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Celebrating Momentum

If there is one word that seems to rise again and again across our parish family right now, it is **momentum**. Not simply the momentum of a single weekend—even though last weekend was extraordinary in every sense—but the deeper, **Spirit-driven movement unfolding among us**. Momentum describes the way hearts are awakening, people are saying yes to Jesus in new ways, and a genuine culture of invitation is taking root. It captures the growing desire we see everywhere: a desire to step forward, to engage, to belong, and to be part of what God is doing in our midst. That movement was unmistakable across the four major moments of our parish weekend.

We began on **Friday evening with our Parish Encounter night at OLR Church**—an intimate time of worship and prayer. There was a tangible Presence as we lifted our voices to the Lord. Fr Gerard offered an encouraging talk on prayer, reminding us that prayer is not “leaving a voicemail for God,” but a living conversation with the Risen Jesus. We also heard a heartfelt testimony from Kevin, a young parishioner whose encounter with Christ continues to shape his life and desire to serve—a reminder that Jesus continues to call and form us, His people.

On Saturday morning, momentum continued as **more than 60 parishioners gathered for the Living Hope Retreat**, led by Vanessa and Caleb from Archdiocesan Ministries. Grounded in Pope Francis’ invitation for the Jubilee Year of Hope, they encouraged us to let the promise of eternal life shape our lives now. Through prayer, reflection, and fellowship, participants rediscovered the strength of their baptism and the Living Hope found in Jesus—a clear sign of people choosing to grow.

That evening, during the 5pm OLR Mass, our parish rejoiced as **six adults were initiated into the Catholic Church**, surrounded by family and supported by our community. Their courage and desire to belong witnessed to the Spirit’s steady work over many months. Seeing their joy reminded us that the Church is always alive and welcoming.

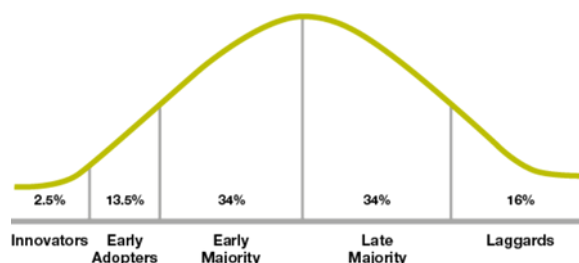
Finally, on Sunday evening, the weekend reached its peak at the 5pm Unity Mass, where **fourteen teenagers committed themselves to Jesus through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion**. With 270 people gathered in a 250-seat chapel, the energy was palpable—an “electric” mix of unity, joy, and God’s presence. Watching our young people step forward so boldly was a powerful sign of hope for our parish’s future.

Across all of this, something important has happened—**something measurable as well as spiritual**. We have previously reflected on the **Social Change Bell Curve** as a way of understanding how movements grow and change. It is becoming clear that our parish has now crossed the 16% threshold—the point at which the “early majority” begins to come on board, joining the innovators and early adopters who have been leading the way. This is the moment when momentum naturally increases, because many more people start participating, contributing, and catching the vision. In movements of renewal, this is the tipping point where transformation accelerates and culture begins to shift more rapidly.

That is exactly what we are seeing. Parishioners are not merely attending events—they are engaging their faith more deeply. They are inviting friends. They are saying yes to encounter, yes to formation, yes to service, yes to Jesus. Momentum is never something we manufacture. It is something we recognise as a gift from the Holy Spirit, something we steward, and something we give thanks for. Let us continue to nurture what Holy Spirit is doing among us. Let us keep inviting, keep welcoming, and keep saying yes—so that every person in our parish may experience the joy of intimacy with Jesus and the desire to boldly share Him with others.

The Spirit is moving. Momentum is growing. And the best is yet to come.

With peace and love, Fr Josh



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

Celebrating Our Newest Members in Faith

Last weekend, our parish community came together in joyful celebration as **eight adults completed the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** and **fourteen teenagers completed the Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT)**. Their months of prayer, study, and spiritual discernment culminated in a beautiful and inspiring moment for all of us.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of these individuals for their dedication and openness to God's call. Their commitment enriches our parish family and reminds us of the vibrant, growing faith within our community. A huge thank you to the team who journeyed with our new catechumens.

Please join us in keeping them in prayer as they continue their journey as fully initiated members of the Church. May their example inspire all of us to deepen our own relationship with Christ.



Love Your Neighbour Christmas Hamper Collection - For SVDP 2025

As our part, of being a **vibrant** community, the Service & Outreach Team are organising the **Christmas Hamper Collection** this year. All collections will then be given to our local St Vincent De Paul branches for distribution by the volunteers to the less fortunate and homeless within our community.

Christmas Hamper Items we invite you to donate non-perishable items:

e.g. cereals, long life milk, tea, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, lollies, Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, canned hams, cordial, soft drinks, biscuits, chips, nuts etc

Also, this year we are asking for donations to St Vincent de Paul Pantries situated in our local areas.

So, in addition to the non-perishable items listed above:

We invite you to donate items such as soup, canned spaghetti or baked beans, canned fruit, biscuits, spreads e.g. peanut butter, jam, vegemite, two-minute noodles, snacks eg muesli bars, fruit in juice cups pk 4, nuts, tea, coffee, toiletry items e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo etc.

These items can be placed in the plastic tubs at the back of the church.

The Service and Outreach Ministry thank you for your generosity on behalf of all those who will benefit from your gifts.

Please contact **David** via email cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au if you have any questions.



ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate **Ella Ann Piesche, Penny Wise Parish, Riley Jameson Parish, Pia Gabrielle Gigante-Watson and Olivia Mae Skalina**, who will be baptised at the OLR and OLW this weekend.

Funerals:

Maximus Barford: 2nd December 11:30am at Sacred Heart Maleny Church.

Henry Kramer: 2nd December 2pm at Our Lady of Rosary Church.

Glen Milligan: 2nd December at Gregson & Weight

May they Rest in Peace.



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

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 **Vicki** at the Parish Office with an expression of interest.

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 4th December, 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 Vicki at the Parish office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Marion Valley Bus Trip - 13th December

Departure: 6:00am – **Return:** 6:30pm

Location: Departing from the OLR Caloundra Car Park

Cost: \$50 per person

Join us for a special pilgrimage as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the opening and blessing of Marian Valley. To mark this milestone, Pope Leo XIV has granted a plenary indulgence, and we look forward to welcoming the Pope's delegate, Bishop Christopher Nikiel, who is expected to be present on the day.

To book your seat or for more information, please contact **Therese (PL Caloundra)** on **0425 794 608**. We hope you can join us for this grace-filled day of prayer and community.

Columban Calendars

SVDP is again selling Columban Calendars 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.

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\$10.00

Place cash in St Vinnies poor box.



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 1st December

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 2nd December

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 3rd December

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 4th December

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands)
9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 5th December

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Holy Hour (Maleny)

3pm-4:30pm

Saturday 6th December

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)

9am - 9:45am

Vigil Masses

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame - **at Unity**

College Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 7th December

Second 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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