



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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## **From Criticism to Collaboration: Creating a Culture of Constructive Dialogue**

*“Constructive criticism about how something is being done by those who are invested in the parish, and are passionate about where the parish is going, is very different from hostility rooted in fundamental disagreement with where the parish is going.”*

Fr. James Mallon, Divine Renovation

These words offer both a challenge and an invitation as we continue to grow together at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish. They remind us that disagreement isn't inherently bad—how we engage with it is what truly matters. In a healthy parish, where people care deeply and think critically, feedback is not only expected—it's essential. But not all criticism is created equal. Constructive criticism is one of the clearest signs that someone cares. It often comes from those who have invested time, prayer, and heart into our shared mission. These are the voices we most need to hear. This kind of input might point out flaws or question decisions, but it does so from a place of love, trust, and shared purpose. It can be uncomfortable, yes—but also incredibly fruitful.

Unfortunately, not all criticism emerges from this place. Sometimes resistance arises not from a concern for the parish's health, but from unresolved hurt, fear of change, or opposition to the path of renewal itself. This kind of feedback often feels like pushback against the very heart of what we're becoming. While it still deserves attention—usually pastoral rather than strategic—it doesn't necessarily help us move forward. In fact, it can derail conversations, dishearten leaders, and create division if left unchecked.

At this point in our parish journey, change is visible. We're implementing new leadership structures, such as our Pastoral Leaders who are tasked with strengthening local community identity while also nurturing unity across the parish. With new leadership often comes new energy, different perspectives, and—understandably—questions. While these are natural responses, if we are to grow, we must create a culture where honest feedback is both welcome and constructive. That's only possible when we foster a shared understanding of what kind of parish we're trying to become, and how we treat each other along the way. Here are four principles that can help us move from criticism to collaboration:

**1. Assume the Best** - Let's begin by assuming that our fellow parishioners speak from a place of care and faith. When someone voices concern, try to hear what value or vision they're trying to protect. Listening deeply before reacting creates space for real dialogue and mutual respect.

**2. Check the Source** - Constructive feedback is future-focused. It asks how we can be more faithful and more fruitful. Destructive criticism is backward-looking: it clings to the way things were. The difference is important. One helps us grow; the other often reflects deeper wounds in need of healing.

**3. Discern Together** - No single person—priest, leader, or parishioner—has all the answers. When we share responsibility, we grow in maturity. Let's build a parish culture where feedback is expected, welcomed, and discerned in prayer, not just debated in frustration.

**4. Speak the Truth in Love** - St. Paul tells us to “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15). This is the Christian way. Speak with conviction, but also with compassion. Even disagreement, when offered in love, can be a catalyst for unity and growth.

**How to Tell if Your Feedback is Constructive** - Here are some simple questions to help you examine the nature and spirit of your feedback before you share it:

- **Am I praying before I speak?** Constructive feedback is often born in prayer. Have I asked the Holy Spirit for wisdom, humility, and clarity?
- **Is this about our mission or my personal preference?** Does my concern relate to how well we are helping people encounter Jesus—or is it mainly about what I find comfortable or familiar?
- **Do I want to help or just be heard?** Constructive criticism offers solutions and expresses a desire to contribute. Destructive criticism often just wants to vent, blame, or shut something down.
- **Have I listened and asked questions first?** Constructive feedback seeks understanding. Have I taken time to ask why a decision was made or what the purpose behind a change might be?

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**OUR PARISH'S MISSION IS TO BE A VIBRANT  
COMMUNITY THAT ACTIVELY ACCOMPANIES  
PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER JESUS**

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- **Would I say this directly to the person involved—with love?** If I'm only comfortable saying it behind someone's back or in frustration, it may not be rooted in love.
- **Does this feedback help build unity?** Am I offering this with the goal of strengthening our parish family—or could it potentially create division?

These aren't always easy questions. But they are worth asking. The goal isn't to silence dissent—it's to grow as a community that speaks honestly, listens deeply, and builds each other up. The renewal of our parish is not a straight line. It involves experiments, mistakes, and course corrections. But most importantly, it involves people—each of us—willing to participate in the journey, not just comment from the sidelines. Let's be a parish marked by honest conversation, hopeful collaboration, and a shared commitment to becoming the Body of Christ, growing in faith and mission together.

– Fr Josh

**Junior Altar Servers Training Day**

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.

**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. Anyone who would like to carpool from OLR, please contact Deborah.

**Grief Support Group**

The next Grief Support morning tea will be held on **Friday 15th August** after 9.00am Mass in the Egan room of the OLR Parish Centre. All are welcome.

For support requests, please email Kath [olrgriefsupp@gmail.com](mailto:olrgriefsupp@gmail.com)

**Assumption Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Thursday 14th August 6pm**—Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Vigil Mass).

**Thursday 14th August 6pm**—Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough (Vigil Mass).

**Friday 15th August 9am**—Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

**Friday 15th August 9am**—Mary Mackillop Church, Beerwah

**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.

**ON THE JOURNEY**

We pray for the following Parishioners whose funerals will be:

- **Desmond Cliff** 14th August 12noon OLR.

- **John Hegarty** 15<sup>th</sup> August 1pm at Gregson & Weight.

We pray for 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.**

## Kingdom Kids Youth Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Our next Kingdom Kids Youth Group will be held **Tuesday 2nd September** 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](mailto:willmera@bne.catholic.net.au)



## 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 here.



## 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 Woolloowin 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](mailto:michele.endicott@gmail.com) or 0418 708 638. If intending to join us, please call/text/email by end Thurs 14 Aug.



## Adopt a Pet - Donations Welcome

As part of Book Week celebrations at Our Lady of the Rosary School, we will once again be holding our much-loved Adopt a Pet event on **Wednesday 20th August**. For a gold coin donation, students will have the opportunity to adopt a soft toy to take home and care for. All proceeds from this event will support our Story Dogs program, which helps foster a love of reading through regular, positive reading experiences with trained volunteer dogs. We are currently seeking donations of soft toys to help make this event possible. If you have any soft toys at home that are no longer needed, we would be most grateful for your contribution.

Donations can be dropped off at the OLR School Office during school hours (8am - 4pm). Thank you for your continued support of our students and the programs that enrich their learning.

## Parish Diary

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am  
Book Club (OLR) 1:30 - 2:30pm  
Charismatic Prayer Group (OLR)  
7-9pm

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Adoration (Maleny) 8:30am  
Rosary (Maleny) 9am  
Mass (OLR) 9am  
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am  
Ladies Group (OLR)  
9:30am - 12pm  
Cards Group (OLR) 8:30am - 12pm  
First Holy Communion Session 3  
(OLR) 5-6pm

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am  
Art Group (OLR) 10-12pm

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration for Vocations (Lands)  
9am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am  
**Assumption Mass-**  
OLR & OLW 6pm  
RCIA (OLR) 5:30 - 9pm

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Assumption Mass** (OLR) 9am  
**Assumption Mass** (Beerwah) 9am  
Holy Hour (Maleny) 3pm-4:30pm

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)  
9am - 9:45am  
Junior Altar Servers Day (OLR)  
1:30-3:30pm

### Vigil Masses

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Mass (OLR) 7.30am  
Mass (Lands) 9am  
Mass (OLR) 9:30am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am  
Mass (Unity) 5pm

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