



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23/24 AUGUST 2025 - YEAR C

From Vision to Next Steps: Building Together

Over the past two weeks, we've explored two themes central to our parish's renewal. First, moving **From Criticism to Collaboration**: cultivating a culture of honest, constructive dialogue that builds up rather than tears down. Then last week, I shared our guiding vision: *that every parishioner—from the youngest to the oldest—experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus that transforms and animates the desire to boldly share what they have received.* Alongside this, we revisited our mission: **to be a vibrant community that accompanies people to encounter Jesus in meaningful ways, inviting them into a life-changing relationship with Him.**

Last weekend, I celebrated my sixth anniversary at Our Lady of the Rosary (17 Aug 2019). Prayerfully reflecting on these last six years, I was reminded that parish renewal is not a quick project—it is a patient, prayerful journey. Yet in these six years, we have seen real progress. We've experienced remarkable growth in new initiatives, mission-focused lay leadership, stronger connections across Mass communities, and a renewed sense of shared purpose. We have also begun to see a culture shift, where people are increasingly willing to take responsibility for mission-focused aspects of parish life, stepping forward with their gifts, and sharing the joy of their faith with others. Momentum builds on momentum, and what we have begun together is creating a foundation for even greater things.

The reflections from our last two newsletters are not simply words but guideposts along this journey. Moving from criticism to collaboration reminds us that healthy dialogue and shared responsibility are essential. Our vision and mission give that dialogue direction and purpose: we are not collaborating for collaboration's sake, but to help every person experience intimacy with Jesus and to become the parish we are called to be. These weeks have shown that when we reflect, respond, and act together, the energy in our parish grows—and that energy becomes transformative.

Our parish is large and complex. With two full-time priests—not forgetting Fr Terry in his semi-retired role—and multiple Mass Centres, we priests are committed to being present in sacraments, preaching, and pastoral care. Yet we cannot be everywhere in the way our hearts would like. This limitation is both a grief and a challenge, but it also reminds us that renewal is not the work of priests alone. It is the shared responsibility of the entire worshipping community because each person has a role in shaping a parish that reflects Christ's love and mission.

That's why we need to empower lay people to share in strategy, pastoral care, and missional leadership. The future vitality of our parish depends not only on priests but on the Spirit-led gifts of its people. We already see this in many places: in mission-focused service roles, our six Ministry Leadership Teams (MLTs), our Pastoral Leaders, and among those who dream, plan, and act for the good of the parish. Moving forward, this will need to grow even more, so that no part of our parish is left unsupported, and so that everyone can experience the joy of contributing to God's work.

In strategy: Pastoral Leaders collaborating with my leadership team, the MLTs, and their communities to shape direction, identify needs, and ensure we remain focused on an invitational mission rather than simply maintaining structures.

In pastoral care: parishioners stepping into intentional roles of accompaniment, presence, and prayer with those in need, ensuring no one is left behind and that each encounter with the parish is an encounter with Christ.

In missional leadership: each of us asking not just "what can the parish do for me?" but "how can I share and lead in the parish's mission to help others encounter Jesus?"

Parish renewal is ongoing and requires patience, prayer, and perseverance. Yet the progress of the last six years gives every reason for hope and confidence. Together, we are creating a parish that is increasingly collaborative, Spirit-led, and mission-focused. I am deeply grateful to be on this journey with you, and my prayer is that together we continue to grow as a parish marked by collaboration, guided by vision, rooted in mission, and animated by the joy of the Gospel.

– Fr Josh

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

Annual Catholic Campaign 2025

“Strive to enter by the narrow door,” says Jesus in this Sunday’s Gospel. These words challenge us to reflect on the burdens we carry - pride, fear, hardship, injustice - that might stop us from entering the Kingdom of God. The Gospel reminds us that all are invited to the feast, but the path is narrow and demands that we lay down whatever weighs us down. In his homily video, Archbishop Mark explains that some people carry burdens like poverty, violence, or illness. Things they did not choose and cannot carry alone. Others may be burdened by judgement or exclusion, turning away those Jesus came to welcome. The Church, then, must be a community that helps to lift burdens, not add to them.

This is where the **Annual Catholic Campaign** comes in. The Campaign supports **five key ministries** that help people from all walks of life move closer to the “narrow door”:

- **The MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund**, providing education to children in need
- **Holy Spirit Seminary**, forming future priests to serve our communities
- **The Priests Foundation**, caring for our retired priests
- **Centacare’s Pastoral Ministries**, offering support in hospitals, prisons, counselling and family services
- **The Annual Grants Program**, seeding parish and community projects in areas like youth ministry and care for the poor

By supporting this Campaign, we help lift the weight from others’ shoulders, and even our own. In doing so, we live out the Gospel invitation to make room at the feast of the Kingdom for all God’s people. This weekend, at your Mass Centre, there will be **Campaign brochures and giving envelopes** for you to fill out and return to the parish office or place in a collection basket next week. If you prefer online donations, please scan the **QR code below** to make your gift online.



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23 – 24 August catholiccampaign.com.au



First Holy Communion

Let us continue to pray for the **41** young children who will be making their **First Holy Communion** next weekend at the 5pm and 9.30am OLR Masses.

Please join us in welcoming them to our Parish family. You are welcome to join us after the Masses for hospitality to congratulate them.

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 **Sunny Tuinea, Kowhai Whaitiri & Tommy Simpson** who will be baptised at Maleny this weekend.

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

Funerals:

Peter Sullivan: 26th August 1pm at Gregson & Weight.

William ‘Noel’ Laverty: 28th August 12noon at OLR.

Peggy Delaney: 2nd September 11am at OLR.

May they *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 - 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

Seeking Volunteers for Children's Liturgy

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with our Children's Liturgy during the **5pm Saturday Mass at Notre Dame College & 9:30am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church**. All materials and lesson plans are provided, and training will be offered to ensure you feel confident in this rewarding role. If you're interested in helping nurture the faith of our youngest parishioners, please reach out to the Parish Office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au for more information.

Thank you for considering this important ministry!

Safeguarding News

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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.



Parish Diary

Monday 25th August

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

Craft Group (OLR)
9am - 12pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (OLR)
7pm-9pm

Tuesday 26th 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 5 (OLR) 5pm-7pm

Wednesday 27th August

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Art Group (OLR) 10-12pm

Thursday 28th August

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

RCIA (OLR) 5:30pm - 9pm

Friday 29th August

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny)

3pm-4:30pm

Saturday 30th August

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)

9am - 9:45am

Vigil Masses

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 31st August

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm



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