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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE -
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Where There Is No Vision, the People Perish

One of the great truths of Scripture is found in the book of Proverbs: “*Where there is no vision, the people perish*” (Prov 29:18). Vision isn’t simply a corporate buzzword or a leadership gimmick. In the Christian life, **vision is the ability to see with the eyes of faith what God desires to bring about among His people—and then to respond with trust, courage, and obedience.** Vision is the spark that ignites mission; it is the horizon that draws a community forward; it is the shared conviction that God is doing something here, and that each of us has a part to play. But if vision is so central to our life of faith, why is it something Catholic parishes are only now beginning to emphasise? Why does “vision sharing” feel like a new development in the life of the Church?

Part of the answer lies in how dramatically the cultural landscape has shifted. For much of the 20th century—especially until the mid-1960s—the Church lived within what could be called “cultural Catholicism.” In Australia, as in many Western nations, Catholics didn’t need a compelling parish vision to come to Mass, engage in parish life, or pass on the faith. The culture itself pulled people toward the Church. Being Catholic was woven into family life, schools, neighbourhoods, and social expectations. Faith didn’t need much explanation; attendance was steady, the parish calendar full, and vocations strong.

Because the faith was so culturally reinforced, parishes could rely on sacramental participation without needing to inspire missionary discipleship. Vision didn’t need to be named or intentionally cultivated—the culture did the heavy lifting. But we are no longer living in that world.

Today, the cultural glue that once held Catholic life together has loosened. Families are busier. Social patterns have diversified. Faith is no longer assumed; attendance is no longer automatic. Many people—especially younger generations—no longer inherit a Catholic worldview from their culture or family environment. In this new landscape, parishes cannot simply maintain what once was. What is required is deep, missionary renewal. And renewal doesn’t happen by accident. It requires vision.

A parish vision names where God is leading us and why it matters. It answers questions that our culture no longer answers for us: *Why be Catholic? Why gather? Why serve? Why share faith? Why give your life to Jesus? Why does this parish exist?* A clear and shared vision focuses hearts, strengthens unity, and prevents us from drifting into survival/palliative care mode. Vision reminds us that the Church doesn’t exist simply for her members, to run programs or keep buildings open—we exist to make new disciples of Jesus, to form saints, and to become a living sign of God’s love in our community.

This is why sharing vision is so important. While vision begins with the parish priest, it belongs to the whole community. When a parish shares a common vision, something powerful happens: ministries align, energy increases, mission becomes joyful, and parishioners begin to see their own lives as essential to what God is doing.

Vision animates desire; it awakens hope; it calls us out of comfort into purpose.

Our parish’s vision—that every parishioner experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus which transforms their lives and inspires them to boldly and joyfully share what they have received—is not a slogan. It is a conviction about what God wants for His people here and now. It is an invitation to each of us to lean in, listen to Holy Spirit, and commit ourselves to being a parish that is alive in Jesus Christ.

In a time when faith can no longer rely on cultural momentum, vision becomes not just helpful but essential. As Proverbs reminds us, without vision we wander, we wither, we lose heart. But with vision—God’s vision—we flourish.

May Jesus continue to draw us deeper into His heart, and may our shared vision lead us together into the mission He entrusts to our parish today.

With peace and love, Fr Josh

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

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - Thank You for Your Generosity

Last weekend, our parish held the annual **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed. Your generosity—whether through donation envelopes, prayers, or simple acts of kindness—helps bring hope and dignity to families in our local community who are experiencing hardship.

Throughout the year, our local Vinnies conferences continue their quiet but powerful work, offering food, support, and compassionate care to those in need. The Christmas Appeal, in particular, allows them to prepare Christmas Hampers that brighten the season for individuals and families who may otherwise go without.

If you were unable to contribute last weekend, **donation envelopes are still available** in the church and can be placed in the collection baskets at any Mass.

Thank you for your continued support of this important mission of charity. Together, we help share the joy, hope, and love of Christ with those who need it most.

Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

We joyfully announce that our **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and **RCIT** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Teenagers) candidates will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion— this weekend.

These sacred celebrations will take place during the following Masses:

- **Saturday, 22nd November at 5:00 PM – Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR) Mass.**
- **Sunday, 23rd November at 5:00 PM – Unity Mass.**

This is a blessed moment in the life of our parish community as our candidates step forward in faith to fully enter into the life of the Church. Let us keep them lovingly in our prayers as they complete their journey of preparation and embrace the fullness of Christian initiation. May the Holy Spirit guide, strengthen, and fill them with grace.

Ministry Invitation to Join Our Parish Compassion & Connection Ministry

In every season of life, **Jesus** meets us with **compassion**—and often He does so through the presence of others. Our parish is discerning a refreshed ministry focused not only on supporting those who are **grieving**, but also on **offering friendship, connection, and gentle accompaniment** to anyone experiencing a time of hardship or transition. This ministry will provide a safe, faith-filled space where people can share their story, feel heard, and experience God's tender love through community.

We are inviting parishioners who feel drawn to this beautiful and meaningful work to consider joining the team as we shape this renewed ministry together. You don't need professional qualifications—only a compassionate heart, an empathetic ear, and a willingness to walk gently with those who may be carrying sorrow or simply needing connection. Training and ongoing support will be provided.

This is a special way to say “yes” to Jesus by being His hands and heart for others. If you have ever felt prompted to **offer care, companionship, or presence** to those who feel alone, perhaps this is your moment to respond. Interested parishioners are invited to contact the Parish Office with an expression of interest.

New Seminarian - Welcome Oskar!

Hello everyone, my name is Oskar and I am a first-year seminarian at the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo training for the presbyterate for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. I am very blessed to be doing my Advent placement here at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast. I was born at Alexandra Headlands and grew up on the Northside of Brisbane, and over my life have worked in a pizza restaurant, as a car mechanic, in supermarket retail and as a disability support worker. I have also studied and received a Bachelor of Art and game design when I lived in Melbourne. I moved to the Sunshine Coast at the end of 2016 and was baptised as a Catholic and received the sacraments on August 2nd 2020 at Stella Maris at Maroochydore, and was able to (among other ministries) lead the RCIA program in 2024 for 19 new Catholics. In that year, I made the choice to hear the word of God and explore my vocation at the seminary where I entered and was joined by nine others, each looking to explore this same calling. I am looking forward to meeting new faces and familiar ones as well on my placement, and hope for a fruitful learning experience here on the Coast with Fr Josh and Fr Gerard.



ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate all our **RCIA and RCIT Candidates** who will celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion— this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Unity College Chapel.



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

Funerals:

Monica McLennan: 27th November 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

May they Rest in Peace.



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

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 **Parish 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.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards

SVDP is again selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at the OLR Church this year.

Please place donations in the Poor Box if you wish to purchase.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

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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Stay up to date with our community by following our Facebook and Instagram Page!

Facebook: Caloundra Catholic Parish

Instagram: @caloundracatholicparish

Parish Diary

Monday 24th November

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

Tuesday 25th November

Adoration (Maleny) 8:30am
Rosary (Maleny) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Ladies Prayer Group (OLR)
9:30am – 12pm
Cards Group (OLR)
8:30am – 12pm

Wednesday 26th November

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

Thursday 27th November

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

Friday 28th November

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

Saturday 29th November

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

Vigil Masses

First Sunday of Advent
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent
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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