



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 2nd/3rd May Year A

## A FUTURE BUILT ON CARE, MISSION, AND WISE STEWARDSHIP

**What kind of parish are we becoming - and what kind of parish are we being called to be?** Over the past few months, I've found myself returning often to that question. It's a question that has led us into a series of significant conversations and decisions - ones I now want to share with you openly and clearly. It begins, quite practically, at our front desk.

As many of you know, our parish office shares its reception area with Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School. While this arrangement has served us well since 2011, it no longer meets current national safeguarding standards. The safety of our children is not simply one priority among many - it is the priority. And so, after careful review, it's clear that this shared arrangement **no longer provides the level of protection and clarity** that is required today.

In response, we have begun conversations with the school and Brisbane Catholic Education about **the possibility of them purchasing our current office space**. This is not only a safeguarding response; it also **meets a real and growing need on both sides**. The school requires additional administrative space, and our parish team continues to grow as we seek to better accompany people into an encounter with Jesus Christ. But this raises the obvious question: Where will the parish office go?



After much consultation and planning, we are now working with architects and quantity surveyors to redevelop the current presbytery into **a new parish office**. This redevelopment will include a purpose-built reception area to the left of the Egan Room, designed with safeguarding, hospitality, and functionality in mind. It will also include the installation of a lift, ensuring equal access to all levels of the building. This is not simply a building project. It is about aligning our physical spaces with our mission - **creating an environment that is safe, welcoming, and capable of supporting the work I believe God is calling us to**.

Of course, this leads to another important question: **Where will the priests live?** Some years ago, the parish purchased a house in Battery Hill, which served as a residence for the parish priest, and is currently being rented. After careful consideration, we have come to recognise that this property is not suitable as a long-term presbytery - particularly when we consider the needs of priests as they grow older, as well as accessibility and proximity to parish life.



I also want to speak personally for a moment. Living on-site, between the church and the office, has its blessings but it also carries challenges. In my own experience, **the lack of separation between ministry and rest is slowly taking its toll**. Sustainable priestly life in the 21st century requires healthy boundaries, space to rest, and the capacity to return to ministry renewed. With this in mind, I have entered into a contract - settling at the end of April - for **the purchase of a nearby unit for the parish priest to live in**. This is not only a pastoral decision but also a prudent financial one. Property, as we know, tends to appreciate in value over time, often more significantly than funds held in the Archdiocesan Development Fund. When the time comes to redevelop the presbytery into the new parish office, **we will also look to purchase a second nearby unit for the associate pastor**. While priests may live differently today than in previous generations, the goal remains the same: a sustainable, healthy, and life-giving way of living and serving.

I want to assure you that none of these decisions have been made lightly or in isolation. I have **consulted broadly - particularly with our Parish Finance Council** - and sought the wisdom of those with significant experience in these matters such as Fr Peter Brannelly. What I see emerging through all of this is not simply change, but clarity. A clear commitment to safeguarding. **A clear alignment of our spaces with our mission**. A clear vision for sustainable priestly life. And a clearer sense that we are being called to steward well what has been entrusted to us - for the sake of the Gospel.

There is more to come as plans develop, and I will continue to keep you informed every step of the way. For now, I ask for your prayers: for wisdom, for unity, and for the grace to remain faithful to the mission we share. Because in the end, this is what it is all about: creating a parish where every person can safely encounter the love of Jesus Christ and be sent to share it with others.

Peace and blessings,

**Fr Josh**

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## MINISTRY UPDATE - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

In the Youth and Young Adult spaces, we have been actively working on **connecting young people to encounter God and other young people**. Kingdom Youth has had an amazing first term, and we ended the term with Reco Rally and a Laser Tag night. This term, Kingdom Youth has started on **a new theme called Iconic**.

Celebrities have influenced people's lives, even if it's for a moment or for their entire lives. But there is a person who has influenced people's lives for thousands of years. His name is Jesus. Before we teach the children about the sacraments, or the church's teaching, they need to know this **ICONIC** person named Jesus. If you or your child is **year 7 – 12 in high school**, they are more than welcome to come to Kingdom Youth. Please email [cmalietoa-brown@bce.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cmalietoa-brown@bce.catholic.edu.au) for more details.

