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**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - 13/14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - YEAR C**

## Intentional Culture Building in our Parish

One of the most important truths about parish life is this: culture doesn't just happen. Every parish has a culture—spoken or unspoken, obvious or hidden. The question isn't whether culture exists, but whether it's healthy, intentional, and aligned with the mission Jesus has entrusted to His Church. If we're not deliberately shaping our culture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it will drift—and without God's leading, it often defaults to the lowest common denominator. That's why culture change is a priority in our parish. As your Parish Priest, my role is not simply to "manage" parish life, but to help us cultivate it—to form a community that reflects God's vision for us, centred on the joy of intimacy with Jesus. Our mission is to accompany others into His joy and love, but that requires more than words. It requires a Spirit-filled way of life that radiates love, sacrifice, and hospitality at every level of our shared life together.

**Service as the Heart of the Kingdom of God:** To grasp why culture matters, we must look at how the Kingdom of God operates. The Kingdom does not function on reciprocity. Reciprocity says, *"I'll do this for you if you do that for me."* But reciprocity is dangerously close to paganism. In the pagan world, sacrifices were offered to the gods to gain something in return: safety, a good harvest, or favour. It was transactional religion—I give so that you give. Jesus reveals something radically different. The Kingdom is not transactional; it is transformational. We don't serve to get something back; we serve because God has first loved us. Jesus, *"though he was in the form of God... emptied himself, taking the form of a servant"* (Phil 2:6–7). He gave his life on the cross not because we had something to offer, but because love always pours itself out. That's why service in the parish is not a chore, and it is never transactional. It is a joyful privilege. We get to serve because it makes us more like Christ. Instead of, *"If I do this, the parish owes me,"* the Kingdom teaches us that service is the very space where transformation happens—both in us and in those we serve.

**Our Big-Ticket Culture-Changing Ministries:** What, then, does intentional culture change look like in practice? It shows up in the small but essential ministries that set the tone for who we are as a parish family. While every ministry has an impact on culture, a few stand out as "big-ticket" because of their ability to shape culture quickly when done with intentionality against a vision for more:

- **Welcoming at the door of Mass.** The first face a person sees when they walk into church matters. A smile, a greeting, and an open heart communicate far more than words. They announce: You belong here. You are seen. You are loved.
- **Ushering to a seat.** This isn't just about filling pews efficiently (although this is certainly a wonderful problem to have at the 9.30am Mass); it's about attentive care. Helping someone find a place is a way of saying, I see you. There's room for you at the table of the Lord. By contrast, claiming our favourite aisle seat and making people squeeze past us sends exactly the opposite message.
- **Hospitality after Mass.** Sharing food and drink is one of the oldest expressions of Christian fellowship. Supper and morning tea aren't optional extras; they're culture-shaping encounters where strangers become friends, and friends become brothers and sisters in Christ.

None of these ministries are glamorous, but all of them are powerful. They embody the Kingdom of God in visible, tangible ways. They change the culture from one of isolation and anonymity into one of belonging and joy.

**The Privilege of Service:** If culture is shaped by what we repeatedly do, then service is central to our transformation as a parish. And the truth is—it's a privilege. Too easily we might slip into thinking, *"Oh no, I have to serve on the roster this weekend."* But that misses the point entirely. We don't *"have to."* We *"get to."*

**We get** to stand at the door and greet Christ in the person who walks through it. **We get** to help someone find their place in the pews and, more importantly, their place in God's family. **We get** to offer food and drink that nourish fellowship as well as bodies. This mindset changes everything. Service isn't a burden when we get caught up in the joy of being part of God's mission of love. When we serve, we don't just "help out"—we participate in the life of Christ himself.

**Building Our Future Together:** As we continue to grow as a parish, we must remain intentional about shaping our culture. If we don't, the gravitational pull of busyness, consumerism, and indifference will take over. But if we choose—Mass after Mass—to live out the Kingdom through joyful sacrifice and service, our parish will not be just a place where people go to church; it will become a community of intentional disciples where heaven truly touches earth. We're not aiming for reciprocity, but for transformation. This is part of our vision and our mission because every smile, every welcome, every act of service—no matter how small—is our "yes" to helping build God's Kingdom here and now.

