



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20/21 June Year A

WHAT FRUIT LOOKS LIKE

One of the challenges of the Christian life is **learning how to recognise fruit**. Jesus tells us that "every good tree bears good fruit" (Matthew 7:17), and in John's Gospel, He reminds us that we have been chosen "to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16). Fruitfulness is not an optional extra for Christians but one of the clearest signs that faith is alive and active. But what does fruit actually look like?

Perhaps a more helpful question to address first is this: Why do we come to Mass? As important as attendance is, do we come because it is what we have always done? Do we come to satisfy an obligation? Do we come because we enjoy the music, the homily, or the company of particular people? Or do we come because we believe that God is gathering His people into communion with Himself and with one another?



The word "practice" is an interesting one. We often speak about "practising our faith," but **practice implies repetition for the sake of growth**. Athletes practise. Musicians practise. And disciples practise too. Every Sunday, **we gather to practise being the people of love whom God is calling us to become**. That means Mass is never an individual activity because love implies relationships with others. Rather than being somewhere we come to get something out of it or to satisfy our needs, the purpose of Mass is to glorify God and to practice being the Body of Christ – in our worship together, our pray together, our listening together, our reception of the Eucharist together, and to share life together. Importantly, we do this not only with people we naturally like or gravitate towards, but with people of different ages, backgrounds, personalities, and life experiences. The Church is one of the few places left in society where **generations regularly gather together around a common purpose**. This is not an accident but part of God's design.

When we begin to understand Mass in this way, we also begin to understand what fruit looks like. Fruit is not simply increased attendance, although growth can be one sign of health. Fruit is a parish where people are growing in love of God and neighbour. Fruit is when parishioners know one another's names. Fruit is when families feel welcome. Fruit is when the elderly feel valued. Fruit is when young people find a place to belong. Fruit is when people move from being consumers of ministry to participants in the mission of Christ.

Over the past two years, our parish has seen significant changes in our in age demographics with our parish profile becoming younger and more balanced.

| Ages | 2024 | % of 2024 Total | 2026 | % of 2026 Total | Increase |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| 0 - 17 | 95 | 10% | 189 | 15% | 99% |
| 18 - 29 | 36 | 4% | 102 | 8% | 183% |
| 30 - 49 | 128 | 14% | 275 | 22% | 115% |
| 50 - 69 | 184 | 20% | 237 | 19% | 28% |
| 70+ | 478 | 47% | 421 | 34% | -12% |
| TOTAL | 921 | | 1224 | | |

These figures matter because they suggest that **many of the seeds planted through our investment** in children, families, youth, and young adults **are beginning to bear fruit**. More importantly, they represent real people whom God is drawing closer to Himself. Yet statistics can only tell part of the story. **The deeper questions remain**. Am I becoming more like Christ? Am I growing in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23)? Am I accompanying others to encounter Jesus? Am I contributing to the life of our parish community, or simply attending it? These are the questions that reveal fruit.

As we look to the future, may we continue to practise our faith with intention, gather with generosity, worship with gratitude, and invest ourselves in the life of our parish. For when we remain connected to Christ, the true vine, fruitfulness will always follow.

With fruitful love – **Fr Josh**

MINISTRY UPDATE - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

The Youth and Young Adult community has been thriving over the past few months, with plenty happening across both groups!

Kingdom Youth has continued to meet every Friday night, bringing together young people for faith, friendship, food, and plenty of fun. Friday before last, we swapped our usual program for **a night at Rollerdrome**. There were a few impressive skating skills on display, a few spectacular wipe-outs, and more than a few laughs along the way.

Our Caloundra Young Adults group has also been gathering regularly on Wednesday evenings. Activities have ranged from **Adoration and prayer nights to more relaxed social events**, including coming together to watch the State of Origin. Whether it's sharing faith or sharing snacks, it's been wonderful to see the community continue to grow.

One of the highlights of the year so far was **Ignite Launch**. We were blessed to take **22 students and 7 young adults** for a day packed with fun, faith, and community. The day started with a generous breakfast at GYG, graciously sponsored by one of our wonderful parishioners, for which we are incredibly grateful. From there, the group headed to Dreamworld, where the rides provided plenty of excitement and the carnival games provided plenty of opportunities to spend money chasing prizes that seemed just out of reach! The day finished with an incredible rally filled with music, singing, dancing, and worship. For many young people, **Ignite Launch is a fantastic first experience of God, the wider Church, and a faith-filled community**. It's always one of the most anticipated events on our calendar, and this year certainly didn't disappoint.



We recently spent time preparing for our final **Kingdom Youth event of the term – Encounter Night**; which many of you would have experienced this past Friday. This special evening was a chance to gather, pray, worship, and celebrate all that God has been doing in our community this term.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our youth and young adult ministries this term. Your prayers, encouragement, and practical support play an important part in the life of these communities.

MAJOR RELIC DAY – ENCOUNTER THE FAITH OF A MODERN SAINT

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is honoured to host the **Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis on Friday 3 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 special 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 3 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.

SENIOR GROUP- CAMINO, COFFEE & CUPPA.



Join us at **10:00am** 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.

ALPHA

Alpha begins on **Saturday 18 July and runs through to 29 August**, with sessions held each Saturday from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

Designed for those exploring Christianity, returning to the Church, or wanting to learn more about the faith, Alpha offers a welcoming space for conversation and questions.

With **only seven places remaining**, we encourage you to consider who you might invite. Registration is available via the QR code in the 'Parish Information' section of this newsletter.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring collection after all Masses on the **weekend of 27-28 June**.

Peter's Pence is a worldwide collection that unites Catholics in supporting the charitable works of the Holy Father. Through this collection, **Pope Leo XIV** is able to provide assistance to those most in need and respond to communities affected by hardship, and conflict around the world. It is also a practical way for us to express our communion with the Church and the Holy See.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Billie & Emmie Daro and Hayden Tye**, who will be baptised this weekend at OLR, Caloundra and **Carter Thomas** who will be baptised at Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough.

Funerals:

Elizabeth Mcmillan on Thursday 23rd June 2026 at 11am, Sacred Heart Church, Maleny

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

PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Diary

Monday 22nd June

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

Tuesday 23rd June

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

Wednesday 24th June

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

Thursday 25th June

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

Friday 26th June

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

Saturday 27th June

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

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

Sunday 28th June

Mass (OLR) 7:30am
Mass (Maleny) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10:30am
Mass (Unity Chapel) 5pm



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