



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11/12th July Year A

## OCEANS: AN INVITATION TO THE MEN OF OUR PARISH

There is something about the ocean that speaks to the human heart. Its vastness reminds us that there is always more beyond the horizon. Its power calls us beyond comfort and complacency. Its depths invite us to leave the shallows and venture into something greater. This August, Catholic men from across Australia will gather for **OCEANS: MAX2026**, the annual MenAlive Catholic conference weekend. For the first time, this national event will be held right here on the **Sunshine Coast at Luther Heights, Coolum, from 7-9 August**.

If you've never attended a Catholic Men's Conference before, you might wonder what it's all about. The answer is simple: **it is a weekend designed to help men grow** in faith, strengthen their relationships with God and their families, deepen their sense of purpose, and discover the power of authentic Christian brotherhood.

Many men spend their lives carrying responsibilities for their families, workplaces, and communities, yet few have opportunities to step away from the demands of daily life, reflect on what matters most, and invest intentionally in their relationship with God. **OCEANS provides exactly that opportunity.** Across the weekend, participants will hear inspiring keynote presentations, engage in practical workshops, participate in honest small-group discussions, celebrate the Eucharist together, and spend time in prayer, reflection, reconciliation, and fellowship.

One of the **highlights of this year's program** will be a panel discussion on relationships. Drawing on the wisdom and experience of married couples and Catholic men, the session will explore the realities, challenges, and joys of building strong relationships in today's world. Whether you are married, single, divorced, widowed, young, or retired, every man can benefit from reflecting on how to become a better husband, father, son, friend, or disciple.



In a culture where many men experience loneliness and isolation, **OCEANS seeks to foster genuine friendships rooted in faith.** Men consistently tell us that one of the most valuable aspects of the weekend is **discovering they are not alone in their struggles, questions, hopes, and aspirations.** The small-group conversations throughout the weekend, for example, create a safe and supportive environment where men can share openly, listen deeply, and encourage one another.



There is **something powerful about gathering with men** from every corner of the country – different ages, occupations, backgrounds and stories – yet united by a common desire to know Christ more deeply and live their faith more intentionally. Many lifelong friendships have begun around these conversations. There will also be opportunities for personal reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These quieter moments often become some of the most powerful experiences of the weekend, allowing men to encounter God's mercy, peace, and guidance in a fresh way. **At the heart of OCEANS is a desire to help men "set sail" - to move forward with greater confidence and clarity as Catholic disciples.**

Our parish mission is *"To be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus."* That mission depends upon men who are growing in holiness, leadership, and discipleship. Whether you are deeply involved in parish life or simply looking to reconnect with your faith, **OCEANS offers a unique opportunity** to take the next step.

**The conference is not only for the highly committed.** It is equally suited to men who are curious, searching, struggling, or simply wanting to spend a weekend with other good men seeking to live their faith more intentionally. If you have been looking for a sign to invest in your spiritual life, perhaps this is it. **The ocean is calling.**

I encourage every man of our parish to prayerfully consider attending OCEANS: MAX2026. Come expecting encouragement. Come expecting challenge. Come expecting fraternity. Most importantly, come expecting an encounter with Jesus Christ. Don't miss the opportunity to join them. **Registrations close 22nd July** - please register via the QR code on page 3 of this newsletter.

With every blessing – **Fr Josh**



## A GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the **Parable of the Sower** (Matthew 13:1–23), our Gospel reading this weekend, Jesus teaches that the seed of God's Word is sown generously. Whether it takes root and bears fruit in human beings depends on how it is received. **Jesus invites every person to hear His Word with open hearts** and to persevere, so that it may take root and bear lasting fruit. As our hearts are formed by prayer, the sacraments, and ongoing conversion, the Word bears fruit in our lives and draws us more deeply into communion with Christ and other people.

Our parish's mission is to be *a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus*. Like the sower in today's Gospel, **we are called to share the Word generously**, trusting that God is already at work in the hearts of those we meet. While we cannot control how the seed is received in others, we can faithfully proclaim the Gospel and accompany others with patience and love. May we continue to sow the seed of God's Word with confidence, trusting that He will bring forth an abundant harvest in and through us.



