



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4/5th July Year A

## IGNITE CONFERENCE: INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

*Kathryn Ball (Kingdom Youth Leader):* "For our last youth group of the term, we were honoured to host members of the wider parish for **Encounter Night**. Before the event started, we enjoyed some time together catching up on our week and playing basketball with Fr Minje. When we joined our friends from across the parish in the chapel, we heard from a fantastic guest speaker before spending time in Adoration, which is always a favourite amongst our teens, who **value the opportunity for prayer, worship, and time one-on-one with Jesus**. It was wonderful to gather with parishioners of all ages for the evening. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and to all who worked behind the scenes to make the night a success!"

Encounter Night is one of the many ways our parish seeks to **accompany young people in their faith** throughout the year, alongside our regular Friday night youth gatherings and other opportunities for formation. Undoubtedly though, one of the **highlights of our yearly calendar is Ignite Conference**. Isaac's testimony is just one example of the great impact it can have.

*Isaac Gomez (Year 12 Student):* "Attending Ignite Conference has genuinely been one of the **most life-changing experiences** of my life. Ever since I first attended in 2022, my life has never been the same.

Before Ignite, I often struggled with confidence and wasn't fully comfortable being myself. Over the years, Ignite has helped me **discover who I truly am**, find my voice, and become far more confident in every area of my life. It has shown me that I don't have to pretend to be someone else to fit in because I am already **deeply loved by a God** who wants a real and personal relationship with me. That realisation has **completely changed the way I see myself** and the way I live each day.

One of the greatest gifts Ignite has given me is the incredible community I have found. I have **made lifelong friends** who encourage me, support me, and inspire me to keep growing in my faith and as a person. Knowing that I have people who genuinely care about me has made such a difference in my life.

Every year I leave the conference feeling refreshed, inspired, and excited for what lies ahead. Ignite has taught me to live with joy, hope, and purpose, even when life is difficult. It has given me the confidence to step outside my comfort zone, to trust in God's plan for my life, and to become the person He created me to be. **Ignite has transformed my life in ways I never imagined**, and I am so grateful for the lasting impact it continues to have on my faith, my friendships, and the person I am becoming"

This is just **one of the many testimonies** of the students who have been to Ignite Conference. Every year lives change, faith grows and people encounter God. The beauty of Ignite is that we get a higher number of people wanting to commit to teen initiation afterwards. Last year, two of our Kingdom Youth teens sought initiation after attending Ignite Conference.



We are inviting parishioners to sponsor a teenager through prayer and a donation of \$100 (or more if you are feeling generous), helping make it possible for more young people to experience Ignite Conference. Please **consider and pray** about whether you are feeling called to support this beautiful initiative. For those who can sponsor, you'll receive updates on the young person's journey leading up to, during, and after Ignite. Updates will be provided through email, letters, reflections, testimonies, or short videos coordinated by Youth Ministry. It is envisaged that both the young person and the sponsor would **pray for one another throughout the journey**.

For safeguarding reasons, all communication and connections will be facilitated through the Youth Minister rather than through direct contact between the young person and sponsor. If you would like to be part of this initiative, **please email Christyna at [cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au)** with your name, contact number, how many young people you would like to sponsor, and the amount you wish to contribute.

Thank you for saying yes and supporting our young people. May God bless you.  
*Christyna Malietoa-Brown – Parish Youth Minister*

## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY



Today, we gather in faith as a people shaped by the Gospel, culture, and our shared journeys, in the presence of God who walks with us and **calls us into unity as one people.**

This year's celebration also marks **two significant milestones:** 40 years since St Pope John Paul II addressed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These anniversaries invite us to reflect on the journey travelled together, giving thanks for the faith, resilience, and witness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, while recognising the challenges that remain and our shared call to walk together in Christ.

The Church in Australia continues to be **enriched by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** cultures, spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of community. As

St Pope John Paul II reminded us, **the Church is enriched by the cultures it embraces**—a truth we are called not only to recognise, but to live out in our parish communities.

Today's celebration also encourages us to reflect with our **head, heart, and hands:** to know the story, history, and truth; to open our hearts through lament, hope, and conversion; and to put our faith into action by continuing to walk together in Christ.

## NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK

For the next week (**5th July - 12th July**) we join communities across Australia in observing NAIDOC Week, an annual **opportunity to recognise and celebrate** the history, cultures, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme, "*50 Years of Deadly*," marks fifty years of honouring the strength, resilience, leadership, and cultural richness of First Nations peoples. It also acknowledges the Elders, communities, and generations whose witness has shaped this journey and continues to inspire hope for the future.

As Catholics, we are called to **walk together in the spirit of respect, justice, and reconciliation.** NAIDOC Week invites us to listen with humility, to value the gifts of the world's oldest living cultures, and to pray for deeper understanding and unity within our communities.

[Join us in prayer for NAIDOC Week:](#)

We give thanks for the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, the oldest living cultures in the world.

We honour the wisdom of Elders, past and present, and the strength of communities who continue to walk with courage and hope.

As we mark 50 Years of Deadly, help us to listen deeply, to learn with humility, and to walk gently alongside one another.

Guide our hearts to value truth, respect, and justice.

May we celebrate culture, support community, and work together toward healing and unity.

Bless the next generation, that they may grow strong in identity, culture, and pride.

And may we all walk forward together, honouring the past and building a future grounded in love and respect.

**Amen.**

## MEN ALIVE MAX 2026 CONFERENCE

This is Good News for all men and women in our parish. After 22 years touring Australia and NZ, **menALIVE to the MAX returns to QLD for a limited time.**

From **7-9th of August**, MAX26 will be on the Sunshine Coast, Luther Heights, Coolool, for the first time and the theme is Oceans. This is a weekend faith experience for men. Some call it a Gathering, others call it a modern Retreat, but all call it a memorable experience.

MAX is a weekend for **men who desire to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in authentic Christian brotherhood.** Through prayer, worship, conversation and shared experience, men are encouraged to reflect on where God is calling them and how they can respond.

You can stay on site, or you can come in the day and sleep in your own bed. The choice is yours, and there are multiple choices of workshops.

Many women want this experience for their men/sons'/ nephews'/uncles and pray for the men. Men, be curious. Come along. Bring someone/s too. This is a ticketed event so register now by **scanning the QR code in this newsletter before 23rd July.**



## 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.

## IGNITE CONFERENCE -ADULTS



Inspired by the stories you've just read on the front page? **Ignite isn't just for the youth!** Adults are also invited to join our parish delegation to Ignite Conference in Brisbane from **24-27th 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. **If you'd like to find out more, please contact the parish office.**

## LADIES LUNCH

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for our next Ladies Lunch on **Friday 10th July at 12:00 noon** 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**.

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY



On the weekend of **25-26th July**, our parish will celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at all Masses. **Established by Pope Francis in 2021**, this day recognises the important role that grandparents and older members of our community play in passing on the faith through their love, wisdom, prayer, and example.

This year's theme, *"I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15)*, reminds us of God's enduring love and invites us to give thanks for the gift of our grandparents and elderly parishioners. We also hope to mark the occasion by gathering together as a parish community following Mass.

## 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 **also 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.



## ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Alice Jane Helgesen, Indy Mylchreest, Milla Daltro Giacomini, Zoe O'Connor & Addison Paul** 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 6<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Adoration & Reconciliation  
(OLR) 9am

### Vigil Masses

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

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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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