



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

*Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.
We acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.*

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4th Sunday of Lent - 14 / 15th March Year A

Compassion and Care: Walking Together as a Parish Family

One of the most beautiful truths about parish life is that **no one is meant to walk alone**. Over the past few years, many parishioners have quietly experienced the love and support of our Grief Support Ministry – through funeral hospitality, sympathy cards, listening conversations, and simple companionship during difficult seasons of life. Through this ministry, countless people have encountered something deeply Christian: the presence of others willing simply to sit, listen, and care.

Earlier this year, parish volunteers gathered to pray, reflect, and discern how this ministry might grow in response to needs we are increasingly seeing within our parish and beyond. While grief remains an important part of pastoral care, many people today **carry other forms of loss** – loneliness, isolation, life transitions, illness, or disconnection. Out of this discernment, the ministry has been renewed and given a new name: **Compassion and Care**.

What is Compassion and Care? Compassion and Care provide a safe, welcoming, and non-judgemental space where people can experience companionship, listening, prayer, and gentle support during challenging seasons of life. This ministry is not counselling or professional therapy. Rather, **it is the ministry of presence** – parishioners accompanying others with compassion, hospitality, and attentive listening. Sometimes people attend only once. Others stay longer. Some simply need to know that someone notices them and cares. This ministry meets people where they are.

A Ministry That Connects. One key insight from recent conversations is that our parish already offers an extraordinary range of ministries – from prayer groups and Bible studies to outreach, hospitality, youth formation, service ministries, and pastoral visitation. Often the challenge is not the absence of care but **helping people discover where they belong**.

Compassion and Care serve as a gentle doorway into parish life, helping individuals connect with the wider network of support already present across our communities – including Communion to the sick, St Vincent de Paul, prayer ministries, social groups, formation opportunities, and shared friendship. It does not replace existing ministries; it helps bring them together.

Our Missional Responsibility. Each weekend, hundreds gather for Mass across our parish communities. Yet within our geographical parish live **more than 150,000 people** – many experiencing loneliness, grief, or spiritual searching without knowing where to turn. At the end of every Mass, we are sent forth: “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Compassion and Care reminds us that this sending is real. Our responsibility extends beyond those already seated in our pews to neighbours, friends, colleagues, and family members who may never approach the Church but would accept an invitation from someone they trust. You may know someone who is struggling, newly bereaved, isolated, or simply needing connection. One of the greatest gifts you can offer is an invitation: **“Our parish has a group that walks with people – would you like to come with me?”**

How You Can Be Involved

1. Make use of the ministry. If you or someone you love could benefit from companionship or support, **Compassion and Care is here for you**. The team meets at 9.30am on the third Friday of each month for morning tea and discussion in the Parish Egan Room – 20th March is the next gathering.

2. Invite others. Many people come only because **someone personally invites them**.

3. Volunteer. This ministry relies on parishioners gifted in listening, hospitality, compassion, and presence. Training, guidance, and team support are provided, with clear pastoral boundaries.

Walking Forward Together. The renewal of Compassion and Care forms part of a wider movement within our parish: ensuring that every person – from lifelong parishioners to those who have never entered our churches – **can encounter Christ through authentic human care**. Often a person's first experience of God's love comes not through a program, but another person willing to actively accompany them. If you would like to learn more, refer someone, or explore volunteering, please connect with Vicki in the Parish Office. Together, let's continue building a parish where compassion is visible, care intentional, and no one walks alone.

With peace and love – Fr Josh

Encounter Night

Our parish recently hosted a **powerful Encounter Night**, gathering people together for an evening of deep encounter with Jesus.

It was a truly uplifting evening that included worship, a keynote message, personal testimony, and time for prayer and adoration. It was a beautiful opportunity during this Lenten season to pause, listen, and respond, and many present experienced **a deep encounter with Jesus**.

We were delighted to welcome **Peter Pelicaan**, Executive Director of Archdiocesan Ministries, who shared powerfully from his experience of evangelisation and the importance of community in drawing people into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Thank you to all those involved in the planning & execution of the night.



