



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Synodality and Co-responsibility

When Pope Francis spoke about the Church in the last 8 years of his pontificate, one word rose again and again: **synodality**. Perhaps it still sounds like a new idea, but in truth it expresses something ancient—rooted in the earliest Christian communities and essential to the life Jesus entrusted to His Church. Synodality **simply means walking together**: clergy, religious, and lay people listening to the Holy Spirit and to one another as we discern God’s will side by side.

Pope Francis described synodality as “**the path God expects of the Church in the third millennium.**” His words remind us that the Church is not a pyramid of power but the **People of God journeying together**, each with gifts given for the sake of the whole. This is not new. Over a century ago, Pope Leo XIII—whose name Pope Leo XIV honoured—spoke of the Church as a “living body,” in which every member “has its own special office” for the good of the whole. Across different centuries, Francis and Leo echo the same truth: the Church flourishes when each member embraces the responsibility entrusted to them through baptism. This leads directly to co-responsibility. **Co-responsibility** is not a buzzword or management model; it is a biblical and sacramental reality. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus entrusts the Great Commission not only to the apostles but to the whole Church: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” **This mission belongs to all the baptised.** Pope Benedict XVI captured this well when he noted that lay people are not merely “collaborators” with clergy but truly co-responsible for the Church’s life and mission.

Synodality and co-responsibility are therefore not separate ideas. **Synodality shapes how we walk together; co-responsibility shapes why.** Together, they describe a Church that is united, discerning, and mission-focused.

For our own parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, this vision speaks directly to what we believe God is calling us to be. **Our mission—to actively accompany people to encounter Jesus**—rests on the conviction that every person can experience the transforming joy of intimacy with Him, and that this encounter naturally leads to the desire to share Him with others. Synodality reminds us that we discern this mission together.

**Co-responsibility reminds us that the mission belongs to all of us**, not just those in formal leadership. People sometimes hear “co-responsibility” and think it means more work: more rosters, more ministries, more pressure. But this is not the Church’s vision. **True co-responsibility does not burden—it magnifies.** It lifts up the gifts God has already placed in His people. The Holy Spirit equips every baptised person with charisms meant to be discovered, nurtured, and released for the building of the Kingdom.

Co-responsibility also honours the dignity of the laity. It acknowledges that they are not passive recipients of grace but Spirit-filled disciples whose ordinary lives—at home, in workplaces, in parishes—are the frontline of the Church’s mission. The Church is not saying, “Do more for the sake of it,” but rather, **“God has already placed gifts within you. Let’s recognise and unleash them.”**

In a synodal parish, leadership is less about directing programs and more about accompanying people as they discern what God is asking of them. We don’t simply recruit volunteers; we cultivate disciples. As we continue to walk the synodal path before us, may we deepen our commitment to this vision of co-responsibility. And may each of us rediscover that **the mission Jesus gave is not a burden but a gift—one we carry together.**

**With Peace and love, Fr Josh**

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

## **BBQ For The Homeless With Rosies**

On a warm Friday night, seven parishioners from around the parish (and one seminarian) came together to work with **Rosies** to provide food for the homeless and disadvantaged here on the Sunshine Coast by firing up the barbeque and cooking up a feast for those in need.

For some of us, it was the first time meeting each other, but that unknown didn't stop the coming together to help and serve those needing a hand in life. It was a wonderful experience to be able to give of ourselves in service to the wider community.

For myself being on placement, it was a great way to experience the ministry of service to those in need and to be apart of one of the many parish ministries here at OLR. As one of the parishioners described it as "Heart warming and heart breaking", it was rewarding and fulfilling to see the smiles and thanks of those who came, but also heartbreaking hearing the stories of struggle of those who, through no fault of their own, have ended up in tough and terrible situations. It was with great fondness that I remember the night and being able to give back, even in a small way, to the community here that has welcomed me so warmly.

**God Bless, Oskar Borough**

Please contact **David** via email [cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au) if you have any questions.



