



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7TH/8TH FEBRUARY - YEAR A

It's Not About Us

The beginning of last year marked the beginning of a season of change—a recognition that some of the structures, rhythms, and assumptions that had served us well in the past would no longer carry us into the future God is opening before us. 2025 felt less like a straight line and more like a threshold. Familiar patterns have loosened their grip. Long-standing ways of doing things have been questioned, reshaped, or let go altogether. For some, this has been energising. For others, unsettling. For most, it has probably been both.

The Church has a name for this kind of moment: **liminal time**. It is the space between what has been and what is yet to come. Liminal seasons are rarely comfortable. They involve uncertainty, ambiguity, and a sense of being “in between.” We are no longer standing firmly in old structures, but we cannot yet see clearly the full shape of what lies ahead. And yet, this is precisely the kind of space where Jesus does some of his most important work.

In liminal times, the temptation is to rush—either to cling tightly to the past or to demand quick solutions and neat answers. But discipleship often asks something harder of us: **to remain present, attentive, and faithful while the ground shifts beneath our feet; to become comfortable even, with a certain discomfort; to trust that God is not absent in the uncertainty, but active within it.** What anchors us in this in-between moment is clarity of mission.

Our mission—expressed succinctly—is **to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus**. As a growing parish, we are also naming with increasing confidence our purpose within that mission: to reach every single person within the geographical boundary of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish—around **150,000 people**—with an invitation to choose Jesus. This statement cuts through distraction and recentres everything we do.

When a purpose greater than we can fully comprehend becomes our focus, something important happens. We stop measuring parish life primarily by internal markers such as by how smoothly things run, how familiar they feel, how well they suit those of us already here. Instead, we begin asking outward-facing questions: *Who is missing? Who has never been invited? Who does not yet know Jesus, or knows him only distantly or even painfully?*

Pope Francis often warned against a Church that becomes self-referential: turned inward, preoccupied with itself, and disconnected from the very people it is meant to serve. Liminal seasons force us to decide whether our energy will be spent preserving comfort or embracing mission.

The truth is confronting and freeing at the same time: **our parish does not exist for itself**. It exists for those who are not here yet. This is why the letting go matters. This is why the discomfort has purpose. Old structures, times, and ways of doing things are not being questioned for the sake of change itself, but because the mission now before us requires flexibility, courage, and imagination. Reaching 150,000 people will not happen overnight or by accident—it is a ten-year horizon—and it will most definitely not come from doing “more of the same.” It will take prayerful discernment, new discipleship, and a willingness to be sent beyond what feels familiar.

Every Mass reminds us of this truth. We are not simply **gathered**; we are **commissioned**. “Go, and proclaim the Gospel.” These are not closing words of housekeeping. They are a sending: into workplaces, families, schools, friendships, digital spaces, and the quiet, everyday encounters where faith is most often shared. Jesus is stretching us, widening our vision, and re-aligning us with his heart for those who do not yet know him. It's not about us. It's about those waiting—often unknowingly—for an invitation to meet Jesus. And it's about becoming a parish willing to step forward into that mission, even while we are still standing on the threshold.

With prayer and love, Fr Josh

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accompanies people to encounter Jesus**

Ministry Leadership Team Update - Service and Outreach

As we move forward in 2026, the Service & Outreach team is excited to share what's ahead across our ministries and community initiatives.

Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop – Implementing the RAP

We are pleased to share the new date for the RAP Networking Workshop. This gathering offers an important opportunity to deepen our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture, and connection to Country. Many parishes from across the Archdiocese will be joining us, and we warmly invite OLR parishioners to take part.

We are grateful to welcome local elder **Kerry Jones**, a Kabi Kabi man from the Sunshine Coast and Director of the Bunya Bunya Country Aboriginal Corporation, who will lead our opening session. This will be followed by a practical workshop on implementing the RAP locally, including steps to strengthen the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture within our parish.



Event Details

Date: Saturday 14 March 2026

Time: 10:00am for a 10:30am start – 2:30pm

Location: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 61 Edmund Street, Caloundra

Cost: Free – donations welcome to support future RAP and Truth Telling events

RSVP: By Thurs 12 March. Please register via the QR code here.



