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Remembering in November



I am so proud to be a Catholic! Its history is filled with remarkable contributions to human progress. The Church played a key role in the development of the scientific method (and even the Big Bang Theory), founded hospitals and universities, and even influenced everything from our calendar (thanks Pope Gregory XIII) to our morning coffee (thanks Pope Clement VIII)!

Just over a week ago, many parts of the world celebrated Halloween. But did you know that it too has Catholic roots?! Halloween actually began as **All Hallows' Eve**, the vigil before All Saints' Day, when Christians prepared to honour all the holy men and women who had gone before them. In medieval times, Catholics commemorated this evening with prayer and acts of charity. During All Hallowtide, the three sacred days of **October 31 (All Hallows' Eve), November 1 (All Saints' Day), and November 2 (All Souls' Day)**, Catholics honour all the saints and pray for the faithful departed.

In the Middle Ages, All Hallows' Eve and All Souls' Day, were days where the poor once went door to door offering to pray for the souls of the departed in exchange for spiced short-bread cookies known as "soul cakes". Sometimes they even went dressed up as angels or saints and held carved turnips. This practice, known as *souling*, was an early expression of community prayer and charity, and it eventually inspired the modern custom of trick-or-treating. How incredible is that?!

November is known as the Month of Remembrance for both the Church and the world. For Catholics, it begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, when we honour the saints in heaven and pray for all who have died. We also recall that one day this will be our very own feast day where other's will be praying for us. Throughout the month, we are encouraged to remember our loved ones, visit cemeteries, and offer Masses for the faithful departed, trusting in God's promise of eternal life. In the wider world, November 11 commemorates **Remembrance Day**, a day to pause and honour those who gave their lives in war for peace and freedom. November invites us all to remember with love, hope, and thanksgiving all those who have gone before us.

When we celebrate the Mass and indeed, as we go about our daily lives, we are reminded that we live in both a natural world and a supernatural world. **The visible signs of bread, wine, words, and gestures draw us into an invisible reality where heaven touches earth.** At every Mass (and even in one's personal prayer), we invoke the angels and the saints, our heavenly companions, who join us in worship and intercede for us before God's throne.

The act of remembering **anchors us in God's faithfulness**, reminding us who we are and whose we are. As a faith community, we don't simply recall events or people from the past, we bring their meaning into the present. That's exactly what we do at Mass: it's a re-presentation of the Last Supper, where we make present the saving mystery of Christ's love. In remembering, we recognise how God has walked with us through every joy and struggle, shaping our identity as His people.

We honour those who have gone before us, whose faith and love have built the foundations on which we now stand. **Remembering keeps us grounded in gratitude for what God has done, attentive to what He is doing now, and hopeful for what He will continue to do.**

May this sacred act of remembering strengthen your faith and renew your trust in God's enduring love.

Remember well this November,

 **Fr Gerard**

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

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - 15/16 November

Next 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.**

COP30 - the 30th annual Conference of the Parties to the United Nations.

We Catholics have a unique role – and a sacred duty – to raise our voices for creation and the most vulnerable among us as Pope Leo asked in his Encyclical, *Dilexi Te*, 4th October this year.

We are called to pray, educate, and advocate for action at COP30 that world leaders work together, through the decisions taken, to protect our planet and all life on it.

Taking place in the Amazon Rainforest, 9th –21st November, this annual United Nations climate summit is more than a political gathering; it is a moment of moral and spiritual conversion, echoing the call of *Laudato Si'* to hear both “*the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.” Pope Francis – and now Pope Leo XIV – remind us that everything is interconnected.

Catholic bishops from Africa, Asia, and Latin America called for urgent climate justice. As Catholics, we draw from our Social Teaching – **upholding the dignity of every person, the common good, and our preferential option for the poor**. These values compel us not to treat climate change as an issue “for someone else,” but as a moral crisis that impacts all, especially the “least” among us.

Join Our Greeters Team!

Do you have a warm and friendly heart? Would you enjoy greeting 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.**

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



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 18th 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



ON THE JOURNEY

We congratulate **Isabella Bassos, Amarli, Sienna & Emilia Sanders, Ivy Kenna, Jasmyn, Elyse & Claire Figueredo** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.



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

May they Rest in Peace.



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

Reminder: Encounter Night & A Living Hope Retreat

Join us for a transformative weekend of faith, renewal, and community!

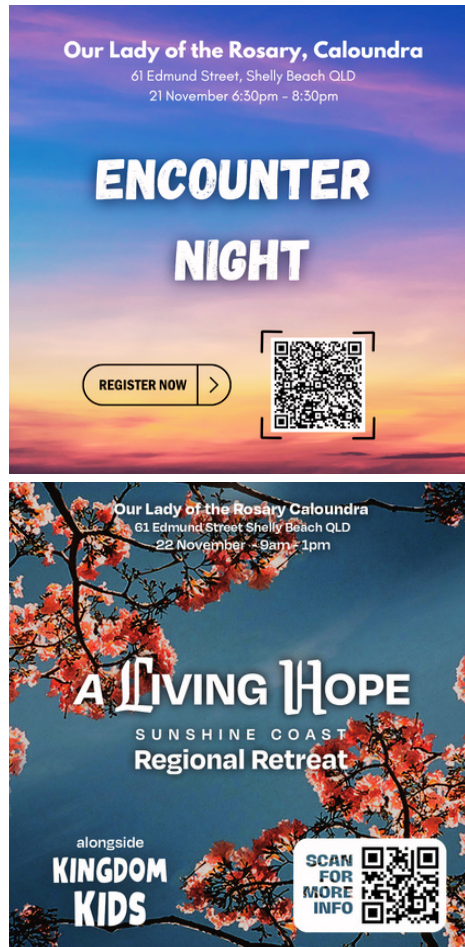
☀ **Encounter Night – Friday, November 21 • 6:30–8:30pm at OLR Church**

Prepare your heart for the retreat with an evening of worship, quiet reflection, and Eucharistic Adoration. Come encounter the face of Jesus and be filled with HOPE.

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

Celebrate our **Regional Retreat: A Living Hope**, a Jubilee Year gathering open to all. Step away from life's busyness to be renewed in faith through prayer, discussion, and fellowship. **Children are invited to a Kingdom Kids Fun Day** filled with games and encounters with Jesus, our living hope.

📱 Scan the QR codes to register for both events!



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.

Parish Diary

Monday 10th November

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

Tuesday 11th 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

Wednesday 12th November

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

Thursday 13th November

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

Friday 14th November

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

Saturday 15th November

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

Vigil Masses

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 16th November

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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