



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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A Parish Alive in the Spirit

Last weekend, 120 parishioners gathered for our Parish Summit Day: Curiosity to Encounter. It was a day alive with prayer and worship, learning and fellowship, honest conversation, and above all, a renewed sense of hope for what God is doing among us. From the very first moments, there was a palpable “buzz”—the joy of being together, recognising familiar faces, and meeting for the first time those we may have passed by for years. One participant shared:

“It was wonderful to feel the buzz of the parish and to get the chance to speak with many people I recognise but didn’t know. Moving forward, I will make a point of being more communally engaged when I’m at Mass rather than on the periphery.”

The Summit offered more than a joyful atmosphere—it invited participants see what renewal looks like in practice. Vatican II teaches us that the Church’s mission is not the work of priests alone but of the whole People of God, animated by the Holy Spirit. That vision was alive in the sharing testimonies we heard. Teresa McGrath opened the Scriptures in a fresh and engaging way, helping us encounter stories of Jesus through new eyes. Many were deeply moved by the Q&A session, where parishioners shared how their lives are being transformed as they step more fully into faith and service. One participant reflected:

“I thought the Question-and-Answer session showed how far the Church has already come in having the laity involved in changes happening... I feel this is only the beginning of Catholic Church Renewal, and initiatives like this are paramount with a vision of possibly transforming a world that is fast becoming more hateful and destructive.”

Others spoke of how the day helped them discern their own discipleship. In particular, the five pathways of disciples we explored—all in, live by example, worshipper, servant, and witness—helped participants identify both their gifts and their growth areas. As one put it: *“I am able to bring an ‘all in’ energy, enthusiasm, and desire to ‘do’... I also need to be better at simply offering myself in service.”*

The day also reminded us that discipleship isn’t about chasing spiritual highs but showing up faithfully for relationship with Jesus. One parishioner shared how, on a particularly difficult day, they almost skipped their daily Scripture reading. Yet it was precisely in that moment of weakness that Christ met them in a powerful way. They recalled Fr Gerard’s wise words: *“If I hadn’t shown up, He may not have shown up!”*

This is the heart of our renewal: daily fidelity, a community of disciples open to God’s surprising action, and a willingness to walk together in intimacy with Jesus. As your parish priest, my vision is simple—that **every parishioner experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus, a joy that transforms hearts and animates us to boldly and joyfully share what we have received.** This is nothing less than what Jesus himself commands: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age”* (Mt 28:19–20).

The Summit was not an end point but a spark. The real fruit will be seen in how we step forward together—supporting one another, deepening our own intimacy with Christ, and welcoming others into the joy of faith. Momentum builds on momentum. What we experienced last weekend is already a sign of the Spirit’s work among us. Let us continue to say “yes” together so that our parish truly becomes a place of encounter, renewal, and mission—a parish alive in the Spirit.

Peace, love and blessings, Fr Josh



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

**This Season of Creation (1st Sept - 4th Oct), there is even more reason for us to join with Christians
around the world to pray for peace and encounter Jesus in prayer.**

Our Hope: Creation Will Find Peace When Justice Is Restored “Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field” (Isaiah 32:16). There is hope for a peaceful Earth. Biblically, hope is active—it involves prayer, action, and reconciling with Creation and the Creator through repentance (metanoia) and solidarity. We pray for the people suffering through wars and for the end of wars. We pray for greater attention to social justice, climate justice, and intergenerational justice.

Season of Creation Devotional

Join with us in prayer and reflection via the wonderful “Season of Creation” devotional App which is available on phones free from Apple Store and Play Store when you search for ‘Season of Creation’. The devotional was developed by QLD Churches Environmental Network (QCEN) and contains a reflection, prayers and verse for each day of Season of Creation. The devotions are accompanied by beautiful photographs of the Australian landscape, flora and fauna. **PDF copies can also be downloaded using the below QR Code** or ordered in a printed booklet form. (Contact admin@qct.org.au to order - \$10 each plus postage.)



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025



Social Justice Sunday

Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over **273,000 people** sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter, or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need.

This year’s Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52), we are **called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship**. Scan the QR code to view the statement or email cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au for more information on Parish initiatives to help those in need in our local community.



First Holy Communion

Let us continue to pray for the **41** young children who will be making their **First Holy Communion** this 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 **Ledger & Mackenna Howton** and **Gabriella & Matteo Boas** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

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

Funerals:

Peggy Delaney: 2nd September 11am at OLR.

Chau Nguyen: 4th September 11am at OLR.

Maxine Wintzloff: 5th September 12noon 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.**

Annual Catholic Campaign

Last weekend our parish held the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded so generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a donation last week, there is still time. 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. Thank you for your generous support.



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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 4th September 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



Post Mass Hospitality - Celebrating Community!

Last week, **34 Parishioners** came together for Hospitality after the **9am Mass at Maleny**! This is just one of the wonderful examples of Post-Mass Hospitality in the Parish Community - thank you to all those who serve in this space to provide an opportunity for parishioners and visitors to come together, build relationship and actively accompany each other to encounter Jesus over a cup of coffee and a sweet treat! See below some snaps of the morning!



Have you signed up? Why Flocknote?

Flocknote is our new parish data base, and best way for parishioners and visitors to stay up to date with everything happening in the parish! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Visit our website and click "New Parishioner Registration" to register!

Parish Diary

Monday 1st September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Craft Group (OLR)

9am - 12pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (OLR)

7pm - 9pm

Tuesday 2nd September

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

**Kingdom Kids Youth Group (Unity
College Chapel) 5pm-7pm**

Wednesday 3rd September

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Art Group (OLR) 10-12pm

Men's Rosary Group (OLR)

6pm - 8pm

Thursday 4th September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

RCIA (OLR) 5:30pm - 9pm

Baptism Preparation (OLR)

7pm-8pm

Friday 5th September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny)

3pm-4:30pm

Saturday 6th September

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)

9am - 9:45am

Vigil Masses

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 7th September

23rd 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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