



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19/20 September Year A

A PARISH THAT LISTENS

One of the most important things we can do as a parish community is **listen**. As we continue our journey of renewal at Our Lady of the Rosary, I want to make sure that we are creating genuine opportunities to hear from the people who make up our parish. Because before we decide where we might go next, **we need to take the time to understand where we are now**.

Creating spaces to listen to you – the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish – is the primary reason **we will shortly undertake the National Church Life Survey (NCLS)**.

The NCLS is a well-established survey used by churches across Australia to understand **how people are experiencing their church community**. It gives us an opportunity to step back from the day-to-day life of parish ministry and listen to a much broader cross-section of our community. We want to discover what it is actually like to be a parishioner here.

Do you feel welcomed? Do you feel that you belong? Are you growing in your relationship with Jesus? What helps you to live your Catholic faith? What makes it difficult? Do you feel connected to others in the parish? Do you feel that your gifts and contributions are valued? What do you appreciate most about Our Lady of the Rosary? And, importantly, **where do you think there are opportunities for us to grow?** I don't want us to assume that we already know the answers to these questions.

Recently, we have seen many wonderful signs of life in our parish. We have welcomed new families, seen significant growth among children, young people and younger adults, celebrated First Communions, welcomed people through RCIA (teens and adults), developed new ministries, and continued to explore what it means to become a mission-focused parish. These are encouraging signs. But numbers, programs and activities only tell us part of the story. **We also need to hear about people's personal experience of parish life.**



This is where the NCLS becomes particularly valuable. The survey is **not intended to be a quick exercise that leads to a series of immediate changes**. Nor are we going to complete the survey one week and announce the following week what we are going to do differently! Rather, I see the NCLS as the **beginning of a deeper process of listening**. The survey will help us to listen widely by identifying the things we need to understand better. It will help us recognise areas of strength, but also areas where there may be questions worth exploring further. Most importantly, it will **help us ask better questions**. Then, during 2027, I intend to build on what we learn through the survey by **creating opportunities to listen deeply through face-to-face community listening sessions** across our parish. These conversations will give us the opportunity to go deeper.

The survey might tell us, for example, that people experience something in a particular way. A listening session allows us to ask: Why is that? Tell us more. What would make a difference? What have we missed? In other words, the survey isn't the end of the listening process. **It is a platform for beginning a deeper conversation.**

This is an important way for us to approach parish renewal. We don't want to rush to solutions before we have properly understood the questions. We don't want to assume that the loudest voices necessarily represent the whole parish. And we don't want to make decisions based simply on what those of us involved in parish leadership happen to see. We want to listen broadly, carefully and prayerfully.

When will this happen? We'll conduct the NCLS at all Masses - Currimundi and Little Mountain included - on **24/25 October**.

On the weekend we undertake the NCLS, the time normally given to the homily will instead be set aside for parishioners to complete the survey. The survey will be completed on paper, and we will make provision to assist those who need help completing it. We want as many people as possible to have the opportunity to share their experience.

Whether you have been part of this parish for decades or have only recently begun attending, **your experience matters**. Whether you are deeply involved in parish life or simply come to Mass each weekend, **your voice matters**. And whether you have wonderful things to tell us or believe there are things we could do better, we want to hear from you.

Our parish mission is **to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus**. If that is genuinely who we want to be, then we need to listen to how people are experiencing that mission among us. So please participate when the opportunity comes. Take your time. Be honest. Tell us what you really think. We may not have immediate answers. We may not immediately change anything. But we **will listen**. And through listening – first through the NCLS, and then through face-to-face conversations in 2027 – we hope to discern more clearly where the Lord is leading Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish.

Peace and love – Fr Josh

WEEKLY GOSPEL READING: DO YOU BEGRUDGE MY GENEROSITY?

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."



'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

RCIT - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR TEENS

RCIT is a journey for **teenagers (12-17) who are interested in becoming Catholic** or who have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. It provides a space to **explore the Catholic faith**, ask questions, grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and discover life in the Church.

The journey includes prayer, Scripture, catechesis, conversation and participation in parish life, with teenagers accompanied by members of our parish community.

