



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5/6th September Year A

HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP?

As we continue our march down the road of parish renewal, I would like to touch on an important element of leadership: **we are all led by someone else.**

No one exists entirely on their own, and **no Christian exercises leadership in isolation.** I am led by the Dean of the Sunshine Coast Parishes, Fr Peter Brannelly. I am also accountable to Archbishop Shane and those who assist him in the leadership of the Archdiocese, including our Vicar General, Fr Peter Dillon, and the Director of Clergy Life and Ministry, Fr David Pascoe.

In our parish, **it is my responsibility to lead everyone in some way.** That is why, somewhat unusually, I appear at the bottom of our parish organisational chart! It is a reminder that leadership is not about being at the top but about carrying responsibility for the **flourishing of those entrusted to us.**

There are **three bodies with whom I work directly** in our parish: the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), the Faith Communities Council (FCC), made up of our six Pastoral Leaders, and the Parish Finance Council (PFC). Each has a particular area of responsibility, and each is accountable to me, while I am accountable to them. This is important: **healthy leadership is never one-directional** because involves responsibility, trust, challenge, listening and mutual accountability.

You will also see our **six Ministry Leadership Teams (MLTs)**, which together provide leadership across all ministries of our parish. Above them are the leadership teams within each of our **six main Mass communities.** These communities are important expressions of parish life and our evangelising mission – recognising that our Mass communities at Little Mountain and Currimundi are retirement villages whose communities have served us faithfully.

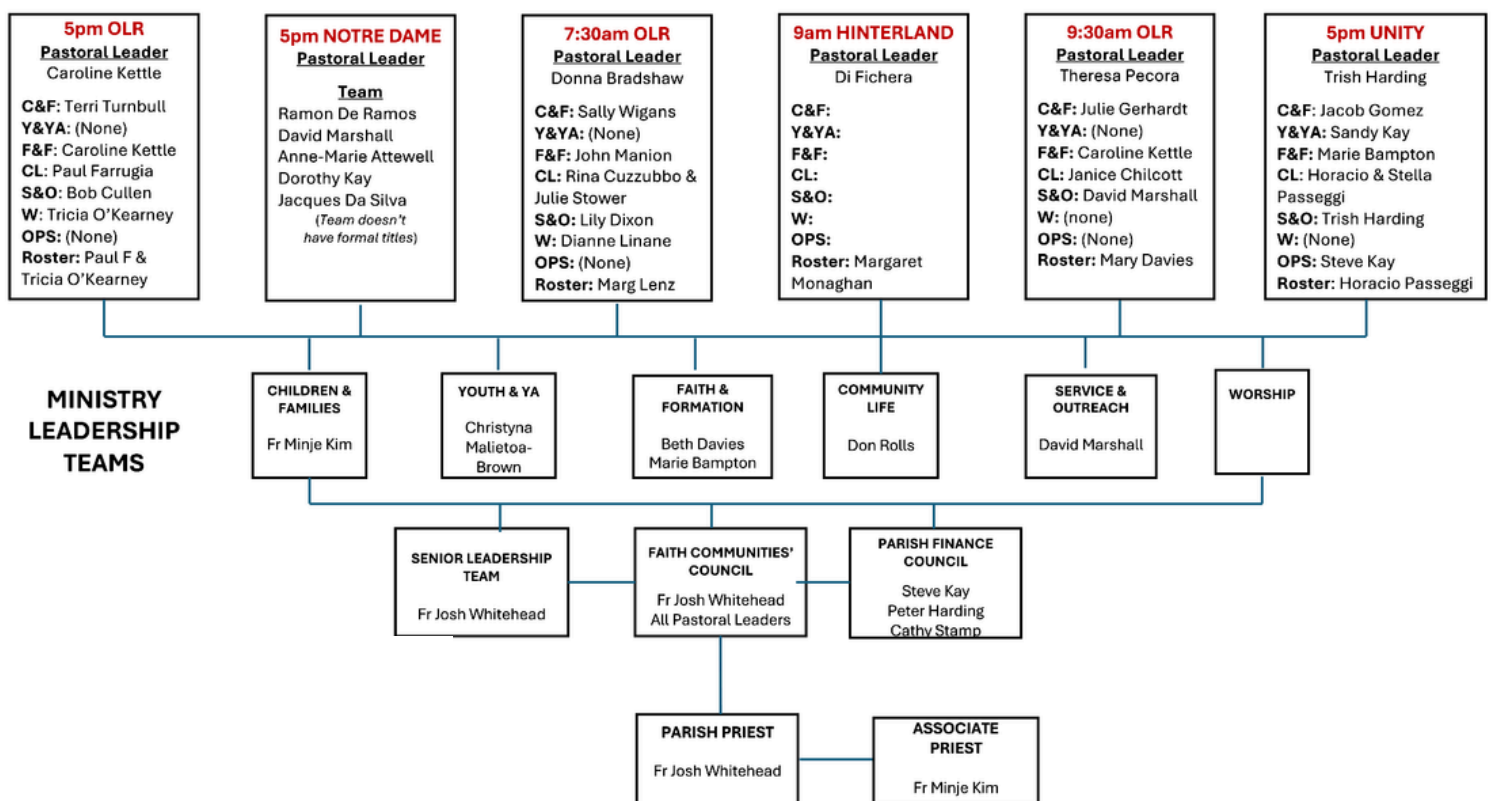
Perhaps an important question, however, is not Who leads whom? But **how do I experience leadership?** Do I allow myself to be led by others? Can I receive direction, correction and encouragement without feeling threatened? Can I trust another person's leadership, even when they lead differently from me?

