



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 3/4 JANUARY - YEAR A



A New Year... New Beginnings



A new year always feels like a moment of new beginnings. One season closes, another begins, and we find ourselves quietly asking: *Where am I being led now? What will my 2026 look like? Where do I need to make a fresh start?*

As the Church reaches the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are reminded that faith is living, growing, and always unfolding. **Our faith is placed not in an idea, but in a person: Jesus Christ, and in Him we place our hope.** From here, we are sent forth as pilgrims of hope into 2026 and beyond.

The Epiphany gives us the image for this journey. The Magi set out because they noticed a star. They did not have the full map, but commenced the journey anyway. Often we feel the need to have everything figured out before we begin, **but faith often begins simply by taking the first step.** As we commence 2026, **what is the star God is placing on your heart to follow now?** It might be an invitation to deepen prayer, to return to the sacraments, to reconcile a relationship, to serve the church more generously, or to trust God in an uncertain season. Stars attract us gently, sparking hope within and illuminating the path ahead.

Often, when we hear the Epiphany story, we imagine ourselves as one of the characters: a Magi, a shepherd, a pilgrim. But what if this year, you saw yourself as the star?!

A Christ-centred life, marked by authenticity, courage, generosity, relationship, and joy, quietly leads others to Christ. These are our parish values which mark how we live out the mission. By growing in these values, the world is changed for the better, one small act at a time.

And Scripture tells us that after encountering Jesus, the Magi returned home by another way. That is mission. **Mission is not about doing more of the same; it is about allowing an encounter with Christ to change how we live, love, and move through the world.** How can I fulfil our mission in 2026 to be a vibrant community which actively accompanies others to encounter Jesus?

As we begin this new chapter, perhaps the most meaningful present we can offer God this year is our **presence...** be present in prayer, be present in service, be present in generosity and tithing, be present to one another as a parish community. It's not about what I do, but my joyful response to what God has already done in my life.

May this new year be a true beginning: a renewed pilgrimage, a clearer star, and a deeper willingness to let Christ lead us, and through our shining response to Christ leading us may we too lead others home.

✨ **Blessings for your new beginning in 2026, Fr Gerard**

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

A Warm Welcome!

Welcome to everyone joining us today. Whether you are travelling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to celebrate with us today. May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe in this holiday season!



Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office **has closed and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 13th January 2026**. In the case of a pastoral emergency, you can contact a priest through the **parish emergency phone 0431 099 854**.



Over the next two weeks, please note the **changes to our Weekday Masses** - you can find this information under **Parish Diary** each week, or you can scan the QR code to take you to the full list of Mass Times over this Christmas & New Years holidays.

Date Saver - Wed, Jan 21. Seniors' Group Event: Dabbling in Paint

Parishioner Jude will generously guide us step-by-step in creating our very own floral painting on canvas to take home.

Curious? Up for a challenge? Or simply wanting some company in a fun, relaxed environment? Join us in the Egan Room - and bring a friend! No art experience required.

All materials are provided, **so please register via the QR code here or our Linktree** on the parish website to help us prepare.



Wed 21st Jan- 9:30am cuppa; 10am painting; with morning tea at 11am.

Please bring a plate to share, and let us know if you need a lift.



Parish Compassion & Connection Group

Our Parish Compassion & Connection Group (formally known as Grief Support Group) will be meeting on **Friday 16th January** after 9.00am Mass in the Egan room of the OLR Parish Centre. All past and new members are welcome!

For support requests, please email olrgriefsupp@gmail.com

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 9th January at 12 noon at Brightwater Hotel**. 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 5th January** to register your attendance!

Year of Yes Prayer

Today and every day I say Yes to you O Lord.

In the same way that Mary said yes to your invitation, I say Yes to your Son's presence in my life.

May my yes, by the power of your Holy Spirit, allow you to use all the talents, skills and gifts you have given me for the purpose of building up Your Body in our community.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

On The Journey...

We congratulate **Matteo & Olivia Peres Dal Pino Gualtieri, Amelie & Ella Novais Furquim, Sienna Lecky and Maxi Berginc** who will be baptised at Our Lady of the Rosary Church this week.

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

May they **Rest in Peace**.

Parish Diary

Monday 5th January.

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

Tuesday 6th January.

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 7th January.

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 8th January.

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

Friday 9th January.

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 10th January.

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

Vigil Masses

The Baptism of the Lord

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

Sunday 11th January.

The Baptism of the Lord

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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