



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 14/15 FEBRUARY - YEAR A

There Is More...

True physical hunger is something most of us, thankfully, have never had to experience. We are blessed to live in a time and place where food is abundant and accessible. And yet even well-fed people can suffer from hidden malnutrition – lacking essential nutrients without realising it. A person can feel full and still be missing something vital.

If we feel full, how would we know we are hungry?

The same can be true of our life of faith. It is possible to fill our spiritual lives with many good things – prayers, devotions, Mass attendance, service, ministry involvement – and yet, in the busyness and comfort of daily life, miss a deeper invitation. We can participate faithfully and still sense that something is unfinished, that growth has stalled, or that our relationship with God has settled into routine.

Over the past months, I've sensed a genuine stirring across our parish. There is an expectancy in conversations, a quiet but growing hunger. I hear people speak about wanting to go deeper, to understand their faith more fully, to encounter Jesus not only through habit but with renewed intentionality. There is a recognition that discipleship is not static.

The Christian life is not about maintaining a minimum; it is about continual transformation.

This should not surprise us. Because God is infinite, our journey with Him can never be exhausted. The mystery of the Triune God is not something we master; it is Someone who continually draws us further in. Even in eternal life, the wonder and discovery of God will not end. His mercy is inexhaustible. His love is unfathomable. His life is not something we simply possess – it is something we grow into.

Through the sacraments, through Scripture, through prayer, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Father is always inviting us forward. Many parishioners have shared with me a simple but profound question: What is my next step? They want to expand their knowledge of God not only in the mind, but in the heart. They sense that the Lord is gently prompting them toward something deeper. ***That awareness itself is grace.***

Lent is the Church's gift in precisely this space. **It is a season that creates room** – room to listen, to examine, to respond.

It is a time to turn deliberately toward God and ask:

What are You inviting me into?

What do You want me to lay down?

What do You want me to take up?

These questions require honesty and courage. Growth always involves both surrender and reception. This Lent, one concrete way to respond is by joining a **Lenten Connect Group**. These small groups provide space to pray, reflect on Scripture, share faith, and encourage one another in a real and practical way. Groups begin this week. If you sense that it may be time to step forward, we would love to help you find one that suits you.

Identifying the hunger within is an important beginning. But recognising it is not the same as responding to it. When we come forward for Holy Communion, we are invited not merely to receive passively, but to take hold of the gift of Jesus Himself. He gives Himself completely. The question is whether we are prepared to receive Him with openness, humility, and trust. In every Eucharist, Christ offers His life anew. In every season of the Church, He draws His people onward. In every stirring of desire within us, He is already at work. As Lent begins, take time to ask the Lord honestly:

What is the next step in my faith journey?

What are You asking of me now?

Where are You calling me to trust You more deeply?

The Christian life is not meant to plateau. God is always inviting us further – into greater freedom, deeper communion, and fuller life in Him. Let's have the courage to respond. Let's take the next step together.

Peace and Love, Fr Josh.

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

Ministry Leadership Team Update - Youth and Young Adults

The Youth and Young Adult space is alight with a sense of newness this year. We have a few new people join our team and have started the year strong with 50 students attending the FIRST youth group for 2026 filled with games, doughnuts, and spiders (ice-cream floats). We are exploring this term the theme of "If God exists how does that effect my life?" For Young Adults, we will be having our first big event next week Thursday and starting off strong with Dinner and Adoration. Want more info for either youth or young adult please reach out to me via email cmalietoa-brown@bne.catholic.edu.au or Instagram [@kingdom.caloundra](https://www.instagram.com/kingdom.caloundra) or [@caloundra.ya](https://www.instagram.com/caloundra.ya)



And It All Begins on Wednesday...

CONNECT GROUPS: Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 18 February, parishioners are invited to commit for the season of Lent to a local **Connect Group**, journeying together through these sacred forty days. Meeting simply and regularly in one another's homes, these groups are an invitation to belong, to share faith and prayer, and to walk together as disciples of Jesus. **Scan the QR code on the right to register.**



DAILY MASS: Why not incorporate daily Mass into your Lenten journey this year? We have Mass each day during Lent - except Wednesdays.

PARISH MINI MISSION: It is important to make time to reflect on our lives and the direction life is taking us. To help us this year, we welcome back **Fr Richard Leonard**, who will lead our **Parish Mini Mission over 3 days from the 9-11 March** daily from 10am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra, with a cuppa from 9.30am sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals. Fr Richard will also lead a Mini Mission in the evenings at **Stella Maris, Maroochydore from 5pm on the same days.** Don't let this Lenten opportunity slip by!

COME AWAY AND PRAY: Join us for a special morning with Sr Jone and the Sisters of Mary Morning Star as they share practical wisdom to renew our prayer life during the Lenten season. Through inspiring talks and small group discussions this promises to be a beautiful morning of reflection and drawing closer to the Lord together. **Tuesday, March 17, Our Lady of the Rosary, 10am - 1pm.** Please RSVP via the Parish Linktree to assist with morning tea and lunch. This is a free event, and all are warmly welcome.

