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Becoming a Lighthouse Parish



A few months ago, I received a call from the **Diocese of Cairns** asking if I'd be willing to speak at their upcoming **Diocesan Synod** on Saturday, 15th November. They'd heard about some of the renewal happening here at Our Lady of the Rosary and wanted me to share our story—what we're learning about leadership, mission, and parish renewal in a changing Church.

As you may remember, the **Australian Plenary Council** (held in 2021–22) called for every diocese in the country to hold a diocesan synod within five years. Here in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we held ours last year—across two two-day sessions in September and October—and I had the privilege of serving as a member on behalf of our Sunshine Coast Deanery. It was a rich and hopeful experience, as lay and ordained leaders from across the Archdiocese discerned how the Holy Spirit is calling the Church in southeast Queensland to grow in faith, vitality, and mission.

The Cairns Synod this November will be another expression of that same spirit of renewal. The theme of the session I've been invited to lead is *"Leading with Intentionality in a Time of Change."* As I've been preparing, I've found myself deeply grateful for what God is already doing among us here at Our Lady of the Rosary. Slowly but surely, we are becoming what the **Divine Renovation** movement calls a *"lighthouse parish"*—a parish that shines the light of Christ for others, showing what renewal can look like in practice.

When I was first ordained, I thought leadership meant solving every problem and personally caring for every person. Over time, I've realised that renewal doesn't come from the priest(s) doing everything, but from investing in **leaders who raise up other leaders**—disciples who, in turn, accompany others to encounter Jesus. That's what we've been building here through our **Senior Leadership Team**, our **Ministry Leadership Teams**, our **Pastoral Leaders** and their teams, and the many parishioners who have said "yes" to serving with faith, creativity, and courage. Everything we do is anchored in our vision:

That every parishioner—from the youngest to the oldest—experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus that transforms hearts and animates a desire to boldly and joyfully share what they have received with others.

This vision shapes our worship, our preaching, our hospitality, and the way we make decisions. Even when the road ahead isn't perfectly clear, we trust that God gives us enough light to take the next step—*"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path"* (Ps 119:105).

We're learning that intentional leadership means keeping our focus on the **primacy of evangelisation**, leaning deeply into the **power of the Holy Spirit**, and bringing the **best of leadership** to serve the mission. In our parish, we like to talk about the three H's—**Hymns, Homilies, and Hospitality**—because renewal starts with worship that lifts hearts, preaching that connects and transforms, and a culture that genuinely welcomes people home.

As I prepare to share our story in Cairns, I'm struck again by how much God has already accomplished among us. The Holy Spirit is doing something real here—something hopeful, contagious, and life-giving. We don't have everything figured out (far from it!), but we have enough light to take the next step.

Please pray for me and for the Cairns Diocese as they gather for their Synod on 15th November. And please continue to pray for our parish—that we'll keep saying "yes" to God's invitation to renewal. Together, we're becoming the kind of community that helps others encounter Jesus—the kind of parish that truly shines His light.

With peace and love, Fr Josh

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

All Saints Day - Saturday November 1st

On Saturday, November 1st, the Church celebrates **All Saints' Day**, a solemn holy day dedicated to honouring all the saints—known and unknown—who now share eternal life with God in heaven.

All Saints' Day reminds us of the **universal call to holiness**. It is a time to give thanks for the countless men and women throughout history whose faith, courage, and charity have reflected Christ's love in the world. We also remember that we, too, are called to follow their example in our own lives.

May this All Saints' Day inspire us to live with faith and devotion, striving to reflect the light of Christ in all that we do.

Praying for Our Departed Loved Ones - November Masses

During the month of **November**, the Church invites us to especially **pray for the souls of the faithful departed**—our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

If you would like a Mass offered for someone who has died, **November Mass envelopes are available at each of our Mass centres**. Simply write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the envelope and include an offering. These can be placed in the **collection at Mass or handed in to the parish office**.

All Mass Centres will also have a **memorial book**, if you wish to write down the name of a loved one that has passed.

May our prayers this month bring comfort, hope, and the peace of Christ to all who mourn.

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. (Collect 1)



Bush Chapel Mass - Mary MacKillop Beerwah

On **Friday November 7th at Mary MacKillop Centre**, Mass will be celebrated outdoors at The Bush Chapel.

Rosary will commence at **8.30 am** & Mass will commence at **9am**.

Hospitality will be held in the outdoor annexe of the church after Mass.



Meet Lizy!

Lizy Barclay is our new Administration Officer! You will be seeing her at the front desk of our OLR Parish Office on Thursdays and Fridays. She is an experienced HR payroll and administration professional with over 10 years' experience across the health, education, and engineering sectors. She's passionate about helping people feel supported and valued in their work, and she brings a caring and authentic approach to everything she does.

Guided by her Catholic faith, Lizy believes in kindness, integrity, and community—both at work and at home with her family. Bilingual in English and Spanish, Lizy enjoys connecting with people from all walks of life and contributing to positive, faith-filled workplaces.



Welcome to the team Lizy!

Ave Maria - A Celebration of the Feminine in Christian Music

Saturday 8th November 2pm

White Eagle Lodge, 19 Tesch Road,
Witta

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Saturday 9th November 2pm

Stella Maris Primary School Hall
5 Stella Way, Maroochydore

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**Tickets \$30 online or
at the door.**



ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate **Miles Sanderson, Sophia & Eddison Elliott, Theodore Gatchalian, Luca Pazini Vito & Chloe Freitas Tengaten** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.



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.

Reminder: Encounter Night & A Living Hope Retreat

Join us for a transformative weekend of faith, renewal, and community!

☀ **Encounter Night – Friday, November 21 • 6:30–8:30pm at OLR Church**

Prepare your heart for the retreat with an evening of worship, quiet reflection, and Eucharistic Adoration. Come encounter the face of Jesus and be filled with HOPE.

🙏 **Living Hope Retreat – Saturday, November 22 • 9am–1pm at OLR Church**

Celebrate our Regional Retreat: A Living Hope, a Jubilee Year gathering open to all. Step away from life's busyness to be renewed in faith through prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Children are invited to a Kingdom Kids Fun Day filled with games and encounters with Jesus, our living hope.

📱 Scan the QR codes to register for both events!



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 6th November 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



Dementia Awareness talk - Monday 10th November

*Do you know or have a friend with Dementia?
Do you take Communion to the sick or elderly?*

If you answered yes to the above this is for you. You will:

- Learn how to support those living with dementia
- Gain practical tips & insights
- Together let's build a more inclusive community



Thanks to Holy Cross Funerals we have Dementia Doula Leah Keating returning to the Hinterland. This time at Sacred Heart Church, 45 Cedar St, Maleny QLD 4552 Monday 10th November at 10:30am (10am Morning tea).

Come along and join us for a Free Morning Tea and a chance to win a Lucky door prize.

Presentation is FREE but bookings are essential.

Phone the parish office to **RSVP by Wednesday 5th November** – PH: 07 5430 9390

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 3rd November

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am
Craft Group (OLR)
9am – 12pm

Tuesday 4th November

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 5th November

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am
Art Group (OLR)
10am–12pm

Thursday 6th November

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Baptism Preparation (OLR)
7pm – 8pm

Friday 7th November

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Beerwah) 9am
Holy Hour (Maleny)
3pm–4:30pm

Saturday 8th November

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

Vigil Masses

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 9th November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
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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