*Peace and love, Fr Josh*

**Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively  
accompanies people to encounter Jesus**



**Creation is of the order of love. God's love is  
the fundamental force in all created things.  
Laudato Si' #77**

## **Father's Day Celebrations**

Last weekend we celebrated Father's Day, and what a wonderful occasion it was! Thank you to all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our parish and beyond. May God bless you for the love, strength, and guidance you share each day.



## **An Invitation to Serve: Funeral Sacristan Ministry**

Every funeral we celebrate in our parish is an opportunity to accompany grieving families, surround them with love, and commend their loved ones into God's eternal care. Behind the scenes, this sacred ministry is supported by our funeral sacristans –generous parishioners who prepare the church, set up the sacred vessels, and ensure that everything runs smoothly during the Funeral Mass or Liturgy.

At present, we are blessed with two dedicated funeral sacristans who faithfully carry out this important role. With the number of funerals in our parish, however, and to provide support when someone is away or when several funerals occur in a short time, we are seeking to welcome an additional person into this ministry.

Becoming a funeral sacristan is not about having special skills but about having a servant's heart—someone who is prayerful, reliable, and willing to walk gently with families during a tender time of grief. Training and ongoing support will be provided. If you feel the Holy Spirit stirring your heart to serve in this way, or if you would like to know more about what's involved, please contact the parish office on **5430 9390** or email [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au).

Together, we can continue to care for families with dignity, compassion, and faith.

### **Ladies Lunch**

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 19th September, 12 noon** at Acqua Cnr Esplanade and Otranto Avenue Bulcock Beach. All ladies are welcome to attend. This is a great way to meet other ladies and make new friends. Please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 15th to register your attendance!

### **Grief Support Group**

The next Grief Support morning tea will be held on **Friday 19th September** 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)

### **Children's Liturgy**

This weekend (13/14 September) will be the last weekend for Children's Liturgy before school holidays commence. It will recommence **12th October** at all participating Mass Centres.



### **St Vincent de Paul - Morning Tea**

Kawana St Vincent de Paul Conference is having a morning tea at the Good Shepherd Centre (86 Undara Ave Buddina) on Sunday 28th September.

Everybody is welcome!

Drop in anytime between 10am until 12 noon.

## **On The Journey**

We congratulate **Kai Goff, Lenni & Parker Talbot and Cecilia Cope** who will be baptised at OLR and Maleny this weekend.

We pray for the following Parishioners whose funerals will be:

- **Veronica Hitzke**: 18th September 11am OLR.

We pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners - May they Rest in Peace.

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

## **OLR Parish Over 60's Outing**

**Thursday, Sept 18, 10:30am**

**Bulcock Beach Boardwalk** (*The umbrella covered picnic tables on The Esplanade boardwalk at Bulcock Beach, just across the road from Beachview Fish and Chip Shop*)

Join us for a relaxed morning by the water! Bring a fishing rod to try your luck, or simply enjoy a stroll, a chat, and some fish and chips.

☀️ Don't forget a hat, sunscreen, and comfy shoes.

This is the first of our new monthly gatherings – mark the dates:

**Oct 15, Nov 14, Dec 22.**

👉 Register your interest via the **QR code** here, or contact the Parish Office 07 5430 9390



## **2026 Break Open the Word, Ordos & Daily Mass Books**

Orders & payment for these liturgical Resources must be completed by **Friday 3rd October 2025**, via the QR code below.

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This year, the Parish Office will cover the cost of **Break Open the Word** for readers at any of our Mass Centres, if the *order form* is completed and the *Readers Training Day* is attended (this is where you will collect your book). Normal costing applies for anyone else. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Please fill out the QR code to make your order:



## **Kingdom Kids Youth Group - 16th September**

Our next Kingdom Kids Youth Group will be held **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

This month we have a **MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES NIGHT!** Filled with plenty of opportunities to run around, enjoy some healthy competition, and a few slices of pizza – this is not a night to miss!

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)



## **Safeguarding Sunday - 14<sup>th</sup> September**

This Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September is Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

## *Parish Diary*

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

**Craft Group** (OLR)  
9am – 12pm

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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) 4pm – 5:30pm

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

**Art Group** (OLR) 10-12pm

**YA Adoration** (OLR) 6pm – 8:30pm

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)  
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

**RCIA** (OLR) 5:30pm – 9pm

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

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

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**Vigil Masses**

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

*25<sup>th</sup> 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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