



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29/30th August Year A

WHAT IS WELLING UP WITHIN US?

There's something deeply human about Jeremiah's struggle in today's first reading. **God has called him to speak** – to proclaim the word God has given him – but **Jeremiah is reluctant**. He's experienced opposition, ridicule and rejection, and even decided that he would simply keep quiet: "I will not mention [God], I will no longer speak in [God's] name." But then something happens. Jeremiah discovers that **silence is no longer possible**. "Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it." What he has received from God has become **too powerful to contain**. Jeremiah's resistance ultimately gives way to **surrender to the One whom he has encountered**. He has received God's word. He knows what God wants him to say. And what has been received within him begins to overflow from him.



There is an ancient Christian axiom that captures something of this dynamic: *nemo dat quod non habet* – "you cannot give what you do not have." Originally a principle of Roman law, it expresses a truth that is profoundly important for us as Christians. The principle is simple: we cannot give to another something we ourselves have not received. This is profoundly important for us as a parish.

Our mission is not just to get more people involved in parish activities. It is not even primarily about getting people to know more about Catholicism. Our mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus. And why is that encounter – whether it's a powerful moment in time or something gently received over time – so important? Because **you cannot give what you have not received**.

If we have not encountered the living Jesus, what will we have to share with others? If our faith remains primarily an inherited set of beliefs, religious practices or moral principles, then our invitation to another person can easily become little more than, "Come and join our community" without a compelling reason.

When a person has encountered Jesus – when they have experienced his mercy, his presence, his forgiveness, his love and the power of his Holy Spirit – **something changes**. Faith is no longer merely something we possess; it **becomes something that possesses us**.

This is what I see happening in Jeremiah. The word of God has moved from being something he is asked to communicate into something – someone, even – that is burning within him. **He can try to suppress it, but he cannot contain it**. This is what happens when encountering Jesus becomes normative in the life of a Christian community. Holy Spirit becomes more than an idea about God, but the personal gift of God's own presence dwelling within us. When we receive that gift, it begins to transform us from the inside. **The Christian life becomes an overflow**: God gives, we receive, we are transformed, and then we share what we have received.



This is why I invite us, as a parish, to become increasingly **a people who do not keep Jesus to ourselves**. We live in a culture that often tells us that faith is private – something to be kept to ourselves, something we can believe without ever speaking about. And sometimes, even as Christians, we can become paralysed by that culture. We don't want to impose. We don't want to be awkward. We don't know what to say.

The solution isn't just to become more confident at talking about our faith but to encounter Jesus more deeply. When the love of God becomes real within us, when **the presence of the risen Jesus is experienced rather than merely discussed**, when we realise that Holy Spirit is a person who is more than a theological concept, something begins to well up. Like Jeremiah, we discover that we cannot simply keep it to ourselves.

This is my vision for our parish: that as we experience the intimacy of Jesus – **risen, alive and present in our lives** – our hearts would be transformed. That what we receive from him would overflow from us. And that, freely and joyfully, we would become a people who boldly share what we have received.

There are around 130,000 people living within the geographical boundary of our parish. God has placed us here not simply to serve ourselves, but **so that what we have received from Jesus might become a gift for them**. We cannot give what we have not received but if we receive Jesus Sacramentally and open ourselves to his risen supernatural presence, we naturally discover that what he gives us is too good to keep to ourselves.

With peace and love – **Fr Josh**

MLT UPDATE - SERVICE & OUTREACH

Social Justice Sunday - Next weekend (5-6th September), our Parish will celebrate Social Justice Sunday where we will be invited to pause, reflect, and renew our commitment to **living the Gospel in practical, compassionate ways** – putting our faith into action. This year's Social Justice Statements from the Australian Catholic Bishops calls us to be **"Salt and Light"**: a healing presence in a divided world, standing alongside those most affected by social division and the rising cost of living. These themes speak directly to the heart of our Service and Outreach ministries and the mission we share together. For those who would like to read the Social Justice Statements in full, you can access both documents - "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division" (Aug release) and "The Cost of Our Living" (Feb release) - using our **Linktree QR code** on page 3 of this newsletter. Copies of excerpts from the documents will be available at the back of church on the day.



Community Cooking Update - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"

Our Community Cooking team continues to forge ahead with our **new Cooking from Home initiative**, enabling home cooks to prepare delicious, nutritious meals for those most in need. We want to extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have generously signed up and delivered meals to our **Parish Food Bank**. Your kindness, commitment, and hard work are deeply appreciated. We are always **looking for more cooks** to join us. If you'd like to put your culinary skills to good use, please reach out using the email address at the bottom of this notice.

