



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13/14th June Year A

OPEN HOUSE 2026: FILLED WITH JOYFUL TRUST IN GOD

Last Saturday was one of those days that leaves you grateful, humbled, and deeply hopeful about what God is doing in our parish. More than 150 people travelled from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to join us for our Parish Open House. They came with curiosity, questions, and a desire to learn about what is working in our parish community and what they might take back and implement in their own local contexts. What they encountered **a parish family striving to respond to the Holy Spirit and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ**. As I reflect on the day, what stands out most is not the attendance figure, impressive though it was. Rather, *it was the extraordinary generosity of so many parishioners* who stepped forward to make the day possible.

I am incredibly proud of the way our volunteers embraced the opportunity to serve. Our welcoming team ensured that every guest felt at home from the moment they arrived. The catering team provided hospitality with warmth and generosity. Our speakers gave their time and expertise freely, while those who shared personal testimonies spoke courageously about the ways they have experienced God's presence and action in their lives.



The prayer ministry team created opportunities for people to encounter the Lord in a personal way. The car parking team managed the practical challenges that come with hosting a large gathering. Others worked tirelessly behind the scenes beautifying the church, preparing spaces, setting up equipment, and then packing everything away at the end of a long day.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to **acknowledge all those from our parish office** – both paid staff and volunteers – who joyfully gave up their Saturday to help us, as a parish, share the Good News of what God has done and continues to do in our community. *Their commitment reflects the culture of service and mission that is increasingly becoming part of who we are.*

I am also deeply grateful for the love, support, and encouragement of my **Senior Leadership Team: Beth Davies, Vivienne Cooper, and Steve Kay** – assisted by **Iris Marais and Fr Gerard**. Their belief that we, as a parish, can successfully host large-scale events that showcase the movement of the Holy Spirit among us has been invaluable. None of this happens because of one person. *It happens because of a team united around a common vision and a shared trust in God.*



In many ways, the spirit of the day is captured beautifully in St Paul's words from this weekend's second reading: we are being *"filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:11). That joyful trust was visible everywhere – in the volunteers who served, in the guests who participated, in the stories that were shared, and in the conversations that continued long after the formal sessions had concluded.

One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to present some of the **quantitative data emerging from our recent Mass Count**. While I will publish the results shortly, it was encouraging to see measurable growth in Mass attendance among younger age groups between 2024 and 2026. These numbers matter because they represent people – individuals and families who are discovering or rediscovering faith, community, and relationship with Jesus Christ in our parish.

For me personally, the Open House reinforced **the necessity of continuing to invest in structures of lay leadership**. The future of mission in our parish **depends upon forming and empowering disciples** who embrace our vision and take responsibility for helping bring it to life. That vision remains clear: *that every person within the geographical boundaries of our parish—all 130,000 people who call this area home—might experience the joy of intimacy with Jesus. It is a joy that transforms hearts, renews lives, and animates a desire to boldly and joyfully share what we have received with others.*

That is what evangelisation is. That is what sharing the Good News looks like. Last Saturday reminded me that **God is already at work among us**. The task before us is not to manufacture something new, but to continue saying "yes" to the work of the Holy Spirit, to trust where He is leading us, and to invite others to join us on the journey.

Thank you to every person who contributed to making the Open House such a success. *Together, we offered a glimpse of what becomes possible when a parish places its trust in Jesus Christ and allows the Holy Spirit to lead.* May we continue to be filled with joyful trust in God as we move forward in mission together.

With confidence in God's plan for us – **Fr Josh**



MINISTRY UPDATE - SERVICE & OUTREACH

Laudato Si' Week

Service Outreach has recently completed a very full and grace filled fortnight. This year, **Laudato Si' Week** providentially aligned with the period between Ascension and Pentecost in the Jubilee Year of St Francis. Across the parish, Archbishop Shane's Laudato Si' message was prominently displayed on banners at Caloundra, Landsborough and Maleny churches, as well as at Notre Dame College and Unity College. The newly approved **Mass for the Care of Creation** was celebrated three times, including a beautiful liturgy at the Beerwah Bush Chapel. Bishop James Foley encouraged the fifty people gathered to recognise the presence of God in the surrounding bush and birdlife - an inspiring setting for prayer. We also continue to see strong support for our Containers for Change and aluminium medical blister pack **recycling programs**, a practical sign of our community's commitment to caring for creation.



Community Cooking

Our Community **Cooking initiative** continues to grow. Alongside our partnership with Unity College Hospitality School and the Uniting Church, we are now opening opportunities for parishioners to **cook from home and donate meals** to our Food Bank for those in need. Home cooks will complete a simple food safety process and training through the parish. If you'd like to be part of this new initiative, please contact us using the email address below.



