



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18/19th July Year A

LEADING TOGETHER: UNITED IN VISION, GROWING IN MISSION

One of the most encouraging realities in our parish today is that we are increasingly **being built around a unanimity of vision** rather than a collection of individual faith communities. Every weekend, across our various Mass Communities, different people gather in different places, at different times, with different histories, personalities and preferences. Yet beneath those differences lies something much deeper that unites us: **a shared commitment to our parish mission** “to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.”

Recently, our Senior Leadership Team and our Pastoral Leaders undertook a **process of reflection and discernment**. Together, we looked honestly at the strengths, growth areas, opportunities and challenges present across our Pastoral Leadership Teams and communities. What emerged was not a picture of separate communities moving in different directions, but one of **remarkable alignment; again and again, the same themes surfaced**.

Our Pastoral Leaders are **people of deep faith who genuinely love Jesus**, His Church and the people entrusted to their care. They are generous with their time, approachable in their leadership and deeply invested in the wellbeing of their communities. Most significantly, there was a clear and **consistent commitment to the renewal journey** our parish has been undertaking in recent years. This shared vision is one of the most important reasons our parish continues to grow and thrive.

Healthy parishes are not built primarily through programs, structures or even clergy. They grow when local leaders **embrace a common mission and help others live it out**. 18 months ago, we established Pastoral Leaders within each Mass Community, not simply to create another leadership position, but to ensure that every community had people who could foster relationships, identify gifts, encourage participation, build teams and help people take their next step towards Christ. Looking back now, it is becoming increasingly clear that this decision has been **one of the foundational elements of our parish renewal**.



What is particularly encouraging is that our Pastoral Leaders recognise both the blessings and the challenges of leadership. Their reflections demonstrated humility, self-awareness and a genuine desire to continue growing. Many acknowledged the temptation to carry too much responsibility themselves or to become absorbed in operational tasks. Yet they also **recognised the opportunities before them**.

The strongest opportunity identified across all communities was **the need to raise up new leaders**. This is an important insight. The future health of our parish will not depend upon a small number of dedicated people working harder and harder. It will depend upon more and more people discovering their gifts and stepping into leadership and service themselves. The task before us is to form **disciples who become leaders and leaders who form other leaders**.

As our communities continue to welcome new families, younger adults and people seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, the need for leadership multiplication becomes even more important. Every ministry and every community benefits when responsibility is shared and people are empowered to contribute their gifts.

The reflections also highlighted one of the realities that accompanies any renewal process: **resistance to change**. This should not surprise us. Every family, organisation and parish experiences it. Change can feel uncomfortable because it asks us to leave behind what is familiar and embrace something not yet fully known. Sometimes resistance comes from concern. Sometimes it comes from uncertainty. Sometimes it comes from genuine love for what has been.

As Christians, **our response must always be grounded in charity**. When people struggle with change, they are not our opponents; they are our brothers and sisters. Healthy leadership does not dismiss resistance but seeks to understand it. At the same time, leadership requires courage. While we listen carefully and accompany patiently, we must also remain faithful to the direction we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us.

As I reflect on these conversations, I find myself deeply grateful. Grateful for the Pastoral Leaders who faithfully serve our communities, grateful for the volunteers who support them, and grateful for the growing unity that exists across our parish. The greatest lesson from these reflections is that our strength does not lie in any one individual, community or ministry. **Our strength lies in a shared vision, a shared mission and a shared commitment to helping people encounter Jesus**.

That unanimity of vision is becoming one of the defining characteristics of our parish. It is helping us navigate change with hope, develop leaders with confidence and move forward together with purpose. By God's grace, it will continue to bear fruit for many years to come.

Peace and blessings – **Fr Josh**

MINISTRY UPDATE - SERVICE & OUTREACH

NATSICC Celebrations and NAIDOC Week

Our parish celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday on July 5th, joining communities across Australia in honouring the spiritual heritage, culture and enduring strength of First Nations peoples and marking the 40th anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II's historic visit to Uluru – a moment that continues to inspire dialogue, healing and deeper understanding. Many parishioners also joined NAIDOC Week events, including the cultural celebrations at Kings Beach amphitheatre, and a presentation from one of our parishioners, proud Butchulla Elder Barbara Trevaskis, who shared on her life, heritage and the meaning within her traditional artwork. To build on this momentum our Reconciliation Action Plan team also **met for a workshop to begin shaping our parish RAP plan** for 2026 and beyond.