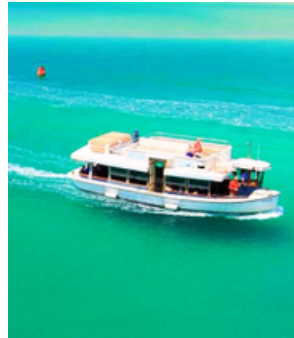
Seniors Event - Pumicestone Passage Cruise

Join us for our March Seniors' Group outing on **Wednesday 18th March**, departing **Pelican Waters Tavern at 10:30am for an 80-minute cruise** on the beautiful Pumicestone Passage with a local family-run business.

Cost: **\$30** per person (cash on the day)

RSVP by: **Monday 15th March** via Linktree, QR code, or the parish office.

You're welcome to stay on afterwards at the Tavern for an **optional \$20 lunch**. Enjoy a relaxing morning on the water with great company!



Kingdom Kids Group Re-Launch



Our first Kingdom Kids Youth Group for 2026 will be held **Tuesday 24th March at Unity College Chapel from 4pm-5:30pm!**

This Youth group is aimed at children in **Grade 3-6**. These evenings are opportunities to hang out and **explore the faith in an accessible way**, participate in games and activities, engage with input that helps build understanding of who Jesus is in their lives, and build friendships with likeminded kids in the parish.

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**

We hope to see you there!



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.

This free event will take place on **Tuesday, March 17th, Our Lady of the Rosary, 10am - 1pm**. Please RSVP via the Parish Linktree.

This is a free event sponsored by **Holy Cross Funerals**; all are warmly welcome.



Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession



Everyone sometimes does things they regret or perhaps they know they shouldn't have, which is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so important. **The sacrament is one of healing** which reminds us that no matter what we have done, **God loves us and is ready to forgive**. Through confession, penance and absolution, we speak to God about our sins and receive His mercy. Confessing our sins can feel uncomfortable, but the Church protects the privacy of every penitent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available **every Saturday morning at OLR Church from 9:00–9:45am**.

Our Second (Communal) Rite Reconciliation also takes place at 9am on 21st March OLR (Landsborough) and 9 am 28th March at OLR (Caloundra)

Term 2 - Sacrament of Confirmation

All baptised children from grade 3 and up are welcome to celebrate their Confirmation in Term 2. The program starts on **21st April at 5-6pm** in the OLR Church, and runs for 6 weeks with the **Confirmation ceremony on Friday 5th June**. Session 1 has been pushed back a week due to 29th May Maleny Show Holiday.

You will need to attend all sessions to be able to celebrate the sacrament.

To register, please join Flocknote, fill out the details for your family and complete the registration forms via the appropriate QR codes

Any questions please contact the Parish at caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



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Holy Oils - Annual Chrism Mass

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites everyone to the annual Chrism Mass, an important Holy Week liturgy where the Bishop blesses the holy oils used for sacraments throughout the year – the Oil of Chrism, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens. The Mass is also a sign of unity between the bishop, priests, and the people of the Archdiocese, and includes the renewal of priestly promises.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 26th March at 7:00pm at the **Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane**.

This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese, and all are warmly welcome to attend.



ON THE JOURNEY...

We pray for those who have been recently baptised into the Church, that the grace of their baptism may guide them throughout their lives.

Funerals:

Mary Langlois 19/3/26 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

Denise Dunstan 20/3/26 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

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

May they Rest in Peace



Parish Diary

Monday 16th March

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

Tuesday 17th March

Adoration, Rosary & Stations of the Cross (Maleny) 8:30am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Come Away and Pray (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 18th March

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 19th March

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Adoration for Vocations & Stations of the Cross (Lands) 10am

Friday 20th March

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

Saturday 21st March

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR) 9am - 9:45am
Second Rite Reconciliation (Lands) 9am - 10am

Vigil Masses

5th Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday 22nd March

5th Sunday in Lent

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



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