## **Parish Finance Council Update**

**The Parish Finance Council (PFC) met last Friday and approved the 2026 parish budget.**

The budget has been carefully prepared, debated and discerned to ensure that our parish resources continue to serve the Mission of our parish. We acknowledge the work of **Edgar Pitargue** in drafting the budget and his diligence.

The budget approach is conservative – adopting lower income estimates and higher expenses, with a small cash surplus.

**The 2026 budget moves us as a parish from maintenance to mission. We are budgeting for the greatest area of expenditure to be mission – or evangelisation.**

Historically, property related costs have represented the largest spend area. The deliberate maintenance and capital works program of the last few years is a contributor in allowing the focus on mission in 2026.

Budget increases for growth in **Hymns, Homilies and Hospitality**, as well as ensuring our **Ministry Leadership Teams (MLT's) – Community Life, Faith and Formation, Service and Outreach, Youth and Young Adults, Children and Families and Worship** – are well resourced to support all parish ministries.

**Steve Kay – Chair PFC**

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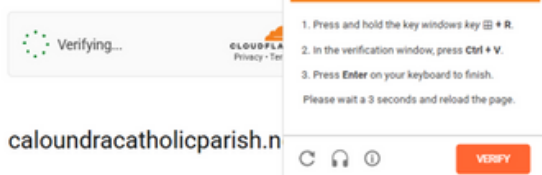
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We acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

## Ministry Invitation to Join Our Parish Compassion & Connection Ministry

Jesus meets us with compassion in every season of life, often through one another. Our parish is **discerning a refreshed ministry that will support not only those who are grieving but anyone facing hardship or transition.** This ministry will offer a safe, faith-filled space for sharing, listening, and experiencing God's love through community.

We invite parishioners who feel called to this meaningful work to **join us** as we shape the ministry together. No professional background is needed—just a compassionate heart and a willingness to accompany others. Training and support will be provided.

If you feel drawn to offer care, companionship, or a loving presence, this may be your moment to say “yes” to Jesus. Please contact **Vicki at the Parish Office** to express your interest.

## Jubilee Pilgrimage at OLR Caloundra

On **Thursday 11 December**, we will welcome a group of parishioners from Stella Maris, Maroochydore as they make a **pilgrimage through our Jubilee Archway at OLR Church.** The pilgrims are expected to **arrive at 7:45am**, after which they will **pray a Rosary** leading into the **9:00am Mass.**

Following Mass, **at 9:40am, Fr Gerard** will offer a short 15-minute **reflection on the Jubilee Year** and the significance of the **Holy Door.** The morning will conclude with **morning tea at 10:00am.**

All are warmly welcome to join this special pilgrimage celebration.



## Marion Valley Bus Trip - 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Seniors' Group Christmas Carols Sing-a-long - 23 December

Join us for a festive morning on **Monday, 23rd December.**

We begin with **morning tea after the 9:00am Mass** in the undercover area—a lovely chance to gather and enjoy some fellowship.

Following this, the **Seniors' Group Christmas Carols Sing-a-long will take place at 10:00am** in the Caloundra Church. Steve and the wonderful 7:30am choir will lead the singing, and there will even be a **special surprise guest appearance.**

All are warmly invited to come along and share in the joy of the season.

## Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation

As we prepare our hearts during the Advent season, you are invited to participate in the Second Rite of Reconciliation, a communal celebration that includes Scripture, prayer, and a shared examination of conscience, followed by individual confession and absolution.

**Celebration Times:**

- Sacred Heart, Maleny: December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
- OLR, Caloundra: December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
- Stella Maris, Maroochydore: December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm

All are welcome as we prepare for the coming of Christ with hearts renewed and reconciled.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> December

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Rosary (OLR) 8am  
Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)**  
9am - 9:45am

### **Vigil Masses**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame - **at Unity College Chapel**) 5pm

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Mass (OLR) 7.30am  
Mass (Maleny) 9am  
Mass (OLR) 9:30am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am  
Mass (Unity) 5pm

### Advent Sacrament of Penance

### Second Rite of Reconciliation

(A communal liturgical celebration with individual confession and absolution)

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Sacred Heart, Maleny 9am

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

OLR Caloundra 9am

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Stella Maris, Maroochydore 5pm



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