Reconciliation Week

During Reconciliation Week, our RAP team met to continue planning for our **parish Reconciliation Action Plan**. Parishioners and students from Our Lady of the Rosary School also joined the **Aunty Betty Memorial Walk** at Dicky Beach - a vibrant cultural celebration featuring dance, music, and a guided walk with the Traditional Custodians of Gubbi Gubbi Country. It was a meaningful opportunity to deepen our connection with local Indigenous heritage and to walk together in the spirit of reconciliation.

Outreach

Our Parish Outreach activities continue to support those in need, with **Share a Meal** providing home cooked meals on Thursday evenings and the **Community Outreach BBQ** on Friday nights. Both initiatives offer food and meaningful connection to those in our community who need it most. We're always grateful for additional volunteers to help sustain this work, so please reach out if you'd like to join the team.

Church Transportation

We are currently planning a trial **transportation service for Mass**, running once a month for the Sunday 9:30am Mass. The service will use the Unity College mini van. We are now seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would like to use the service or who know someone who may benefit from it. Please note that the van is not equipped for disabled access, so a minimum level of mobility is required. Our team will speak with parishioners individually to ensure the service is suitable for their needs. If you would be willing to volunteer as a driver, we would also love to hear from you.

Please contact cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au for more information or enquiries.

ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Join us for Encounter Night on **Friday 19 June at Unity Chapel**. The evening will begin with youth gathering from 6pm at Unity College for games and activities, while adults are invited to enjoy drinks and nibbles from 6:15pm. At 7pm, everyone will gather in the chapel for an evening of praise and worship, a guest speaker, personal testimony, Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity to receive prayer.

Encounter Night is an opportunity to pause from the demands of daily life and **spend time in the presence of the Lord**. Through worship, prayer, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we are invited to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. It is also a chance to gather with fellow parishioners, encourage one another in faith, and be renewed in our call to follow Christ as his disciples.

A bus will be available from OLR from 6pm for those requiring transport to Unity. Please register by **scanning the QR code** in the 'Parish Information' section of this newsletter.



CEO SLEEPOUT

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout raises funds and awareness for **Australian's experiencing homelessness**. This year, on the **18th of June**, Fr Josh is taking part to support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which provides practical assistance and care to people facing homelessness and hardship.

To donate, please **scan the QR code** in the 'Parish Information' section of this newsletter. Cash donations may also be placed in a clearly marked envelope at Sunday Masses.



COMPASSION & CARE

Please join the Compassion & Care Team for our monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass on **Friday the 20th of June** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome!

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE



Join us for Unlocking the Bible, a monthly opportunity to grow in confidence with Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

The next session will be held on **Thursday 25 June at 4:00pm**, at OLR, Caloundra, presented by Fr Josh and Beth Davies. Come and explore God's Word with us.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS DURING MASS

Over the next month, our parish will be **conducting emergency evacuation drills** across Mass centres. These drills are a requirement of the Archdiocese and form part of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all who worship and gather in our parish community.

The drills will be conducted at an appropriate time during Mass to **ensure the sacredness and integrity of the liturgy** are preserved as much as possible. Moving forward, these evacuation drills will become annual.

When a drill takes place, we ask all parishioners and visitors to **follow the directions of Pastoral Leaders** and parish volunteers promptly. It is important that the building is fully evacuated and that everyone proceeds to the designated assembly area. Please move with urgency, but always in a safe and orderly manner.

These drills form part of our Emergency Response Plan and Workplace Health and Safety obligations. The evacuation process, participation levels, time it takes to fully evacuate, and outcomes of each drill must be documented and reviewed to ensure we continue to meet required safety standards and improve our preparedness in the event of a real emergency.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. By participating fully in these drills, you help ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our parish community.

SENIOR GROUP- CAMINO, COFFEE & CUPPA.

Join us at **10:00 am** on **Friday, 26 June**, in the Parish Centre, where parishioners Therese and Dom will share stories and reflections from their recent journey along the *Camino de Santiago* in Spain, one of the world's most famous pilgrimage routes. **All are most welcome!!**

Please bring a plate to share. If you require transport, please contact the Parish Office.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Banksia Mitchell, Georgia McGowan & Zayla Allen** who will be baptised this weekend at OLR, Caloundra and **Arthur Doneley** who will be baptised at Sacred Heart Church, Maleny

Funerals:

Eileen Green, Tuesday 16th June, 11am at Gregson & Weight

John Tarca, Wednesday 17th June, 11am at OLR Caloundra

Ola Smith, Thursday 18th June, 11am at OLR Caloundra

Mary Foldszin Thursday 18th June, 11am at Graveside Caloundra

Dawn Connolly, Friday 19th June, 11am at OLR Caloundra

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

Parish Diary

Monday 15th June

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

Tuesday 16th June

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

Wednesday 17th June

Adoration, Rosary
(Maleny) 8:30am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9:30am

Thursday 18th June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am
Adoration for Vocations
(Lands) 9am

Friday 19th June

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

Saturday 20th June

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

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

Sunday 21st June

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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