



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 9/10th May Year A

A CALL TO PROTECT AND HEAL UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MARY

Each year, the month of **May** holds a special place in the life of the Church as the **Month of Mary**. It is a time when we turn to Our blessed Mother, who shows us what love looks like when it is lived with humility, courage and trust in God. Here in Australia, **May** is also **Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month**.

Mary shows us what authentic love looks like. And **Domestic and Family Violence** reveals what love is not. The statistics are confronting. In just the first three months of this year, 14 women and 5 children have lost their lives due to domestic and family violence. In 2025, more than 22,000 Domestic Violence Orders were issued. One in four women, and one in fourteen men, experience abuse by an intimate partner.

Behind each statistic, behind each of these numbers is a person, someone's daughter, son, friend, or parent. Often, these stories unfold quietly, behind closed doors.

As a Church, we are called not to look away. In this Sunday's readings we hear of Philip going into a wounded place and proclaiming Christ. People are healed, lives are restored, and there is great rejoicing. It is a reminder that **God often begins the work of healing through the care and presence of others.**

Mary embodies this same reality when she visits Elizabeth, she brings Christ with her and her presence brings joy and encouragement. Mary goes out, attentive to the needs of others. That is the kind of community we are called to be.

For those who are hurting, Mary is a gentle mother who draws near. She knows what it is to live with uncertainty, to face fear, and to stand at the foot of the Cross. In her adversity, she does not abandon her faith. **Through Mary's example we see the tenderness and strength of God's love.**

We are invited to follow in her example and be people who notice, people who listen without judgement, people who create spaces where others feel safe enough to speak. Sometimes this means helping someone take a step toward support. Sometimes it is simply being present. Sometimes it is having the courage to say, "This is not okay."



Jesus says in the Gospel, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."* At the heart of those commandments is love, and we know deep down that real love never harms. **Love is patient. Love is kind. Love honours the dignity of the other** (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). It does not control, intimidate, or create fear. Where there is violence or abuse, something has gone deeply wrong.

This month, as we pray the Rosary, as we as we grow in our love for Christ through the example of Mother Mary **we are also invited to examine the way we love:** within our families, our relationships, and our community.

Alongside all the Parishes in Brisbane, we mark the month of May as a time to raise awareness, support those affected, and encourage all people to play their part in building a culture of safety and respect. We also remember in prayer those working on the frontline: counsellors, advocates, police, and support services who walk daily with those impacted by domestic and family violence.

May Mary our Mother, intercede for all who are suffering. May she guide us to be a Church that reflects the heart of her Son. So that, shaped by that love, we may be a community where people are safe, dignity is upheld, and no one has to suffer in silence.

With prayerful support,

Fr Gerard Lai



MINISTRY UPDATE - CHILDREN & FAMILIES

As we roll into May, it's been wonderful to see how many beautiful smiling faces we have been able to minister to in our events and initiatives over the last 4 months – and we are only a third of the way through the year!

Over the school holidays, we held our **annual Encounter Kids Day** in collaboration with the Children and Families Team from Arch Min. We had 40 kids attend – and the day was a blast!

This year's theme was Mission: New Life exploring all the stories of Jesus after his resurrection. These days are a great way to engage our youngest disciples with faith, while having loads of fun. Some highlights were the water relay races, singing and dancing, planting seeds, making new friends and spending some time in prayer with Jesus. **A massive thank you to all our volunteers** who helped on the day too!



Our second **Kingdom Kids Youth Group** was held on Tuesday, 28th April! In this session we talked about how we are Unique and Irreplaceable! With plenty of games, activities, snacks and opportunities to connect with Jesus – this is a wonderful opportunity for children in Years 3–6 to explore their faith and build relationships with one another!

Our next Youth Group will be held from **4:00–5:30pm on Tuesday, 26th May**. Check out our Linktree to register!