And, when I am in a position of leadership, what kind of leader am I? Do I lead with a servant heart? Am I joyful and generous in the way I exercise responsibility? Do I make space for others to flourish, rather than needing to be noticed, affirmed or in control? There is a spiritual danger in measuring our worth by how much we do or by the positions we hold. Our ministries, titles and responsibilities are entrusted to us for a season. **They are not our identity.**

St Paul reminds us: **"We have this treasure in earthen vessels"** (2 Corinthians 4:7). We are the vessels; God is the treasure. Genuine Christian leadership begins with holding our leadership lightly: gratefully accepting the responsibility we have been given, generously serving those entrusted to us, and humbly allowing ourselves to be led by others.

With peace and love – **Fr Josh**

Mass Centre & Parish Structure



MLT UPDATE - CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Children & Families ministry continues to create opportunities for children and families to connect with our parish community and grow in faith together.

It was wonderful to get to know so many children and families throughout the **recent sacramental program** and to share in their faith journey. Two weeks ago, we **celebrated First Holy Communion**, marking a special milestone as the children received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. It was a beautiful celebration and a joy to see families gathered together and supported by the wider parish community.



Throughout the school term, we also provide **weekly Children's Liturgy**, giving our younger parishioners an opportunity to explore the Gospel in an engaging and age-appropriate way. We also enjoy **celebrating combined school and parish Masses**. Most recently, we joined with Our Lady of the Rosary School for a beautiful 5pm Saturday Mass, where it was wonderful to see so many of our school **children actively involved and taking on special roles** throughout the celebration.

Looking ahead, we would love to offer more school holiday workshops and family fun days, creating opportunities for children and families to connect, grow in faith and enjoy time together as a parish community. To make these activities possible, **we need more parishioners to volunteer** and share their time, gifts and enthusiasm. If you are interested in volunteering to become part of the team, then please email the parish office at caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

The Children & Families ministry is currently being supported by Julie and Nadine, and we warmly welcome anyone who feels called to become involved. There are many ways to help, and even a small contribution can make a meaningful difference to the faith life of our children and families.

The Children and Families Team

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This weekend, our parish celebrates Social Justice Sunday, which invites us as a parish community 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 call 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 the Gospel 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) - through our Linktree by **scanning the QR code** on page 3 of this newsletter.

FATHER'S DAY

This Father's Day, we give thanks to God for the gift of fathers and for the many ways they care for, guide and provide for their families. Fatherhood is more than a role or responsibility; it is a vocation to love with patience, courage and self-gift, following the example of Christ.

The Catechism reminds us that **"the divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood."** Today, we give thanks for the fathers who reflect something of God's own fatherly love through their generosity, patience, sacrifice and care for their families. We give thanks for the countless ordinary acts of love by which fathers support their children and help their families to flourish, and for the gift of their presence in the lives of those entrusted to their care.

St Joseph gives us a quiet example of faithful fatherhood. Though Scripture records no words spoken by him, his life speaks through his obedience, protection and care for Jesus and Mary. May all fathers be strengthened by his example and entrusted to his prayers. St. Joseph pray for us all!



ANOINTING MASSES



The Anointing of the Sick is a **sacrament of healing and strength** for those experiencing 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

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!

OCTOBER SENIORS EVENT

On **Tuesday, 13th October**, a bus will leave OLR Caloundra at 7:30am for a full-day pilgrimage to **Marian Valley**, the Brisbane Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians. We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, with some walking involved throughout the day.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The cost is **\$40 per person**. The bus will return to Caloundra in the late afternoon/evening, depending on traffic. Please register via the Linktree QR code and **include payment to secure your seat**.



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 9th**.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Hendrix & Zia Renata and Laura Carvalho Fraga** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

Funerals:

Maureen Forbes, Monday 7th September at Gregson & Weight, Caloundra

Don Williams, Tuesday 8th September at Gregson & Weight, Caloundra

Theresa McCann, Thursday 10th September at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

Ian Humphries, Friday 11th September at Sacred Heart Church, Maleny

Kathryn Quail, Friday 18th September at Sacred Heart Church, Maleny

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 7th September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

Tuesday 8th September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Wednesday 9th September

Adoration, Rosary

(Maleny) 8:30am

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9:30am

Thursday 10th September

Anointing Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

Adoration for Vocations

(Lands) 9am

Friday 11th September

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 12th September

Adoration & Reconciliation

(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame - at Unity

College Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 13th September

Mass (OLR) 7:30am

Anointing Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10:30am

Mass (Unity Chapel) 5pm

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