



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4/5 OCTOBER 2025 - YEAR C

Caring For Our Common Home

When was the last time you paused to watch the waves roll in at the beach, to listen to birdsong at dawn, or to marvel at a sunset over the Glass House Mountains? Moments like these remind us that creation is God's first gift, a sacred privilege placed into our hands. As we conclude this Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 October) we are invited not only to give thanks for the beauty around us but also to renew our commitment to protect and care for our common home.

The call to care for creation is not limited to environmental experts or world leaders. It is a mission entrusted to all of us by God from the very beginning: *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it"* (Gen 2:15). As members of the Church, and especially as parishioners here in Caloundra, we are called to live out this stewardship in our daily lives. We are pretty good at tilling the Earth...but keeping it for future generations to come, we are not so good at that. So much so that Pope Francis wrote an encyclical in 2015 titled *Laudato Si'* ("Praise be to you") and later a follow-up exhortation in 2023 called *Laudate Deum* ("Praise God"), both urging all people to care for our common home. As Pope Francis reminds us: *"The earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor."* (LS, 2)

Caring for the earth is in fact a matter of faith. When we look at the beaches, the Glass House Mountains, or the sunsets over the Pumicestone Passage, we are reminded that creation itself is a hymn of praise to God. But we also know that our world is fragile. Pollution, waste, and climate change affect the poor and vulnerable first. To protect creation is therefore both an act of worship – giving glory to God – and an act of justice, ensuring that all people and future generations can share in these blessings.

It can be tempting to think that one person cannot make a difference. Yet the truth is, every small action counts. As parishioners, we can show our gratitude and care for creation in very practical ways: planting trees in our gardens, reducing single-use plastics, saving water, or even sharing a lift to Mass with a neighbour. Each step is a concrete expression of faith and gratitude.

Practical Steps We Can Take:

🌱 **Practice the three R's:** reduce, reuse, recycle. Put things in the correct bins!

💡 **Conserve energy** – switch off lights and appliances when not in use.

🚶 **Choose walking, cycling, or carpooling** whenever possible.

🍷 **Support local produce and farmers' markets** to reduce waste and food miles.

🙏 **Pray regularly** in thanksgiving for the beauty of creation.

👉 **Get involved in our various initiatives** ie Parish gardening group, Laudato Si Action Group, 10c Bottle/Medication packet recycling, Parish Art Group, Craft Group, and so much more!

As we conclude this Season of Creation, let us recommit ourselves to caring for our common home, starting with small, faithful actions that reflect God's love for all creation.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead, American cultural anthropologist (1901–1978)

Yours in creation, Fr Gerard



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025



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

Ignite Conference 2025 Brisbane

Last weekend, a group of adults and youth from our parish attended Ignite Conference Brisbane! These four days were filled with vibrant rallies, powerful worship, engaging workshops and incredible opportunities to connect with people on fire in their faith!

Please continue to pray for all those who attended - that the Holy Spirit continues to move in their hearts and fuels them to be disciples who actively accompany others to encounter Jesus!



Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day - October 7th

Did you know that the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was once called the Feast of *Our Lady of Victory*? This powerful title commemorates the miraculous victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, when Christian forces triumphed against overwhelming odds. Pope St. Pius V credited this triumph to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through a united campaign of praying the Rosary across Europe.

In response to the threat of invasion, Pope Pius V didn't just rally soldiers—he called upon every man, woman, and child to take up the Rosary. This devotion, which leads us through the life of Christ with the eyes and heart of Mary, remains at the centre of this beautiful feast.

We warmly invite you to celebrate this special occasion with us at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish during all **six of our Weekend Masses on Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5.** The Rosary will be prayed together before each Mass, and afterwards, we'll gather for hospitality—including cake!

Let's come together in prayer, remembrance, and joyful community. Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us for a weekend of faith and celebration!



Ladies Lunch

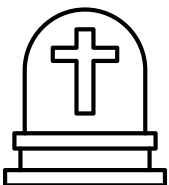
The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 17th October 12 noon** at Harry's Beach Bistro 36 Esplanade Headland Kings Beach. All ladies are welcome to attend. This is a great way to meet other ladies and make new friends. Please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 13th to register your attendance!

Mums & Bubs - OLR Caloundra

Calling all Mums & Bubs within the parish!
Our Mums & Bubs group meets fortnightly: generally on the **2nd Monday** and **4th Tuesday** of the month.
If you would like to come along, please email Amelia - willmera@bne.catholic.net.au

ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate **Samuel Newby, Evie Elliott, Eamon Albury and Elijah Regenfeldee** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.



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

Funerals:
Peter Rowe: 2nd October 10:30am at OLR.
Catherine Callanan: 7th October 11am at OLR.

May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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

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<<



Alpha On-line - It's Alpha but not as we know it!

Starting on the **14th of October** the parish will be offering a new **Alpha course online**. If you are unable to leave home in the evening, can't possibly convince someone to mind your kids for 10 weeks or would prefer the convenience of something in your own home, then this on-line option is for you.

Please scan the QR code below to register your interest.

If you have questions in the meantime, you can contact Mission Coordinator Beth Davies via the Parish office

caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



Rite of Christian Initiation of Teenagers (RCIT)

We are delighted to announce that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Teenagers (RCIT) will commence on **Friday, 10 October at Unity College Chapel**.

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 - caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au - for further information.

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**.

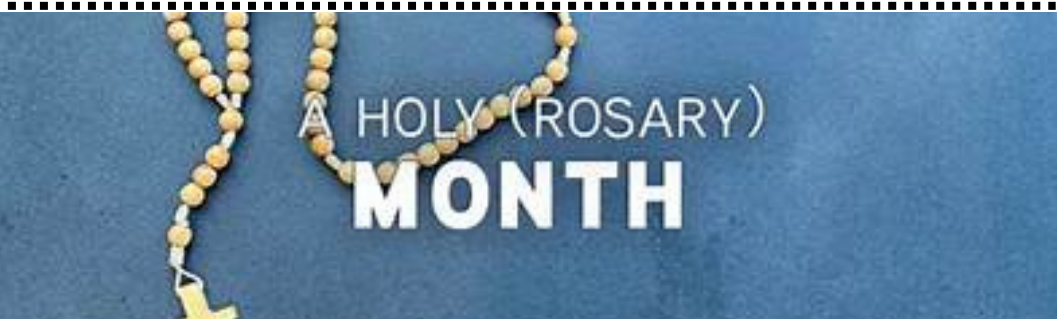
Proudly sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals.

More details to follow.



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 6th October

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 7th 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 8th October

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Art Group (OLR)

10am-12pm

Thursday 9th October

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

RCIA (OLR)

5:30pm - 9pm

Friday 10th October

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny)

3pm-4:30pm

Saturday 11th October

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)

9am - 9:45am

Vigil Masses

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 12th October

28th 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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