Please bring a savoury or sweet plate to share for morning tea and lunch, and label any dietary considerations (e.g., dairy-free, gluten-free).

Community Cooking and Community Outreach BBQ

Our Community Cooking Initiative with Unity College continues in 2026, with new cooking dates set for Term 1. Generous parishioners will join students and staff at Unity College to prepare delicious and nutritious meals for those in need. Additionally, our Friday night Community Outreach BBQ continues to shine as a place of welcome and care, offering friendship, connection, and full bellies to those who need it most.



2026 – The Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi

As we conclude the Jubilee of Hope celebrated across the Church in 2025, we now enter a new year of grace: the 800-year Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi, inaugurated by Pope Leo from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027.

This Jubilee invites every Christian to follow the example of St Francis – a man of peace and humility, who cared for the poor and held deep reverence for God's creation. Throughout the year, our Care for Creation team will offer a range of initiatives and events to help us reflect on St Francis' witness and renew our commitment to caring for our common home.

Invitation to Serve

As we look to grow and expand our impact in 2026, we are always seeking new volunteers across these ministries. If you enjoy cooking, love serving and supporting others, or would like to join the Care4Creation team during this special year of grace, please get in touch at CP.ServiceandOutreach@bne.catholic.net.au

Many Thanks -

The Service Outreach Team: Bob, Trish, Mary, Ros and David

ON THE JOURNEY...

We pray for **Arroe, Coen and Chet Nolan & Harrison, Audrey and Lily Roach** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra and **Frankie Gordon** who will be baptised at Maleny.

Funerals:

Joan Tennison: Tuesday 10th February, 11am 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.**



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

Connect Groups This Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 18 February, and parishioners are warmly invited to commit—at least for the season of Lent—to being part of a **Connect Group**. This invitation is intentionally simple and time-bound: journey together for these sacred forty days. Some may choose to continue beyond Lent, but the starting point is just this shared season of prayer, reflection, and accompaniment.

Connect Groups reflect a necessary and hopeful vision for our parish. In a community of our size, pastoral care can no longer rest on clergy alone—it belongs to all of us. **Meeting regularly, usually in one another's homes and formed by locality, these groups will become places of encouragement, prayer, and support.**

With a clear and simple structure, they focus not on long meetings or expertise, but on hospitality, consistency, and faith shared honestly. **This is more than another program; it is an invitation to belong, to be known, and to walk together as disciples of Jesus.**

If you are interested in joining a Connect Group, or simply finding out more, please scan the QR code here or contact the Parish Office to assist.



Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 13th February at 12 noon** at Kings Beach Surf Club 1 Spender Lane Kings Beach. 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 9th February to register your attendance!

Art Classes Resume!

A couple of weeks ago, our wonderful parishioner - and artist - Jude, held a Seniors "Dabbling in Paint" event! The morning involved much creativity, fun, and friendship in the room and some truly beautiful artworks to show for it. If you would like to continue with some weekly art classes, they resume on **Wednesday 11th February, 10am-12pm at the Parish Centre**. Bring a paint easel and canvas. For more information phone **Jude** on 0421777508.



This Is Your Invitation To Dive Deeper- Registration details coming next week!

Diving Deeper is an exciting formation opportunity for those looking to learn more and grow more in your faith. Do you feel like you're not sure where to go next with the growth in your faith journey - then **Diving Deeper is for you**. This program will be a chance to learn more about the roots of our Catholic faith in the Bible. As a group, we will journey along with noted Catholic biblical scholar, Dr Mary Healy, as she takes us on a faith and journey of encounter along with the apostles as we walk through the Acts of the Apostles and the foundation of the church. Come and join us:

1. **Start Date:** Monday 23rd February (meeting fortnightly)
2. **Time:** 6pm
3. **Location:** Dobson Room Parish Centre

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.

Parish Diary

Monday 9th February

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

Tuesday 10th February

Adoration (Maleny) 8:30am
Rosary (Maleny) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9am
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Wednesday 11th February

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 12th February

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

Friday 13th February

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

Saturday 14th February

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

Vigil Masses

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 15th February

6th 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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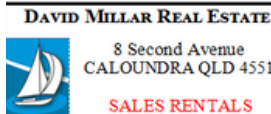
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