

# **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH**

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# The Light That Draws Others Home



This weekend I'll be heading north to the Diocese of Cairns to speak at their Diocesan Synod. While I'm humbled by the invitation, what excites me most is that our parish is starting to shine a light that others can see—a light that draws people home to Christ. The Church in Australia is in a season of deep renewal—rediscovering her missionary heart, listening again to the Holy Spirit, and daring to imagine what a vibrant, hope-filled, Christ-centred future might look like. What's happening here is just one small expression of that larger movement of grace.

Over these past few years, a vision has been steadily growing in my heart for our parish—a vision that I believe is given by God Himself: that every person—from the youngest to the oldest—would experience the joy of intimacy with Jesus. Not just know about Him, but truly know Him, because when a person encounters the joy of His love—when a heart is transformed by Him—it naturally overflows. Genuine discipleship can't stay contained; it stirs in us a desire to boldly and joyfully share what we have received with others, becoming a light that draws others home.

That vision is slowly becoming the heartbeat of everything we do. It shapes the way we celebrate the sacraments, how we preach and pray, how we welcome and serve. It even shapes how we lead. We're building a culture where leadership is shared according to a **unified vision**—where lay and ordained work together to create spaces for encounter and growth. Our Senior Leadership Team, Ministry Leadership Teams, and Pastoral Leaders aren't just helping 'run' the parish; they're helping us all grow as missionary disciples who draw others into God's love.

Renewal doesn't happen by accident; it happens when a community keeps saying "yes" to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, even when the path ahead isn't perfectly clear. It happens when people choose faith over fear, generosity over comfort, mission over maintenance. I see that happening more and more across our parish—people stepping forward to serve, inviting others to Mass, giving sacrificially, participating in prayer groups, volunteering in ministries, reaching out to friends who've drifted away. These are all signs of life. They're glimpses of what the Holy Spirit is stirring among us—small lights that draw others home.

As I prepare to share our story in Cairns, what strikes me most is how ordinary this renewal looks on the surface. It's not flashy or dramatic; it's quiet and steady. It's the parent who prays with their kids before school. It's the retired person who invites a neighbour to Mass. It's the teenager who joins the music ministry because s/he wants to give back. It's the simple, daily "yes" of people allowing their love for Jesus to change the way they live. That's what builds a lighthouse parish—one small light at a time.

When we speak about lighthouse parishes, it's not about being the biggest or busiest parish, but about being one that actively helps others find their way to Christ. A lighthouse doesn't draw attention to itself; it shines so others can find safe harbour. That's what I hope our parish continues to become—a community so alive with faith, joy, and welcome that others are drawn to the One who is the true Light of the world, a light that draws others home.

This weekend, I'll be carrying each of you in my heart because what I'll be sharing in Cairns isn't my story—it's our story: a story of God's grace at work in ordinary people who are daring to dream of a Church renewed by the joy of the Gospel.

Please pray for me and for the Diocese of Cairns as they gather for their Synod, and please keep praying for our parish—that we'll continue to be **attentive to the Holy Spirit**, **courageous in our witness, and joyful in our mission**.

With peace and love, Fr Josh

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

## 1 Week To Go! Encounter Night & A Living Hope Retreat

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

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 21<sup>st</sup> November 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

We'll begin with tea and coffee at 6:30pm, 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.

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

#### Tickets are FREE for this event.

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

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.

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.

#### Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children attending Kingdom Kids Fun Day.

Scan the QR codes to register for both events!

\*Please note you need to fill out SEPERATE forms for each event!

# **Grief Support Group**

The next Grief Support morning tea will be held on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** 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

### **Ladies Lunch**

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 21st November at 12 noon at The Waves Club cnr Arthur Street and Bingera Terrace Caloundra**. 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 17th November to register your attendance!

# Kingdom Kids Youth Group - 18th November

Our next Kingdom Kids Youth Group will be held **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at Unity College Chapel from **4-5:30pm!** 

This is our **last youth group of the year**, and we will be celebrating with a Christmas Party themed night! This is not one to miss - bring along your friends!

If you would like to register your child, please scan the QR code here for the registration form!

Any other questions, please contact Amelia - willmera@bne.catholic.net.au



Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra







#### ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate Louis Nguyen and Thea Hoffmann who will be baptised at OLR and OLW this weekend.



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



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

# St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - 15/16 November

This weekend marks our **annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** across our parish. Envelopes will be available on the pews and may be placed in the collection baskets. If you prefer, you are welcome to take an envelope home and return it at a later Mass.

Throughout the year, our local Vinnies conferences provide vital assistance—food, support, and care—to families experiencing hardship. This Christmas Appeal helps fund Christmas Hampers, bringing a little extra hope, comfort, and joy to those who need it most during this special season.

Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of others. **Thank you for your ongoing support and compassion.** 

## **Join Our Welcomers Team!**

Do you have a warm and friendly heart? Would you enjoy welcoming others as they arrive at one of our Mass Centres?

Being part of our welcoming team is a wonderful way to connect with people and help everyone feel at home — and we'd love for you to join us! We'll be holding a training and refresher session for both current greeters and new volunteers on **Saturday, 29th November, from 10am–12pm.** 

For **existing Welcomers** please notify the Parish Office if you are unable to attend this essential Annual Training.

To learn more, please speak with your **Pastoral Leader** at your Mass or contact the P**arish Office on 5430 9390.** 

## **Volunteer Safeguarding Training & Prayer Team Training**

On Friday, 28 November, we will hold two important training sessions:

- Essential Volunteer Safeguarding Training Open and required for all volunteers across the Parish.
- Prayer Team Training Specifically for those interested in serving on Prayer Teams.

This combined day will allow people who are interested in serving on Prayer Teams and other ministries such as Rosie's BBQ Outreach to be fully up to date with the essential safeguarding training required by the Archdiocese. **This training is open to anyone across the Parish who wishes to serve in these ministries.** The day will run as follows:

- 8:45am Gather & Prayer
- 9:00am Essential Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding & WHS Training
- 11:30am Brunch
- 12:00pm Prayer Team Training
- 1:00pm Finish

Volunteers can also choose to do Safeguarding training on-line. However, if you would prefer to go to the in-person seminar, join us for the morning & Brunch. If you have done your safeguarding training online but would like to attend prayer team training, please join us at 11:30am for Brunch and then the training session.

**Registration is essential** - please register via the QR code here. To complete your Safeguarding training online, still register by scanning the QR code, and we will send you the details to complete the training online.

## **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.

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# Parish Diary

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

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

#### Tuesday 18th 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

## <u>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</u>

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

## Thursday 20th November

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

### Friday 21st November

Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Beerwah) 9am Holy Hour (Maleny) 3pm-4:30pm Encounter Night (OLR) 6:30pm - 8:30pm

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

NO Reconciliation & Adoration at OLR Living Hope Retreat & Kingdom Kids Fun Day (OLR) 9am - 1pm

#### **Vigil Masses**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

### Sunday 23rd November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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