



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - October 3/4 Year A

FOLLOWING JESUS WITH ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND MARY

This week, we celebrate **two significant feasts** that invite us to look again at what it means to follow Jesus.

October 4 is the [feast day of St. Francis of Assisi](#). This year, October 4 falls on a Sunday, so the Sunday liturgy takes precedence over the feast of St. Francis. Even so, this year is especially significant: 2026 marks the [800th anniversary](#) of St Francis's death. To mark this anniversary, the Church has proclaimed 2026 a special Year of St Francis, inviting the faithful to look to his example of Gospel living

Many people know Franciscan spirituality through the blessing of animals and praising God for creation. These are meaningful expressions of faith, but they also point us towards the heart of Francis' spirituality: his **desire to follow the humble Jesus**. When Francis looked at creation, he saw gifts from God, and his gratitude helped him praise the Creator.

Francis' simplicity draws us to reflect on Jesus, who came close to us as true God and true man. Jesus was born in humble circumstances and lived among ordinary people. Francis gave up wealth and status because he wanted to follow Jesus more closely.

Living simply helped him depend on God, meet people living in poverty as brothers and sisters, and find joy in gifts he might otherwise have taken for granted. For Francis, simplicity was a way of making room for Christ and for others.



As we remember St. Francis in this anniversary year, we might ask what it means to make room for Christ in our own lives. For most of us, this will not mean giving away everything we own, but it may mean looking more carefully at what we cling to, what distracts us, and where God is inviting us to greater generosity. Francis reminds us that **holiness is found not in having more**, but in receiving what we have with gratitude and using it in love of God and neighbour.



On Wednesday, October 7, we have another significant celebration: [the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, our Parish Feast Day](#). Many of you may have heard that this feast traces its beginnings to the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. At the time, a Christian fleet known as the Holy League faced a much larger Ottoman naval force in the Mediterranean. Pope St Pius V called Christians to pray the Rosary for those going into battle. Following the Holy League's victory on October 7, the Pope [attributed the victory to the intercession of Our Lady](#) and established a feast in thanksgiving. Over time, this became the feast we now know as Our Lady of the Rosary.

As we honour Our Lady of the Rosary, **she leads us to Jesus**. Praying the Rosary invites us to contemplate his life with her: the Son of God born as a child, living an ordinary life in Nazareth, and giving himself for us on the cross. The mysteries hold together joy, suffering, hope and glory, reminding us that **no part of our lives is beyond the reach of God's grace**. They lead us to rejoice in his Resurrection, and teach us to remain close to Christ in every season of life.

While we reflect on these two feast days this week, we are reminded that we have something to celebrate every day: **God's presence with us and our response to His mercy**. In the ordinary moments of life — a conversation with someone who is lonely, patience at home, or care for a person in need, we have opportunities to respond to His love.

In different ways, [Mary and Francis both draw our attention to the incarnation of Jesus](#): Mary through her trusting "yes" to God and by leading us through the mysteries of her Son's earthly life, and Francis by seeking to imitate Christ's poverty, humility and closeness to others.

Their lives ask us to look at our own: What can I let go of so that I can give more freely? Where might God be asking me to say yes? How can my humility, simplicity and faith help others recognise the presence of Jesus, who is truly God and truly man, among us?

May St Francis's example and Our Lady's intercession help us follow Jesus with simplicity, gratitude and love.

Peace and love - **Fr. Minje**



THE PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.



RENEWED AND SENT - DIVINE RENOVATION PARISH RENEWAL SUMMIT

Earlier this year, our parish had the privilege of hosting **Divine Renovation Open House**. It was an opportunity to welcome leaders from other parishes and share something of our journey **from maintenance to mission** – not to say, “Hey, look at us,” but to honestly share what is working in our context, what we are learning, and the challenges we continue to encounter.