## MLT UPDATE - COMMUNITY LIFE

It's been a busy month for our team. **Hospitality continues to be the heartbeat of our parish life**. Whether after weekend Masses, at funerals, or during special parish events, it creates opportunities for people to connect, build friendships, and feel part of our parish community.

### Open House:

This was a joyful day showcasing OLR's mission and of **renewal taking place within our parish**. Our Welcomers ensured guests felt at home and the Hospitality team provided a delicious morning tea and BBQ lunch, made possible through the generous sponsorship of Holy Cross Funerals. Thanks to them and volunteers who helped make this day successful.



### Encounter Night:

Encounter Night brought youth and adults together. Whilst our youth gathered for fun and games, adults gathered for drinks and nibbles before **all joining together for spiritual enrichment, creating a powerful evening of connection**. There was an inspirational testimony of God's goodness, adoration and an opportunity to receive prayer from our prayer teams. This was another night full of God's power and people encountering the love of God.

Connections also extended into Hinterland parishes where friendship and faith were celebrated in memorable ways.

### Seniors' Event:

Senior's gathered for Mass in the beautiful Beerwah Bush Chapel, surrounded by nature and local friends. Bishop James Foley presided at **the Mass for Care and Creation**, with readings and prayers reflecting our shared commitment to **caring for the environment**. A sumptuous morning tea followed, with the group hoping this will become a regular outing.



### Maleny Feast Day:

Members of our team joined the Maleny community for their feast day celebration, bringing a special cake to mark the occasion and share in the joy of parish life beyond our own church walls.

### Care & Compassion:

Care and Compassion is a new and vital ministry, walking alongside and supporting people experiencing grief, loneliness, illness or life transitions. All are invited to Morning Tea - **3rd Friday each month** following 9:00am Mass, with *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July being the next*.

From welcoming new faces to supporting parish events and walking alongside those in need, our Community Life Ministry continues to **help people feel connected and at home in our parish**. Thank you to everyone who generously gives their time to this important work.

## IT ALL STARTS NEXT WEEK - FHC

The 2026 Sacramental Program, **First Holy Communion (FHC)** will launch this Tuesday night **14th July 5-6pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Caloundra. We are also offering the Sacramental program at Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough each Thursday starting the **16th July 5-6pm** in the Ron Hickey Center, Landsborough. The sacrament of FHC will be the weekend of the **22/23 August 2026**.



If your **child is in Grade 4-6** and has already completed the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register through the website by scanning the QR code in the 'Parish Information' section of the newsletter. Any questions please email Vicki in the Parish office: [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

On **25-26th July**, the Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021 and celebrated each year near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

This year's theme, *"I will never forget you"* (Isaiah 49:15), reminds us to **give thanks for the love, wisdom, faith, and example of our grandparents and elderly parishioners**. It also encourages us to reach out to those who may be lonely or isolated, recognising the important place they hold in the life of the Church.

If you're able, consider inviting your grandparents or an elderly family member, friend, or neighbour to join you for Mass that weekend. We'll also gather for tea and coffee afterwards, a simple opportunity to spend time together and ensure that no one celebrates the day alone.



## IGNITE CONFERENCE -ADULTS



All are invited to join our parish delegation to Ignite Conference in Brisbane from **24-27 September 2026**.

Ignite is a weekend of inspiring talks, worship, the sacraments, and fellowship with Catholics from across Australia. Many adults who attended with our parish last year are excited to return, and we hope you'll consider joining too. Whether you're looking to deepen your faith or simply experience the wider Church, Ignite offers something for everyone. **If you'd like to find out more, please contact the parish office.**

## 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.

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.



## ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Benjamin Schroeder, Sutton Knight & Harrison Welsh** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

### Funerals:

**Di Hope** at OLR, Caloundra, 11am, Tuesday 14th July

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.

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## Parish Diary

### Monday 13th July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

### Tuesday 14th July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

**FHC Info Night (OLR) 5pm**

### Wednesday 15th July

Adoration, Rosary

(Maleny) 8:30am

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9:30am

### Thursday 16th July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

Adoration for Vocations

(Lands) 9am

**FHC Info Night (Lands) 5pm**

### Friday 17th July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

### Saturday 18th July

Adoration & Reconciliation  
(OLR) 9am

### Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Unity Chapel) 5pm

### Sunday 19th 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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