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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18/19 OCTOBER 2025 – YEAR C

World Mission Sunday 2025 - Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples

Pope Leo calls every parish to respond actively and prayerfully as we approach **19 October 2025**, the day when the universal Church comes together to renew its missionary commitment on World Mission Sunday.

A Global Call to Mission

World Mission Sunday is a day when the Catholic Church all around the world prays in solidarity for missionaries and supports their work. From the smallest of outback chapels to the largest cathedrals, this observance unites Catholics worldwide in hands 🙌 (offering practical assistance), head 🧠 (deepening understanding of the poor in the Gospel and awareness of the needs of the world), and heart ❤️ (growing in compassion and love for those who bring Christ to others).

The theme for 2025, “**Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples**,” reminds us that we are ALL called to prayerfully and practically help. As can be seen from the video during this weekend's homily, this year's focus is to the Catholic Mission in Zambia. In Zambia, families like Sharon's in the rural town of Mpika are living every day on the edge of survival. Drought and climate extremes often force them to choose between selling their harvest to buy basics or keeping enough seed for the next season. Yet through the Plant Hope initiative, Catholic Mission supports farmers with seeds, practical tools, and sustainable farming training; helping them grow enough not only to feed their families, but to generate modest income.

Elsewhere, mothers like Eveline in remote north-eastern Zambia face life-threatening risks during childbirth because clinics lack essential facilities, medical equipment, transport, and safe maternity shelters. Through work at the Chalabesa Rural Health Centre, Catholic Mission assists with upgrades, providing incubators, resuscitators, better access to transport, and improved birthing facilities. These efforts help ensure that mothers and newborns are not left to chance, but can experience safe, dignified births.

Mission at Home: Our Local Call

Closer to home, **our missionary call begins right where we are**: in our families, workplaces, and neighbourhoods. The Gospel first sends us into our own streets and communities, reminding us that mission is not only far afield, but also right on our front doorsteps. Here in Australia, this local mission takes many forms, and our parish is called to be a beacon of Christ's light within our own community.

Mother Teresa reminds us that “*charity begins at home*.” In a very broad sense, the Church's mission is to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Sacraments, build community, serve the poor and vulnerable, and transform society in the light of the Kingdom of God.

So how can you bring hope to others? At the most basic level, we can all **pray**. Prayer strengthens our hearts, deepens our compassion, and unites us with those in need across the world. We can also give of our **time** (volunteering in parish outreach, visiting the sick or lonely), our **talent** (sharing gifts in liturgy, music, teaching, or youth ministry), and our **treasure** (supporting parish initiatives or contributing financially to Catholic Mission).

Another vital way of living mission is by growing in awareness and taking action to address it. Refusing to remain ignorant of the injustices around us e.g. poverty and homelessness, racism and discrimination, domestic and family violence, war and violence against civilians, exploitation of workers and refugees.

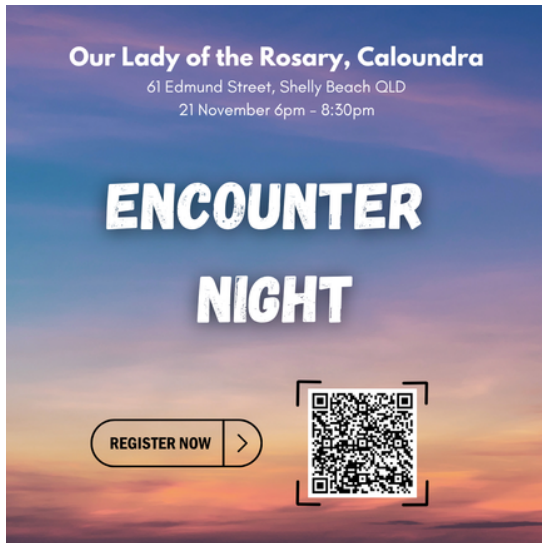
World Mission Sunday reminds us that **mission is not an optional extra for a select few, but the shared calling of every baptised Christian**. We are all disciples, sent to bear hope, compassion, and life to the world. On this day, every parish, in every diocese, in every country, joins in prayer and financial giving to ensure that missionaries can continue their vital work of building churches, forming priests, supporting catechists, and serving communities both locally and abroad.

Let us embrace this moment with faith and resolve. Together with the global church, may our parish be a place where hope takes shape, where generosity touches lives, and where faith becomes mission.

*Journey well fellow pilgrims of hope,
Fr Gerard.*

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

Save the Dates - Encounter Night & Living Hope Retreat - Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd November



As we prepare our hearts for the upcoming parish retreat, we invite you to join us for a special evening of community, reflection, and renewal on **Friday 21st November 6pm - 8:30pm.**

We'll begin with dinner at **6:00 PM**, sharing a meal together before entering into a powerful night of Encounter with Jesus. The evening will include a time of quiet reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunities to receive personal prayer ministry.

This is more than just a gathering—it's a chance to experience the transforming presence of Jesus. When we gaze upon His face, we begin to understand our true identity and the purpose for which we were created.

Come Encounter the Face of Jesus—and be filled with HOPE.



Following on from our Encounter Night, join us again at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on **Saturday 22nd November 9am - 1pm** for a Regional Retreat open to everyone - parents, children, grandparents, singles, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Step away from life's busyness to spend time in God's presence and be revitalized in faith during this special Jubilee Year celebration.

A Living Hope explores how hope transforms us by bringing God's future glory into the present, - and will feature personal prayer, group discussion, and fellowship.

Meanwhile, **Kingdom Kids Fun Day** offers primary school children a day of games, activities, and engaging messages to experience Jesus as our living hope - making this a perfect opportunity for the whole family.

Scan the QR code for more information and to register!

Thanksgiving Masses OLR Church- 25/26 October

It is our pleasure to welcome back newly ordained **Fr Sang Duc Bui** to celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October!

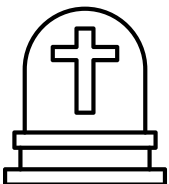
You are invited to join him at the:
5pm OLR Mass Saturday 25th October
7:30am & 9:30am OLR Mass Sunday 26th October

We look forward to celebrating with Fr Sang!



ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate **Freddie Rouse, Hennie & Aarlie Szabo, Olive Hogarth and Sonny, Louie & River Tate** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.



We pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, especially **Fr John Dwyer** whose anniversary was the 14th October.

Funerals:

Mervyn Ballinger: 23rd 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.**

Catholic Mission - World Mission Sunday

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During **World Mission Sunday**, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

To donate online, please scan the **QR code here:**



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!

Leah Keating Dementia Doula

Thanks to Holy Cross Funerals we have our 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).**

Whether you're caring for a loved one or simply want to understand more, join us for a Dementia Awareness Presentation. Dementia affects more than just memory, it impacts families, friendships, and daily life.

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



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

Presentations are 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 20th October

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

Tuesday 21st 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
Kingdom Kids Youth Group
(Unity College Chapel) 4pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 22nd October

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

Thursday 23rd October

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 24th October

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Beerwah) 9am
Holy Hour (Maleny)
3pm-4:30pm
RCIT (Unity College Chapel)
4pm - 5pm

Saturday 25th October

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

Vigil Masses

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 26th October

30th 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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