



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1st/2nd August Year A

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

"Have You Ever Asked Anyone to Be a Priest?"

Fifteen years ago, I was sitting in the congregation at Mass in Surfers Paradise when the priest preaching the homily asked a simple question: "Have you ever asked anyone to be a priest?" The priest was Fr Peter Glabonski, then Associate Pastor of the parish. Looking back, I can honestly say it was **one of the most significant moments of my life.**



Until that point, I'd never seriously considered that God might be calling me to the priesthood. But in that instant, I knew - deeply and unmistakably - that **God was speaking to me.** And when God speaks, it is usually transformative.

It was an experience filled with both joy and fear. Joy, because I suddenly realised that God knew me, loved me, and was **inviting me into something greater than I had imagined for myself.** Fear, because I had spent much of my life succeeding at whatever I put my mind to, only to become bored and move on to the next challenge. I was scared that Priesthood would simply be another achievement or career path rather than lifelong calling—a vocation that would require me to entrust my future completely to God. **That one question changed the direction of my life.**

From **2-9 August, we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week.** It's an opportunity to pray for more priests, religious sisters and brothers, deacons and seminarians. Here in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we certainly need to pray that the Lord continues to call generous men and women to serve His Church. But Vocations Awareness Week is also about something even bigger. It's about helping every one of us ask the most important question a disciple can ask: **"Lord, what are you asking of me?"**

Our vocation is much more whether we're called to married, single, religious or ordained life. Through Baptism, **every Christian receives the same fundamental vocation: to follow Jesus Christ.** A disciple is, quite simply, a student of Jesus - someone who learns from Him, walks with Him, and gradually becomes more like Him. And that calling never expires.

Whether you're eight or eighty-eight, retired or working full-time, married, single, ordained or widowed, **God continues to call you today.** He continues to invite you to discover new ways of loving, serving and building His Kingdom. Perhaps that means volunteering in a ministry you've never considered before. Perhaps it means becoming more generous with your time or your resources. Perhaps it means discovering gifts and talents you've never realised God intends to use for the sake of others. Whatever our circumstances, **God is always asking us to take one more step in faith.**

This weekend's Gospel, the feeding of the five thousand, reminds us that **beneath every human hunger lies a deeper hunger** - a hunger for God Himself. Whether we recognise it or not, every heart longs to be filled with the love, purpose and peace that only Christ can give. When we begin to discern God's call upon our lives, we discover that He never asks us to give something up without first offering us something infinitely greater. **His vocation for us** is not about losing ourselves, but about becoming the people He created us to be.

So during National Vocations Awareness Week, between this Sunday and next, let's pray not only for those whom God may be calling to the priesthood or religious life, important though that is. **Let's also pray for ourselves.** May we have hearts willing to listen. May we have the courage to respond. And may we allow God to reveal His abundant love and mercy in our own lives, so that, filled by Him, we can joyfully go and proclaim what we have received in ways that those around us can understand, encounter and embrace.

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Vocational blessings – **Fr Josh**

Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSV)

"When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

Then it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then Jesus ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children."



MLT UPDATE - YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Term 3 has begun with a bang, and **the Youth and Young Adult community is thriving!** This term, Kingdom Youth is exploring the Mass—unpacking why we do what we do, why it matters, and how we can participate more fully. It's already sparked some fantastic conversations, and we're excited to see how our young people grow in faith through this journey.

We are also eagerly preparing for the Ignite Conference at the end of the term. **Our "Sponsor a Youth" initiative** is still open, and we'd love more parishioners to get involved. By sponsoring a young person, you'll support them through prayer and financial assistance while receiving updates before, during, and after the conference. Even **a contribution of \$100** can make a life-changing difference. To find out more, email cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au



Our Young Adult community continues to enjoy great food, good company, deep faith conversations, and even enjoyed surviving Queensland's State of Origin heartbreak together! We also host a **Praise & Worship and Adoration Evening** on the second Wednesday of each month. All are welcome, whether you've never experienced Adoration before or would simply like to spend more time with the Lord. Join us on **12th August** for our next evening of prayer.

Thank you to our priests, youth leaders, volunteers, and parishioners for your continued encouragement and support. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith and friendship.

God Bless

Youth and Young Adult Team

IGNITE CARWASH

Our annual Ignite Car Wash & BBQ is coming up on **Sunday, 9th August, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church**. With our Youth Group preparing to travel to Ignite Conference 2026 in Brisbane, this event is a great opportunity for the parish to come together and support them.

Ignite gives young Catholics the opportunity to encounter Jesus alongside thousands of others from across Australia through talks, worship, the sacraments, prayer, and fellowship. By supporting our youth, we live out our parish mission *to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus*.

Cars will be washed from **7:00am–12:00pm for just \$20 per vehicle**, with a sausage sizzle after both the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses. All funds raised will go towards **helping our Youth Group attend Ignite**. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for this experience.

