



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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Mission and Vision: Why We Exist and Who We're Becoming

Every thriving parish is held together by two powerful, guiding principles: mission and vision. These aren't just corporate terms or abstract ideas—they're deeply spiritual anchors that help us remain focused on what God is asking of us. In fact, the Book of Proverbs says that *"Without vision, the people perish"* (29:18). While our mission is what we do and why we do it, our vision is who we are becoming. Let me explain how this plays out in our life at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish.

Our Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus. This is the heart of our parish activity. Whether it's celebrating the Eucharist, running Alpha, forming young families, caring for the sick, or simply offering a word of hope—we are here to actively accompany people to encounter the living Jesus. This mission informs why we welcome, why we serve, and why we share our faith. It stretches beyond those who are already in our pews and reaches especially to those who are searching, uncertain, or feel far from God. It calls us to be more than maintainers of routine—it calls us to be missionary disciples. We don't exist simply to keep a parish running. We exist to help people discover and fall in love with Jesus Christ.

The Role of Vision—and Why It Must Start with the Leader. While mission tells us what to do, vision shows us who we're called to become. It inspires people, shapes culture, and creates identity and clarity. But vision doesn't appear out of nowhere. In every renewal movement in the Church—from the Acts of the Apostles to modern-day parishes—vision has always begun with the leader. As your parish priest, that responsibility rests with me. It's not a matter of personal preference or private ambition. Rather, it's about prayerfully discerning what God is asking of this community, in this season, in this place. Vision must be shared, but it starts with someone who is willing to name it, own it, and lead from it. I carry a deep conviction—not just an idea, but a calling—about what kind of parish we're meant to become.

My vision is that every parishioner—from the youngest to the oldest—experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus that transforms and animates desire to boldly and joyfully share what they have received with others.

This isn't about strategy. It's about the heart. It's about creating a parish culture where faith is alive, joy is visible, and evangelisation flows naturally—because people have truly encountered Jesus and want others to know Him, too. This vision is what will drive our decisions: how we shape our ministries, how we lead worship, how we invest in leadership, how we welcome newcomers, and how we support lifelong discipleship. It is not a program to run—it's a way of living faith that changes everything.

Why does this distinction between mission and vision matter? If we only focus on the mission, we risk burnout—doing without becoming. If we only focus on the vision, we risk idealism—dreaming without grounding. But together, mission and vision give us both a compass and a destination. The mission grounds us in the Church's core task: making disciples. The vision stirs our hearts to imagine what that can look like when lived out fully in our context. They're not passing ideas or seasonal themes. They are the long-term framework for becoming a parish that is not only faithful but fruitful.

What This Means for Us: If our mission is about activity—then everyone has a role to play. If our vision is about culture—then everyone has a choice to make. This means we don't just need volunteers—we need believers who are willing to grow, stretch, and share. We don't just need programs—we need prayerful people. We don't just need to do more—we need to become more: more open, more joyful, more Christ-like. As we continue forward, I invite you to reflect on how your life connects to our shared mission—and how your faith can be part of bringing our vision to life. Let's keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, listen for His voice, and build a community where everyone can experience the joy of the Gospel.

– Fr Josh

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COMMUNITY THAT ACTIVELY ACCOMPANIES
PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER JESUS**

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

I'm delighted to invite you to join us for our Parish Summit Day: Curiosity to Encounter on Saturday 23rd August, 8:30am–3:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra. This day is part of my vision for our parish—that every parishioner, from the youngest to the oldest, experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus. An intimacy that transforms hearts and animates a desire to boldly and joyfully share what we've received with others.


Our theme, Curiosity to Encounter, invites us to move from faithful practice to personal transformation—exploring how a spark of curiosity can become a deep encounter with Christ. Together, we'll reflect not only on what we do as Catholics, but on what God is doing in us, and how we might respond with joy, openness, and renewed purpose.

The day will be filled with inspiring input, testimony, singing, rich conversation, shared prayer, and a sense of how God is calling us as a parish. Whether you're deeply involved in parish life or simply seeking space to reconnect with your faith, this day is for you.

Details:

 **Saturday 23rd August** |  **8:30am – 3:30pm**

 **Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra**

 **Morning tea & lunch provided**

 **Register now by scanning to QR code (RSVPs needed for catering)**



Come and be renewed. Come and be part of what God is doing among us.

Blessings, Fr Josh

Important Event Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 'Implementing the Reconciliation Action Plan' Workshop that was to be held on Saturday 30th of August at OLR Church, Caloundra has been postponed until November. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. The Archdiocesan Ministries team will advise of the rescheduled date once confirmed.



What is Adoration?

When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration, which is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

Every Saturday in the OLR Church we have Adoration & Reconciliation 9-9.45am.

We'd love to see you there!

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 congratulate **Noah Wiechmann & Mitchell Dodd** who will be baptised at Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for the following Parishioners whose funerals will be:

Marie O'Hare: 19th August, 12noon at Currimundi.

Edgar Cody: 21st August, 10.15am at OLR.

Edna Hockins: 21st August, 11am at Gregson & Weight.

We pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners -

Rest in Peace.

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Kingdom Kids Youth Group - 2nd 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

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.

Multicultural Mass 2025

Come and celebrate the rich diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests who minister to cultural communities across the Archdiocese.

Date: Sunday 24th August 2025

Time: 2pm

Venue: Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint Street, Inala.



Annual Catholic Campaign 23/24 August



Parish Diary

Monday 18th August

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

Charismatic Prayer Group (OLR)
7-9pm

Tuesday 19th 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 4
(OLR) 5-7pm

Wednesday 20th August

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

Art Group (OLR) 10-12pm

Thursday 21st August

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
RCIA (OLR) 5:30 - 9pm

Friday 22nd August

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny)
3pm-4:30pm

Saturday 23rd August

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)
9am - 9:45am

Parish Summit Day (OLR)
8:30 - 3:30pm

Vigil Masses

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 24th August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

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