RECONCILIATION: Forgiveness should be part of everyone's Lenten journey. God's mercy is unconditional! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered **every Saturday at OLR Church from 9am.** Our **Communal Rite of Reconciliation** takes place at **Our Lady of the Rosary at 9am on Saturday 28th March and on Saturday 21st March at Landsborough.**

PROJECT COMPASSION: A practical and life-giving expression of Lent is our call to generosity and sacrifice in support of those less fortunate through the **Project Compassion Appeal.** This is something every individual and family can take part in, **with a single envelope for the whole season of Lent** available at the entrance of each church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be held throughout Lent at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra and Mary Mackillop Church, Beerwah each Friday, following the 9:00am Mass.** At Maleny, Adoration, the Rosary, and Stations of the Cross will take place every **Tuesday from 24 February, beginning at 8:30am.** At Landsborough, Adorations and Stations of the Cross will be held on **Thursdays from 19th February beginning 9am.**

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS: Lenten Reflection Booklets will be available for free at each Mass Centre beginning this weekend.

LENT IS A SOLEMN SEASON: You will notice fewer decorations in the church during Lent, and the Gloria will be omitted until the great celebration of Easter. As a parish community—and as individuals and families—Lent is a sacred and important time, inviting us to be intentional so that the grace and God-given opportunities of this season do not simply slip through our fingers, but truly become life-transforming.

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

Parish Encounter Night - *Who Is Your 7?*

On **Friday 6 March**, our parish is hosting an Encounter Night centred on the theme "*Who Is Your 7?*" – a powerful invitation to reflect on the people God has placed around us to support and strengthen our faith.

The concept of "**Your Seven**" in a faith journey refers to a framework of seven types of individuals—mentors, peers, and friends—who help a person grow in their relationship with God and sustain them in their spiritual walk. This model suggests that relying on a community of believers is essential for spiritual maturity and perseverance, rather than attempting the journey alone. This night will help us recognise who those people are in our own lives – and how we might be part of someone else's Seven.

The evening will also include **worship, a keynote reflection, personal testimony, and time for prayer and adoration, with space to listen, reflect, and respond to God's call.**

We are blessed to welcome **Deacon Peter Pelicaan** as our speaker. Deacon Peter is the Executive Director of Archdiocesan Ministries, with a heart for evangelisation and helping people encounter Christ in a personal and practical way. With warmth, honesty, and deep faith, he invites others to reflect on how God works through relationships and community to draw us closer to Him.

All are welcome. Come for a drink, stay for worship, and be open to what God might be inviting you into this Lent.

Drinks from 5:30pm | Program begins 6:05pm | Register by scanning the QR code above



OLR Seniors' February Outing to the New Caloundra Library!

We warmly invite all seniors to join us for our next OLR Seniors' Event

Thursday, February 26

Please arrive at 9:45am for a 10:00am start

Caloundra Library, meet at the café by the main entrance: 1 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra

Enjoy a guided tour led by the library staff, prepared specially for our group. Whether you love books, local history, or simply good company, this promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable morning together.

RSVP's essential! Please register by **Monday, February 23** via the QR code, or phone the parish office on 5430 9390, or email chilcottj@bne.catholic.net.au. Please let us know if you require transport.



Celebrating Elsa Edgar!

This weekend at the 10:30am Little Mountain Mass, Fr Terry and Fr Tyrone will concelebrate a special Mass to wish Elsa a very happy **100th birthday!** Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone Elsa!



Happy
Birthday

ON THE JOURNEY...

We pray for **Aoife Mary Bowles, Dylan Clemen and Bodhi Jordan Bengtsen** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra.

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

May they **Rest in Peace.**



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Parish Diary

Monday 16th February.

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

Tuesday 17th February.

Adoration (Maleny) 8:30am
Rosary (Maleny) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 18th February.

Ash Wednesday Masses

7.00am- (OLR)
7.50am- (Unity)
9.00am-(OLR)
9.00am- Maleny
10.15- (Currimundi)
9.15am (Lt Mt)
6.00pm- (OLR)
6.00pm-(Lands)

Thursday 19th February.

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration for Vocations and Stations -(Lands) 9am
NO Mass (Currimundi)

Friday 20th February.

Mass (OLR) 9am (then Stations)
Mass (Beerwah) 9am
(then Stations of the Cross)

Saturday 21st February.

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

Vigil Masses

1st Sunday in Lent

Mass (OLR) 5pm

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

Sunday 22nd February.

1st Sunday in Lent

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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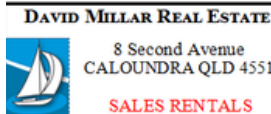
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