If you are able to volunteer to help with the BBQ or car washing, please contact the Youth Team at cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au.



UPCOMING FEAST DAY MASSES AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



On **Saturday, 8th August**, we celebrate the Solemnity of **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, Australia's first canonised saint. Her life of faith, service, and sacrifice continues to witness to God's presence and action in the world.

One week later, on **Saturday, 15th August**, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation. In the Assumption, we are reminded of the hope of our own resurrection and the glory God desires to share with us.

A special 9:00am Solemnity Mass will be celebrated at OLR on both days. We especially invite you to join us for the Assumption as we celebrate with our parish patroness, Our Lady of the Rosary, and ask for the intercession of Mary and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

These Masses will **replace the usual 9:00am Adoration and Benediction**. Instead, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8:00am before each Mass.

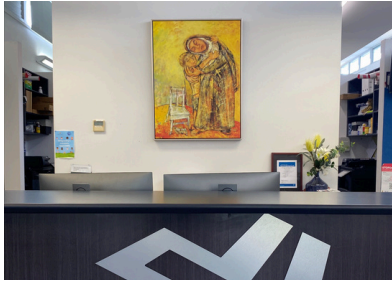
8th August | Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop | 8am Reconciliation | 9am Mass

15th August | Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary | 8am Reconciliation | 9am Mass

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies of the parish are invited to our August Ladies' Lunch on **Friday, 14th August**, at 12:00 noon at **The Waves Club**, corner of Arthur Street and Bingera Terrace, Caloundra. If you would like to join us, **please contact Linda** on 0429 380 979 by Monday, 10th August, to assist with bookings. We look forward to seeing you there.

RECEPTION VOLUNTEER NEEDED



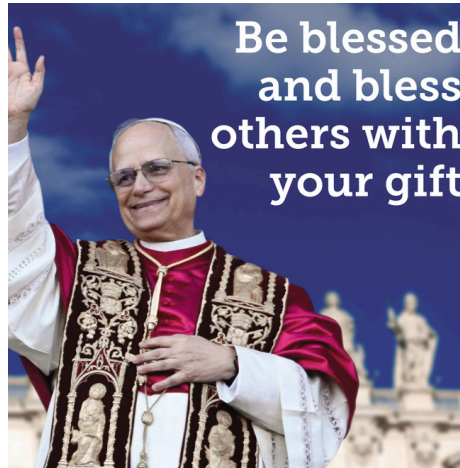
Our parish office is looking for an **additional volunteer to assist in Reception**. The role involves welcoming visitors, answering phone calls, and helping with general front desk duties. Full training will be provided.

If you are available from 9:00am–12:00 noon, any day between Monday and Friday, and would like to help, please **contact Iris at the parish office** on (07) 5430 9390 for more information.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

The Annual Catholic Campaign **supports ministries across the Archdiocese of Brisbane** that bring hope and the love of Christ to people in need. Through your generosity, the Campaign helps care for vulnerable people, forms future priests, supports children through the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund, and strengthens many other ministries.

The Campaign will be held at our Notre Dame, Maleny and Unity Mass Centres on **22–23rd August**, and at Our Lady of the Rosary and Landsborough Mass Centres on **29–30th August**. Envelopes will be available at the back of each Mass Centre on these dates. Thank you for your prayerful support of this important appeal.



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT HELP

Due to ill health, John Cooper, who arranges flowers and decorates OLR Church, **needs to step back from this ministry**. If you can help with this ministry or would like to learn more, John is happy to provide a lesson on flower arranging and related tasks.

Having several volunteers would be greatly appreciated and it would help share the workload. For more information **call John on 0409897673**.

ROSIES FRIENDS ON THE STREET

Our Parish is a proud supporter of “Rosies Friends on the Street” **partnering with them for Outreach activities**. Inspired by the Gospel, Rosies reaches out to those most abandoned, to be present with them, offering them the experience of community and belonging.

Rosies is currently seeking volunteers to assist with food collection for their street outreach ministry. This role involves driving to selected local businesses to collect donated food items, unpacking and sorting food, and helping with various support tasks at the Rosies hub.



The commitment is approximately **2–3 hours every 4 weeks**, with volunteer positions available on Tuesday or Friday afternoons.

If you are interested in volunteering, please **reach out to Rosies** via the Sunshine Coast Coordinator on 0488 760 123 or email sunshinecoast@rosies.org.au.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Harper Upton, Violet McEvoy and Autumn & Valley Packard** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

We also 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 3rd August

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

Tuesday 4th August

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

Wednesday 5th August

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

Thursday 6th August

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

Friday 7th August

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

Saturday 8th August

Feast of St Mary MacKillop
Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 8am
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

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

Sunday 9th August

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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