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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20/21 SEPTEMBER 2025 - YEAR C**

## The Double Calling: Christian and Leader

Every baptised person who follows Jesus carries two callings: one found in their **identity** and the other found in the **mission** given by Jesus. St Augustine once wrote:

*“I must distinguish carefully between two aspects of the role the Lord has given me, a role that demands a rigorous accountability, a role based on the Lord’s greatness rather than on my own merit. The first aspect is that I am a Christian; the second, that I am a leader. I am a Christian for my own sake, whereas I am a leader for your sake.”*

These words strike at the heart of, not just Fr Gerard’s and my vocation as ordained priests, but the baptised Christian’s calling to leadership and influence. Like you, I’m a Christian, striving daily to follow Jesus—faithful in prayer, growing in love, and trusting God’s mercy when I fail. That is my joy and my foundation. But I also carry a second calling, as do a growing number of lay leaders in our parish: to be a leader for your sake.

**The Weight of Leadership:** There are moments when leadership feels heavy. For example, I carry the responsibility of making decisions that affect the rhythm of people’s spiritual lives. I know those decisions impact people’s routines, their sense of belonging, even their faith. It is never something I take lightly. Some nights, the responsibility even keeps me awake.

Another weight comes in stewarding parish resources. When I decide how funds are allocated—whether to fixing the roof, funding a new ministry, or employing new staff—I feel the burden of knowing these are your and my offerings, entrusted to the Church for God’s mission. There are also pastoral moments that pierce the heart: having to compassionately ask someone to step back from a ministry in which they have served, because the needs of the parish or their own circumstances have changed.

**The Joy Within the Burden:** And yet, alongside the weight, there is joy—and often, it is joy that surprises those who lead. In the midst of the solitude of leadership, close friendships emerge that sustain; faithful friends who remind me that leadership is never lived alone. Amidst the challenge of difficult decisions, I sometimes see new life spring up: a change that once seemed painful bearing fruit in ways none of us expected. At times like this, I am reminded that my leadership is not about me at all. **It is Christ who leads, Christ who heals, Christ who provides.** My task is to make space for Him.

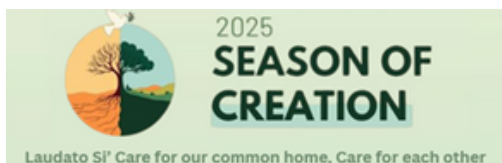
**Leadership as Culture-Shaping:** Last week I wrote about creating intentional culture—how culture doesn’t just happen, but is shaped by what we repeatedly do. Augustine’s words remind us that leadership is part of that culture-shaping work. It’s not *management*; it’s *service*. The way we both lead, and allow ourselves to be led, sets the tone because both perspectives carry influences. Leadership isn’t management but service. Each welcome at the door, each cup of tea after Mass, each quiet act of help shapes our culture from isolation into belonging. When each of us chooses to serve with joy, our parish grows more into the Kingdom that God intends.

**Our Shared Mission:** St Augustine knew the double calling: Christian for his own sake, leader for the sake of others. I feel that same tension and grace every day. The burden is real, but the joy is greater, because it is Christ’s joy. And it is never a burden I carry alone—because we are in this together. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading you, and thank you for leading with me in your own ways. Together, may we continue to build a parish culture that reflects Christ—where every act of service, every sacrifice, and every welcome becomes a sign of God’s Kingdom breaking through among us.

May each of us live our first calling—discipleship—so deeply that our second calling—leadership—becomes a natural overflow of Christ’s love.

**Peace and love, Fr Josh**

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



**There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation  
through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how  
education can bring about real changes in lifestyle.**

**Laudato Si' #211**

## **Installation of Archbishop Shane Mackinlay**

On Thursday, 11 September, I travelled to Brisbane to be present at the installation Mass of Archbishop Shane Mackinlay at St Stephen's Cathedral. It was a privilege to witness this historic moment with over 800 lay people, 33 bishops and 200 priests from around Australia, as he became the eighth leader of the Brisbane Archdiocese.

During his homily, Archbishop Mackinlay remarked, *"While I come from somewhere else, I don't come as an outsider."* He went on to reflect, *"Whenever we gather as Christians, we gather as part of the one Church of Jesus Christ, as parts of His body into which each of us has been baptised and with which we have together been entrusted with His mission."*

Archbishop Mackinlay also affirmed the outcomes from last year's archdiocesan synod and expressed his hope to continue implementing them. He described Brisbane as *"a vibrant community of faith that lives out its commitment to carrying on in our own time the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us."* He concluded, *"I look forward to serving the Church of Brisbane as we develop our response to God's Word in our place and our time."*

I captured the accompanying photo after the recessional hymn at the Cathedral, which I hope conveys something of the joy and solemnity of this occasion.



**Fr Josh**

## **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.

## **September School Holidays**

Wishing all the families in our parish, and beyond, a joyful holiday season and safe travels as school holidays begin this weekend. Welcome to any visitors joining us at this time. Have a wonderful and well-deserved break!



## **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 **Sydney Collins, Saige Pegg, Olivia & Rebecca Leslie, Link Horgan and Kilian, Neve & Finn Richards** who will be baptised at OLR and Landsborough this weekend.



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



Golden Wedding  
Anniversary Mass

Saturday 27th September 2025  
11:30am  
Cathedral of St Stephen

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary  
or beyond, are invited to attend, together with their  
family and friends.

## 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.

'Break Open the Word' \$30

'Ordo' \$20

'Daily Mass Book' \$30

2026 DAILY  
MASS BOOK

BREAK OPEN  
THE WORD



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:



## Ignite Conference 2025 Brisbane

We invite all parishioners to join us in prayer for the young people, leaders, and speakers attending **Ignite Conference Brisbane from Thursday 25 – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. This powerful four-day Catholic youth conference gathers hundreds from across Australia to encounter Christ through dynamic worship, inspiring talks, sacraments, and community. Please pray that hearts will be set ablaze with faith, hope, and love, and that the Holy Spirit moves powerfully in the lives of all who attend.

See some images below from previous years.



## 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.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</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

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

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

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)  
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

**RCIA (OLR) 5:30pm - 9pm**

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

**Holy Hour (Maleny)**

3pm-4:30pm

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)**

9am - 9:45am

### **Vigil Masses**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

**26th 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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