



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27/28th June Year A

CONFIRMING OUR GIFTS, RENOVATING OUR HEARTS

Dear Parish Family, **it has already been almost one month since I arrived in our parish.** So far, I have greatly enjoyed being here on the Sunshine Coast, with its beautiful ocean and slightly warmer climate than Ipswich. However, the ocean, the shining sunlight, and the relatively warm climate are not the main things I have enjoyed, nor are they what I ultimately seek.

The Spirit of God did not allow me to be lazy or even slow in adjusting to the culture of my new parish, as we **celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation** for our children and **hosted the Divine Renovation Open House** soon after my arrival.

The celebration of Confirmation is always a wonderful opportunity to see how God inspires our young people as they begin to form the blueprint for the future of their Christian journey. Personally, having both events during my first week was very timely, as they led me to reflect upon what I needed to **“confirm”** and what I was being called to **“renovate”** within my heart as I began this new journey.

Confirmation - First, just as our children received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, I would like to **affirm the many gifts and unique ways** in which our parish family seeks to remain vibrant. Our pastoral vision is to be a vibrant community. To me, being vibrant involves two important qualities: **attentiveness and activeness.**



I confirm and appreciate the attentiveness of our parish family. Being attentive is not limited to simply noticing the people around us. It also involves recognising each person's circumstances, way of life, and values. At the same time, attentiveness means showing thoughtful consideration and support for others.

Since beginning my ministry in this parish, I have encountered so many people who have warmly welcomed and supported me. You have not simply said, “Welcome.” You have also asked me about my cultural background, my previous ministry for Ipswich and how I have been feeling as I settle into Caloundra. All these things are clear signs that our parish family is attentive to one another, and **this attentiveness helps to make our community vibrant.**

Second, when I speak about activeness, I am not trying to judge who is more or less active within our community. Rather, I believe we can agree that we are called to **participate actively in the ministry of our Lord** to encounter our Lord's Mercy and Consolation.

I am still learning about our parish's pastoral areas and strategic plans, but I have already been impressed by the **many ways in which members of our parish family actively serve God.** This service is seen not only in the liturgy but also in hospitality, the youth group, and many other areas of pastoral ministry. You do not lose your zeal for walking alongside one another.

Rather than simply waiting for suggestions from Fr Josh or other pastoral leaders, many of you are willing to offer your own ideas and take initiative first. This is a clear sign of an active and vibrant community. Let us continue to ask Jesus to guide us so that we may remain fully active in caring for one another and carrying out our parish's pastoral mission.

Renovation—**What am I called to renovate within my heart?** While I confirm the attentiveness and activeness already present in our parish family, I also recognise that beginning ministry in a new parish requires some renovation within my own heart. Renovation does not mean rejecting everything that existed before. Rather, it means **examining what needs to be strengthened, renewed, rearranged,** or sometimes removed so that something may better serve its purpose. In the same way, spiritual renovation allows God to reshape our hearts so that we may become more open to his grace and more available to one another.

As I have embarked this new journey, I feel called to renovate my heart by becoming a more attentive listener. I cannot merely assume that the customs, expectations, and pastoral needs of our parish are the same as those of my former parish. I need to listen carefully to the stories, hopes, concerns, and wisdom that only our parish family has kept.

I am also called to renovate my willingness to work together with others. **Priestly ministry is never carried out alone.** It grows through collaboration, trust, prayer, and the generous participation of the whole parish community.

Therefore, as I continue settling into our parish, I ask for your prayers that Christ may continue to renovate my heart. May He help me to become more attentive, more active, and more faithful in serving God and walking alongside all of you.

Let us also ask ourselves: **What is God calling each of us to confirm in our faith, and what is he inviting us to renovate within our hearts?**

Peace, **Fr Minje**

MINISTRY UPDATE - FAITH AND FORMATION

Faith and Formation continues to flourish as we offer meaningful, sustainable programs that help us deepen our relationship with Jesus and one another, **bringing to life our Parish Mission** of being a vibrant community that warmly accompanies all people to encounter Jesus.

WHY Does This Matter?

We know that encountering Jesus is life changing. However, building a practice and fostering a daily, lifelong relationship and encounter with God is what fuels **ongoing transformation**.

When people live in relationship with Jesus, miracles and powerful movements of Holy Spirit abound. **We are already witnessing this** at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, with even more to come.



Our Prayer Ministry Team continues to grow and develop. This year we have championed several pilot programs such as **Harness the Power of Prayer** that we hope to offer more widely in the future. Through this ministry, we have seen miraculous healings, deeper faith, and people growing in their ability to hear God's voice. **The Holy Spirit is moving powerfully** among us today, just as He did at Pentecost.

Keeping It Real...

It is clear to us that **the Lord is moving in our parish**, and we do not want one person to miss out on what God has for them. Our invitation is to **GET INVOLVED!** If there is a resource or activity that you would like to have available here at OLR, please reach out to our team – we want your ideas!

