holy Rosary Windsor at 9:25 or the RBWH at 10:20 - if you can't walk the full 10kms) on **Saturday 16 August**, to arrive at the Cathedral in time to enter, through the Holy Door for the Year of Jubilee, for Mass at 11:30am. **All welcome!**

Enquiries to BCBC President, Michele Endicott: michele.endicott@gmail.com or 0418 708 638. If intending to join us, please call/text/email by end **Thurs 14 Aug**.



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 7th August 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



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