This weekend, that conversation continues on a much larger scale at the **Divine Renovation Renewed and Sent Parish Renewal Summit in Sydney**, bringing together around 600 bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders from across Australia and beyond. Fr James Mallon, founder of the Divine Renovation movement and author of Divine Renovation, will be the featured speaker at the Sydney conference.

Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) – **Fr Josh, Fr Minje, Beth, Vivienne and Steve** – will attend the Summit and lead two workshops. These workshops will provide an insight into how our SLT meets, how we listen to one another, and how each person brings their unique God-given gifts to the table – while, most importantly, listening together to the Holy Spirit.

The workshop is as much about the process as the topic, but excitingly, the conversation will focus on Creating a **Culture of Testimony** – something we hope to increasingly foster in our own parish. Because **everyone has a story to tell**.

Our parish mission is to actively accompany people to encounter Jesus. When we have encountered Jesus, we have a story not just worth sharing, but one that sits at the very heart of our parish’s vision: that every person in our parish – **all 130,000-odd people who live within our geographical boundaries** – experiences the joy of intimacy with Jesus; a joy that transforms hearts and inspires a desire to boldly and joyfully share what they have received with others.

Our stories may be dramatic or beautifully ordinary. What matters is that we are willing to share them. **Renewal is never finished**. It begins whenever we say “yes” to where the Holy Spirit is leading. So please pray for our Senior Leadership Team this weekend – but also ask yourself: What is my story? Where have I encountered Jesus? And who might need to hear it?

Find out more about the Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit: <https://renewedandsent.com.au> and please keep our Senior Leadership Team in your prayers as we gather in Sydney this weekend.

Fr Josh

Annals 2027 - Don't forget to order your liturgical resources for 2027 by October 9. Email Vicki at the parish office, with your name, payment, and mass centre. The cost of Break Open the Word will be covered for reading ministers.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEAST DAY MASS

Remember to join us for our Parish Feast Day on **Wednesday, 7 October**, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, as we honour Our Lady of the Rosary, our parish's patroness.

There will be a group **Rosary at 8:15am** and a **Mass at 9:00am**, followed by morning tea and fellowship. All parishioners, families, friends and visitors are welcome.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

LADIES LUNCH

Ladies of the parish are invited to our next Ladies Lunch on **Friday, 9 October** at 12 noon at Golden Beach Tavern, 32 Bowman Road, Caloundra. All ladies are most welcome!

Please RSVP to Linda on **0429 380 979 by Monday, 5 October**.

ADORATION



When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to **Eucharistic Adoration**, which is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

Please check the **Parish Diary** for Adoration times and locations. We'd love to see you there!

RCIT - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR TEENS

RCIT is a journey for teenagers aged 12–17 interested in **becoming Catholic** or who have not yet received all the **Sacraments of Initiation**. Through prayer, Scripture, catechesis and conversation, teenagers can explore the Catholic faith, grow in relationship with Jesus and prepare for the Sacraments.

RCIT begins **Friday, 9 October**. To register, scan the QR code in this newsletter.

SENIORS EVENT

Final week to register! Join us for a pilgrimage to Marian Valley on **Tuesday, 13 October**, marking the anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The bus departs **OLR at 7:30am. \$40 per person**, including morning tea and lunch. Places are limited, with some walking involved. Register and pay via the Linktree QR code.



VOLUNTEERS

Our parish is blessed by the many people who generously give their time and gifts to support our community – and **we'd love to welcome more volunteers!** From Worship and Community Life to Children & Families, Faith & Formation, Service & Outreach, and Youth & Young Adults, there are many ways to get involved.

Could you share **your time or talents with our parish**? Scan the QR code to explore our Ministry Areas and find a place to serve.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Jessika da Game e Silva** 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 5th October

Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday 6th October

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

Wednesday 7th October

OLR Feast Day

Adoration & Rosary
(Maleny) 8:30am
Feast Day Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9:30am

Thursday 8th October

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

Friday 9th October

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

Saturday 10th October

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

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

Sunday 11th October

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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