In the YA space we have been having events every Wednesday, such as **Adoration, Theology on Tap and even Sisterhood and Brotherhood nights**. If you are **18+** and are looking for other adults to journey with and share in the goodness of our faith. Please follow us on [insta @Calounrda.YA](https://www.instagram.com/Calounrda.YA) for details of our events happening



## HEARING HIS VOICE: UNLOCKING THE BIBLE TOGETHER



**Over 70 parishioners** gathered across our two recent "Intro to the Bible" sessions, creating a vibrant and engaging atmosphere of learning and discovery. With thoughtful questions, lively discussion, and a shared spirit of curiosity, it was clear that many walked away not only better informed, but eager for more.

In response, we're delighted to announce **a new monthly Thursday afternoon series: "Unlocking the Bible."** These sessions are designed to help people grow in confidence with Scripture and, more deeply, to learn how to listen for the voice of Jesus - the Word of God made flesh - speaking into our lives today.

Whether you're new to the Bible or looking to go further, all are warmly invited to come along and be part of this journey of faith, learning, and encounter. Details about dates and times will follow shortly.

**Beth Davies & Fr Josh**



## OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Caloundra, invites parish leaders and members of parish communities to join us for a one-day gathering called Open House.

Open House is a chance for us to open the doors of our parish and share some of our journey of renewal. Shaped by our partnership with Divine Renovation Ministry, the day is less about presentations and more about hospitality—making space to connect, share what we've been learning, and hear from others. There will be opportunities throughout the day to hear stories, explore key ideas around parish renewal, and take part in conversations that spark new thinking and encouragement. The aim is to create a space where people can speak openly, ask questions, and learn from one another.

The event takes place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 9:15am - 4:15pm** with an optional 5pm mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Caloundra.

This is a free event proudly sponsored by **Holy Cross Funerals**. Numbers are needed for catering purposes, so please **register your attendance via the Linktree QR code** in the 'Parish Information' section of this newsletter.

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**SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2026**  
9:45 am - 4:15 pm (Optional 5 pm Vigil Mass)

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61 Edmund St, Shelly Beach QLD

## PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer photographer to help capture an upcoming parish event in June. This is a great way to serve the community by helping us share the life of our parish. If you have a passion for photography and are available to assist, we would love to hear from you. **Please contact the parish office via email to express your interest.**

## IGNITE CONFERENCE

We want to invite you to consider joining our parish adult delegation to Ignite Conference 2026. This is an opportunity for encounter and discovery.

**Ignite Conference** is a vibrant, faith-filled gathering in Brisbane from **24–27 September**. The conference brings together people of all ages from across Australia who are passionate about growing the Church and encountering Jesus in a fresh way.



While Ignite has long impacted our young people, it offered a rich and inspiring experience for the adults that joined us last year. The Conference offers engaging speakers and workshops, worship, dynamic celebration of the sacraments and community with Catholics from across the nation. **Please contact the parish office via email** -if you would like to find out more details regarding costs, accommodation and registration.

## NEW PARISH SECURITY & ACCESS SYSTEM

We are introducing a **new keyless access system** for Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Parish Centre, alongside the installation of a **CCTV system**. These upgrades are important steps in strengthening our commitment to safeguarding people, property, and parish life.

At present, our key system is largely unregulated - with no control over copies of keys. The new system will allow us to maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of those accessing our buildings, ensuring greater accountability. This is particularly important as we look to the future, with both priests soon to be living off-site, making enhanced security measures essential.

The addition of CCTV will further support a safe environment for all who use our facilities, acting as both a deterrent and a means of protection.

If you currently have access to the church or parish centre - whether through a key or the lock box - and will require ongoing access, please contact **the parish office via email** - all existing keys will no longer provide access. This will help us ensure a smooth transition to the new system and that appropriate access is maintained. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this important initiative.

## LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch will be held on **Friday 8 May at 12:00 noon at Mountain View Cafe, Maleny** (Mary Cairncross Park), a lovely setting with scenic views.

All ladies of the parish are invited to come along. Please **RSVP by Monday 4 May to Deborah on 0410 531 901**.



## ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Elijah & Louis Robinson, Elias Ortega and Sophia Kehl** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

### Funerals

**Regina Zufic** on Tuesday 5 May, 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

**Delia Seeto** on Tuesday 12 May, 11:00am at Gregson & Weight

**Lydia Smith** on Tuesday 19 May, 11am at Gregson & Weight

We pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious & parishioners. **May they Rest in Peace**

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Phone:** Parish Office - (9am - 1pm) 0754309390

After hrs pastoral emergency - 0431099854

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Please see Parish Linktree QR Code to the right



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

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

## Parish Diary

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Labour Day - Parish Office Closed  
Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Adoration & Reconciliation  
(OLR) 9am

### Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Unity College  
Chapel) 5pm

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

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



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