Rosies Christmas in July

Our Community Outreach team partnered with **Rosies Friends** on the Street to provide dinner for their annual Christmas in July event on July 10th. **Many in need** were able to collect winter essentials, non-perishable food, clothing, and enjoy a warm BBQ meal and soups. It was a wonderful evening of kindness and connection – and the team even had a visit from Santa. Both our Community Outreach BBQ and Share-a-Meal volunteers **continue to support those in need with generosity and warmth**. We are always seeking additional volunteers, so please reach out using the contact details below if you'd like to be involved in either of these Outreach initiatives.



Recognizing Outreach Supporters – Caloundra Bakery and Bahn Mi

We would also like to recognise **Caloundra Bakery and Bahn Mi**, who generously supply bread, baked goods, pies, sausage rolls, bánh mì and sandwiches for our parish Community Outreach BBQ and St Vinnies Share-a-Meal outreaches every Thursday and Friday evening. Their ongoing kindness **makes a real difference to those we serve**. If you're looking for delicious bread, pastries or Vietnamese rolls, please visit them and pass on a warm thank you from the OLR community. They are located next to Coles in the Caloundra Shopping Centre.

Community Cooking

Our Community Cooking initiative continues to expand, now allowing parishioners to **cook meals from home to be donated** into our Food Bank. Home cooks complete a simple food safety process and training through the parish. If you'd like to be involved, please contact us using the contact details at the bottom.

Church Transportation

We are currently planning a trial transportation service for Mass, running **once a month for the Sunday 9:30am Mass**. We are 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 Mini 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 email cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au for more information or enquiries on any of the above.

The Service and Outreach Team

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

Join us for Unlocking the Bible, a monthly opportunity to grow in confidence with Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. Whether you're new to reading the Bible or have been studying it for years, these sessions **offer practical insights to help you better understand God's Word** and apply it to everyday life.

Our next session will be held on **Thursday, July 23rd at 4:00pm** at OLR, Caloundra, presented by **Beth Davies**. Come along to explore the richness of Scripture, ask questions, and grow in faith alongside others in our parish community.

SENIORS WELLBEING PRESENTATION

All seniors are invited to join us on **Thursday, July 30th, at 10:00am** in the Egan Room for an engaging presentation on wellbeing by **Peggie Zih**—Naturopath, CranioSacral Therapist, and Wellbeing Coach. Peggie has recently presented to audiences across the Sunshine Coast libraries and is known for her informative and interactive presentations.

Please bring a plate to share beforehand. To assist with catering and seating, **please register via the Parish Linktree** by using the QR code on the 'Parish Information' section of this newsletter, or contact the Parish Office.

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.



OCEANS MAX 2026



After 22 years of reaching men across Australia and New Zealand, menALIVE to the MAX is returning to Queensland for a limited time — and for the very first time, coming to the Sunshine Coast!

MAX26 OCEANS is a **powerful weekend faith experience for men**. Some describe it as a gathering, others as a modern retreat — but all agree it is a memorable and life-giving experience. Men can choose to stay on site for the full weekend or attend during the day and return home in the evening. With a range of engaging and practical workshops, there is something for everyone.

Many women already pray for and encourage the men in their lives — husbands, sons, nephews, and friends — to take up opportunities like this. If you're a man, why not be curious?

Come along and bring a mate or two.

This is a ticketed event, **please register by the QR code by July 23rd**.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Grayson, Lucy & Mila Tickle, Jean-Christopher Oscar and Darcy Storen** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

Funerals:

Diane Hope at OLR, Caloundra, 11am, Tuesday 21st July

Paul Sheehan at OLR, Caloundra, 11am, Thursday 23rd July

Gerardus Slager at OLR, Caloundra, 11am, Tuesday 28th 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.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 20th July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

Tuesday 21st July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Wednesday 22nd July

Priests away / Clergy Convocation

Adoration, Rosary

(Maleny) 8:30am

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9:30am

Thursday 23rd July

Priests away / Clergy Convocation

Lay Led Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

Adoration for Vocations
(Lands) 9am

Friday 24th July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 25th July

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Unity Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 26th July

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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