Here are some upcoming/ongoing events in this Ministry Area – make sure to save the dates! :

- Children's Liturgy (Ongoing; Years Prep - 6): every Sunday during the 9:30am OLR Mass.
- Kingdom Kids Youth Group (Years 3–6): Tuesday May 26th @ Unity College Chapel.
- Family Fun Day (all are welcome!): Saturday 13th June @ Jensen Park – Pelican Waters.
- Mums & Bubs Praise and Play (Mums with kids aged 0-5): Monday 15th June 10am – 12pm @ Dobson Room OLR.
- Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion: Beginning Tuesday 14 July (registrations opening soon)

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to join the team and help with these initiatives, please don't hesitate to reach out to Amelia at cp.childrenandfamilies@bne.catholic.net.au

Stay up to date with all our upcoming events by visiting our Linktree through the QR code, provided in the 'parish information' section of this newsletter. You can also access upcoming events and dates on our parish website under Ministry Areas > Children and Families.

God bless, The Children and Families Team - **Amelia, Fr Gerard, Nadine, Julie and Mark**

MAJOR RELIC

Save the date for **Friday 3rd of July**. A 1st Class Relic of **St Carlo Acutis** will be coming to **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Caloundra**.

This will be a special opportunity for prayer and veneration, as we welcome the relic of this young saint whose life continues to inspire many, especially young people, to grow in faith and devotion to the Eucharist. More details will be shared soon.



SENIORS EVENT - MAY: BEERWAH'S BUSH MASS

The Seniors Group is organising a visit to **Beerwah's Bush Mass**, which will be held at **9:00 am on Friday, 29th May**. This event presents a wonderful opportunity for members to come together and participate in the Mass, followed by a relaxed morning tea

If you would like to join us for this outing, please register your attendance via the **Linktree QR code** provided in the 'Parish Information' section of this newsletter. For those who require it, transport can be arranged upon request.

OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Caloundra, invites parish leaders and parishioners to a one-day gathering, Open House. The event will be held on **Saturday 6 June, from 9:15am to 4:15pm, with an optional 5:00pm Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.**

The day will include four sessions focused on strengthening parish life through leadership, mission, and community:

Lay Leadership - Leading with Responsibility and Authority: Exploring how empowering lay leaders under the guidance of the parish priest—supports both pastoral and administrative life.

Welcome and Hospitality - From Attendance to Belonging: How intentional welcome and connection after Mass can foster a sense of belonging.

Parish and Schools - A Shared Mission: A panel discussion with local principals, Fr Gerard, and the Youth Minister on collaboration, challenges, and opportunities in faith formation.

Budgets - From Maintenance to Mission - Stewarding Resources for Renewal: Practical stewardship of finances, assets, and volunteer time, aligning resources with the parish mission.

This is a **free event**, proudly sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals. For catering purposes, please register via the **Linktree QR code** in the 'Parish Information' section of this newsletter.



COMPASSION & CARE

The Compassion and Care Group (formerly Grief Support) invites all parishioners to a monthly morning tea **following the 9am Mass on Friday 15th May in the OLR Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome. The group meets every three weeks, offering a space for support, and conversation.

IGNITE CONFERENCE



We invite you to join our parish adult group for Ignite 2026. The event takes place in Brisbane from **24-27 September.** Ignite brings together people from across Australia to grow in faith and encounter Jesus.

For more information about costs, accommodation, and registration, please contact the parish office via email.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Flynn & Hudson Cassidy, and Pippa McMillan** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

Funerals:

Peter Callanan on Tuesday 12 May, 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

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

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

Shirley Carmichael on Thursday 21 May, 11am at Sacred Heart, Maleny

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

PARISH INFORMATION

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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 11th May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

Tuesday 12th May

Adoration, Rosary

(Maleny) 8:30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Wednesday 13th May

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 14th May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Adoration for Vocations
(Lands) 9am

Friday 15th May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Compassion & Care

(OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 16th May

Adoration & Reconciliation

(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Unity College

Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 17th May

The Ascension of the Lord

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Mass (Unity College

Chapel) 5pm



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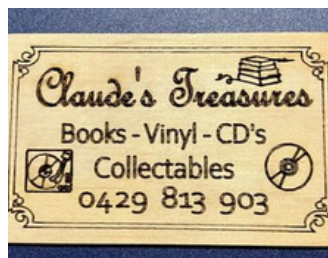
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