



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Praying with Mary using the Rosary

It was such a joy to celebrate our Parish Feast Day with many of you last week. Indeed the entire month of October is devoted to the Rosary in the life of the Church. Every feast carries a story, and knowing the story of Our Lady of the Rosary helps us celebrate with deeper faith and greater purpose.

From the first centuries of Christianity, believers used knotted prayer ropes to help them recite the Jesus Prayer and the 150 Psalms. This practice was especially cherished by the Desert Fathers and Mothers, who were early Christian monks and nuns of the 3rd to 5th centuries. They sought God in the deserts of Egypt, Palestine, and Syria through prayer, silence, and simplicity (see the lives of St. Anthony, St. Syncletica, and Evagrius Ponticus etc). Centuries later, in 1208, St Dominic received an apparition of the Virgin Mary, who presented him with the Rosary in the form we know today. This prayer was referred to as The Rosary because in medieval Europe, giving someone a crown or garland of roses was a sign of honour and love. In the same way, each Hail Mary was like offering Mary a single rose, and praying the full Rosary became a way of weaving her a spiritual crown of flowers. This collection of prayers draws us closer to Christ through the loving intercession of His Mother.

The Rosary became widely popular after the famous Battle of Lepanto in 1571. Around this time, the Muslim Turks of the Ottoman Empire were at the height of their power and their dominant empire pressed hard against Europe, endangering the Papal States and the wider Christian world. They were almost invincible on the land and in naval battles, with their most significant conquest being the great city of Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul) in 1453, and from there they consolidated their stronghold of southeastern Europe.

On 7 October 1571, off the coast of Greece, two immense fleets converged in one of the largest and most famous naval battles of all time. The Holy League armada of Christian alliances was heavily outnumbered. Yet, before a single cannon was fired, the men prayed the Rosary together, placing their trust in Mary's intercession. What followed was nothing short of extraordinary: the winds shifted in favour of the Christians, and by the end of the day the Holy League had won a decisive victory over the seemingly invincible Ottoman navy. More than 200 Ottoman ships were destroyed or captured, while the Christian fleet lost only 12. Pope Pius V later instituted the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to commemorate this victory, ensuring that generations to come would remember the power of prayer through the intercession of the Rosary.

Every time we gather to pray it, we step into this beautiful prayerful devotion that has shaped countless saints and sustained the Church through times of trial and triumph. The Rosary reminds us that it is not great faith that matters, but faith in our great God, who works wonders and indeed changes us when we entrust ourselves to Him.

Here at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra, this devotion is also part of our mission to be ***a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.***

Our parish vision flows from this mission:
that every parishioner, from the youngest to the oldest, experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus, an intimacy that transforms hearts and ignites a desire to boldly and joyfully share what we have received with others.

Just as Mary's "yes" opened the door to God's saving plan, our "yes" as a parish family, (which we pray every time we pray the Year of Engagement Prayer at the end of Mass) allows Christ's love to shine in our Parish and beyond!

So, as we conclude this Feast Day celebration and journey through the month of the Rosary, let us take up the Rosary with fresh devotion. May Mary inspire our faith, and may this Feast renew every relationship (beginning with Jesus) so we can share His love with joy, generosity and vibrancy with all!

God bless! Fr Gerard

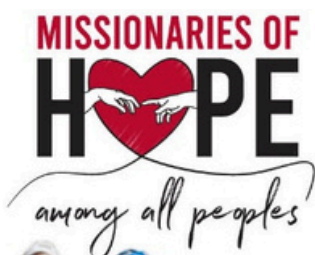
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accompanies people to encounter Jesus**

Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day Celebrations

Last weekend, our parish celebrated the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** at all our weekend Masses! Thank you to all those who served in the area of Hospitality, lead a rosary or supported in any other way, and for our Community Life Team for supplying a delicious cake for each Mass! Mother Mary, please continue to intercede for our parish!



Catholic Mission - World Mission Month



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 17th October 12 noon** at Harry's Beach Bistro 36 Esplanade Headland Kings 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 13th to register your attendance!

Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support morning tea will be held on **Friday 17th October** 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

ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate **Louie Irwin, Henry Butler and Onyx Dzidic** who will be baptised at OLR and Notre Dame this weekend.

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

Funerals:

Joe Griffins: whose funeral was on the 9th October 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 - 21st October



Our next Kingdom Kids Youth Group will be held **Tuesday 21st October** at Unity College Chapel from **4-5:30pm!**

This Youth group is aimed at children in **Grade 4-6**. If you would like to register your child, please scan the QR code here for the registration form!

October OLR Seniors' Outing - Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden

Join us for our next Seniors' Outing on **Thursday, 16 October** at the beautiful Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden.

- **Arrive: 9:30am. Meet at The Compass Garden Café**
- **Start: 10:00am – enjoy a 1-hour guided walk with a tour guide**
- **Afterwards: Tea & coffee – please bring a plate to share**



Remember to bring a hat, water, and comfortable walking shoes for the walk. A wonderful chance to enjoy nature, fellowship, and community together!

>>Please note a date change to Thursday 16 October due to availability of the Tour Guides<<

Rite of Christian Initiation of Teenagers (RCIT)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Teenagers (RCIT) commenced on **Friday, 10 October** at **Unity College Chapel**. However, there is still time to enrol!

This program is designed for High school aged teenagers who are seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion—and journey more deeply into the Catholic faith.

The program will run over **six Friday afternoon sessions from 4:00–5:00pm**, providing a space for prayer, learning, and sharing faith together.

The journey will conclude on **Sunday, 23 November at 5:00pm** at **Unity College**, with the celebration of Mass and the conferral of the Sacraments.

Please contact the Parish office by **Wednesday 15th October** if you would like to enrol your child - caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Save the Date - Leah Keating Dementia Doula

Leah Keating will be back on the Coast presenting at Sacred Heart Maleny, 10am for a cuppa and 10.30am start on the **10th of November**.

Proudly sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals.

More details to follow.



A Saint For Our Age - Stella Maris Parish

This Sunday will be the **feast day of our newest and first millennial saint, St. Carlo Acutis**. Known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of technology to evangelise, he created an online museum of Eucharistic Miracles which will be on display at Stella Maris Church. You can come and view this display between **5:00pm–7:00pm Saturday 11th October** and **7:00am–8:00pm Sunday 12th October**. If you are a Youth or Young Adult, you are invited to join in on a special combined event run by the NET Team and YA Leaders with Adoration, Praise & Worship to celebrate this feast day, **3:00pm Sunday 12th October**.

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.

Parish Diary

Monday 13th October

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Craft Group (OLR)

9am – 12pm

Tuesday 14th October

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 15th October

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Art Group (OLR)

10am–12pm

Thursday 16th October

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 17th October

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny)

3pm–4:30pm

Saturday 18th October

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)

9am – 9:45am

Vigil Masses

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 19th October

29th 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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