Reconciliation Action Plan Update - The RAP process is one of the ways our parish is responding to the Bishops' invitation to be a healing presence in times of social division. Our Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group has continued to meet and is making **steady progress toward drafting our Parish RAP**. The recent gatherings have been incredibly encouraging, filled with constructive conversation, shared ideas, and a growing vision for strengthening reconciliation and unity within our parish.

Outreach Activities - Our Parish Community Outreach **BBQ and Share-a-Meal ministries** have also continued to serve those most in need in our local community, offering warm hospitality, connection, and a reliable meal each week. These outreaches are a direct expression of practical compassion and neighbourly care, especially for those most affected by the cost-of-living pressures highlighted by the Bishops. **Volunteers are welcome** – please reach out using the email below if you'd like to be part of the team.

Season of Creation - The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be held on **September 1st**, marking the beginning of the **Ecumenical Season of Creation**, which concludes on October 4th, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. This year the Season of Creation carries special significance as the Church celebrates the **800-year Jubilee of St Francis**. As part of this celebration, the special Mass for the Care of Creation approved by Pope Leo last year will be celebrated during September on the following dates:

- Tuesday 1st September – 9.00am Caloundra
- Friday 18th September – 9.00am Beerwah
- Tuesday 22nd September – 9.00am Caloundra

A beautiful app called, 'Season of Creation' (available via the Play Store or Google), provides daily reflections and prayers to accompany this time of prayer and ecological conversion.



The Service and Outreach Team – cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

This weekend, 29–30th August, our parish is taking part in the Annual Catholic Campaign, supporting the important work of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and helping bring Christ's hope, compassion and practical support to people in need.

Funds raised through the Campaign help support:

- **Centacare ministries**, including hospital and prison chaplaincy and support for vulnerable people and families.
- **The Priests Foundation**, caring for our retired, elderly and unwell priests.
- **Holy Spirit Seminary**, assisting in the formation of future priests.
- **The Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund**, helping families experiencing financial hardship access a Catholic education.
- **The Annual Grants Program**, supporting parish ministries, youth, faith formation and community outreach.

Envelopes will be available at the pews in our Mass Centres. Please prayerfully consider how you may contribute. Completed envelopes can be returned at Mass, or you can donate through the Linktree QR code on page 3 of this newsletter.

Thank you for your generous support as we share in the Church's mission of caring for others and making Christ's love present to those most in need.

SENIORS EVENT: A MORNING ON MEDJUGORJE

Join us at **Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore** on **Friday, 4th September** for a special morning with Fr Gerard, who recently visited Medjugorje. Fr Gerard will share about his experience of visiting this place of pilgrimage, followed by an opportunity for discussion.

9:00am – Morning Mass (First Friday Anointing Mass)
10:00am – Morning Tea, sponsored by Holy Cross
10:30am – Medjugorje Talk with Fr Gerard
11:15am – Talk concludes, followed by Q&A
11:30am – Pack up and farewell

All are welcome to join us for this morning of fellowship, prayer and reflection. **Registration is required.** Please register via the Linktree QR code on the newsletter or email the parish office.



LADIES LUNCH



Our September Ladies Lunch will be held on **Friday 11th September at 12 noon**, at Dicky Beach Surf Club, 1A Coochin Street, Dicky Beach.

All ladies are welcome to come along and enjoy lunch together. If you would like to attend, please **contact Linda on 0429 380 979**.

We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there!

ANOINTING MASSES



The Anointing of the Sick is a **sacrament of healing and strength** for those experiencing illness, ill health or the effects of ageing. Through anointing with the Oil of the sick, we are strengthened by Christ's grace and the prayerful support of the Church community. Those who are unwell, experiencing serious illness or suffering from bad health are invited to receive the sacrament.

Our parish will celebrate two Anointing Masses in September:

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra on Thursday 10th September at 9am

Sacred Heart Church, Maleny on Sunday 13th September at 9am

All parishioners are welcome and are encouraged to come along.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Our parish relies on the generosity of volunteers in many different ministries and areas. At this time, we would especially appreciate help in the **Parish Office Reception**.

We require someone to help welcome visitors, answer phone calls, and assist with reception duties. Training is provided. If you are available from **9:00am–12:00 noon Monday to Friday**, and are interested in this role, please directly contact the parish office at **caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au**

We also welcome volunteers in the many other areas. To register to volunteer in other areas and ministries within the parish, please scan the QR code and apply through Linktree.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Evelyn Elke & Elodie Ballinger and Oliver & Miguel Campos** 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 31st August

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

Tuesday 1st September

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

Wednesday 2nd September

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

Thursday 3rd September

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

Friday 4th September

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

Saturday 5th September

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame - at Unity
College Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 6th September

Social Justice Sunday &
Fathers Day
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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