Each teenager is supported according to their circumstances as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. To find out more please **scan the QR code** in this newsletter. **RCIT will begin on October 9.**

OCTOBER SENIORS EVENT



Join us for a full-day pilgrimage to **Marian Valley**, the Brisbane Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, on **Tuesday, 13 October**. A bus will depart from OLR Caloundra at 7:30am, giving us the opportunity to spend the day together in prayer and pilgrimage at this beautiful Marian shrine.

The pilgrimage will coincide with the anniversary of the **final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima**, providing a special opportunity to mark this significant day together. There will be some walking involved throughout the day, so please keep this in mind when deciding whether the pilgrimage is suitable for you.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided, and the **cost of the pilgrimage is \$40 per person**. The bus will return to Caloundra in the late afternoon/evening, depending on traffic.

Places on the bus are limited, so please register via the Linktree QR code on page 3 of this newsletter and include payment to secure your seat.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN GROUP

The OLR Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Group invites parishioners and friends to a presentation exploring **First Nations Land Management and Environmental Expertise**, and the remarkable ways First Nations peoples managed and cared for the Australian landscape sustainably over thousands of years.

The morning will begin with a Welcome to Country by **Dr Aunty Hope O'Chin AM**, Kabi Kabi Traditional Custodian from Kings Beach. Dr Hope was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for her significant service to the Indigenous community as an artist and educator.

The presentation will be given by **Fiona Magill**, Chairperson of the Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group Inc. Fiona studied Anthropology and Archaeology at ANU.

Monday 12 October | 10:30am to 12 noon (doors open 10:00am) | Hope Dreaming Information Centre, Caloundra

Admission is free; however, registration is essential as seating is limited.

For enquiries or registration, please contact Bob Cullen at bngcullen@optusnet.com.au.

CARE 4 CREATION

The Parish **LS Care for Creation Group** is pleased to offer the highly recommended **Adaptation Game**, presented by Sunshine Coast Council facilitators, in the Egan Room on **Friday 25 September 9.45am -12.30 pm**. Morning tea provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us, through discussion and collaborative decision-making, to learn about the climate change impacts relevant to the Sunshine Coast, to explore how climate hazards may affect individuals, households, and communities, and to identify opportunities to strengthen community resilience and preparedness. We'll also reflect on adaptation actions that align with the themes of Care for Creation and Care for Community.

Registration is **limited to 20 participants**, so it is essential to book. Please book by Email via cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au

ANNUALS 2027

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2027 DAILY
MASS BOOK



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Special Notice for Readers: As a thank you for your ministry, the Parish Office will cover the cost of Break Open the Word for readers at all of our Mass Centres this year.

To place your order, email Vicki at the Parish Office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au Please provide your name/payment and which Mass Centre you attend.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS

Couples celebrating 50 years of marriage or more are warmly invited to the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass with **Archbishop Shane Mackinlay** at the Cathedral of St Stephen. This is a special opportunity to give thanks for the gift of marriage and celebrate this wonderful milestone with family and friends.

Saturday, 26 September | 11:30am | Cathedral of St Stephen

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Next weekend, **27 September**, the Church celebrates the **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. This year, Pope Leo XIV's message focuses particularly on migrant children, reminding us that every child and every human person possesses an infinite dignity, created in the image and likeness of God.



The Pope calls us to see, welcome and care for those who can easily become overlooked or unheard, recalling Jesus' words: **"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"** (Mt 25:35). As a parish community, we are invited to pray for migrants and refugees and to consider how we can help create a community where all are welcomed and supported.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Mishara Silva, Kelsey Espanol** and **Avyana Simmons** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

Funerals:

Bridget Sharp on Wednesday 23 September, 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

Catherine Ledlin on Thursday 24 September, 11am 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 21st September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

Tuesday 22nd September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Wednesday 23rd September

Adoration, Rosary

(Maleny) 8:30am

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 24th September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Adoration for Vocations

(Lands) 9am

Friday 25th September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Parish Office - Closed

Saturday 26th September

Adoration & Reconciliation

(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame - at Unity

College Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul Feast

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Mass (Unity Chapel) 5pm

Parish Office Closed

Monday 28th September

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