Key Upcoming Opportunities to Get Involved

- **Prayer Ministry at Mass** – receiving prayer is a beautiful experience. You don't need to have a big intention.
- **Alpha** – an opportunity to really have your faith come alive, this program is being run on Saturdays! From 18 July – 29 August, 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Scan the QR code to find the registration link.
- **RCIA** – the Journey to Becoming Catholic – commences on Sat 5 September. Please keep our Candidates in your prayers. See notice on other page
- **Seeking RCIA Sponsors** – parishioners who would like to journey with our RCIA Candidates as they prepare to enter fully into our Catholic community. What an honour and opportunity to share your faith and create community with our newest Catholics! To register interest, contact the Parish office
- **Encounter Night & Retreat** - Friday evening & Saturday 13 & 14 November (Dates to be confirmed). These are events where miracles always unfold – you don't want to miss this!
- **Ignite Conference Adult Delegation** – this is not just for our Young People! 24 – 27 Sept in Brisbane - Registrations will close in August so don't delay.

MAJOR RELIC DAY – ENCOUNTER THE FAITH OF A MODERN SAINT



This coming week, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is honoured to host the **Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis on Friday 3rd July**.

St Carlo Acutis was an Italian teenager who used his love of technology to share the Gospel and promote devotion to the Eucharist, which he called his **“highway to heaven.”** Despite enjoying soccer and video games, he attended daily Mass and served the poor with great faith and kindness. Known as “God’s Influencer” and the first millennial saint, Carlo died of leukaemia at age 15 in 2006 and continues to inspire young people worldwide through his example of holiness in everyday life.

The relic, a first-class relic containing a **fragment of the membrane surrounding St Carlo's heart**, will be accompanied by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo from Assisi, who will share insights into Carlo's life and legacy.

The day begins with Mass at 9:00am celebrated by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo, followed by Veneration of the Relic. Visitors can enjoy Carlo Acutis' *Eucharistic Miracles exhibition* and the documentary *Roadmap to Reality* throughout the day. Highlights include Rosary with reflections from St Carlo at 10:30am and 2:40pm, a free Family BBQ from 11:00am–12:30pm, and a presentation by Monsignor Figueiredo at 12:30pm. The afternoon also offers opportunities for Veneration of the Relic, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This visit offers a rare opportunity to learn more about his life, seek his intercession, and deepen our own love for Christ in the Eucharist.

Friday 3rd July | 9am–3pm | Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATIONS

If your child is in Grade 4-6 and has already completed the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to register them for the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion**.

*For those families who had signed up for confirmation this year and your child is in year 4 and above, please email the parish office that you would like your child to continue their sacrament, you **DO NOT** need to register again.*

The 2026 Sacramental Program (FHC) will launch on Tuesday night **14th July 5-6pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Sacrament of FHC will be the **weekend of the 22/23 August 2026**. Please register through the website by scanning the QR code in the 'Parish Information' section of the newsletter.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for our next Ladies Lunch on **Friday 10th July at 12:00pm** at **Club Kawana**, 476 Nicklin Way, Wurtulla. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a meal together, catch up with old friends, and meet new people within our parish community. If you would like to attend, please **contact Linda on 0429 380 979 by Monday 6th July**.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING



We wish to remind parents with children **up to the age of 7**, wishing for them to be baptized, that the next preparation meeting is at OLR Church, Caloundra, on **Thursday 2nd July 7-8pm**. At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates. To book, please email the Parish office **caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au**

RCIA

RCIA is for **adults interested in becoming Catholic**, receiving the Sacraments, or learning more about the Catholic faith. The next RCIA journey begins in September. Those considering RCIA are **encouraged to attend Alpha**, which begins on 18 July.

To express your interest in RCIA, or to register for Alpha, please **complete the relevant form via the QR code** in this newsletter or contact the Parish Office.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Next weekend, we will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. This year marks two significant milestones: 40 years since St Pope John Paul II's historic address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Alice Springs, and 50 years of NAIDOC Week.

The theme, **"Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!"**, invites us to reflect on our shared journey of faith, give thanks for the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the Church, and pray for continued reconciliation, understanding, and unity.



NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

Celebrate **50 years of NAIDOC** with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community at **Kings Beach Amphitheatre, Caloundra** on **Sunday July 5th**.



Enjoy live performances, markets, music, cultural workshops, storytelling and freebies, just a short stroll down the hill **after Sunday Mass until 4pm**. Bring a blanket and the whole family - everyone welcome!

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Leni Giles, Kaia Cannon & Freya Hallier**, who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

We pray for the souls of our recently deceased priests & 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.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 29th June

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

Tuesday 30th June

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

Wednesday 1st July

Parish Office Closed

Adoration, Rosary
(Maleny) 8:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 2nd July

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

Friday 3rd July

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

Saturday 4th July

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

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

Sunday 5th July

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

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