



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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ARE WE REALLY TOO BUSY TO ACCEPT GOD'S INVITATION?

How often do we say, "I am busy"? Someone asks us for help, invites us somewhere, or suggests that we spend time together, and this is our response. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by responsibilities. This Sunday's Gospel invites us to consider a question: **Are we really too busy to accept God's invitation?**

Being busy means that **our time and attention are occupied**. We have things to do, people to care for, and responsibilities to fulfil. Yet busyness also raises a question about our priorities, as we cannot complete everything at once. **What receives our attention**, and what do we repeatedly leave until later?

In the Gospel this weekend, a king prepares a wedding feast for his son. He sends servants to bring the guests, but they refuse to come, making excuses. Some ignore the invitation and go away, one to his farm and another to his business. **Their attention is occupied** with what they have already planned and prioritised. An invitation shows that we are wanted. The king has prepared a place for his guests and desires their presence at his son's celebration.



We do not deny that farming and running a business are worthwhile activities. They provide food, employment and support for families. Yet these guests allow their own affairs to take precedence over the invitation. **They carry on with their familiar routine and miss the celebration prepared for them.** Ordinary concerns can gradually fill our lives so completely that we give little attention to God.

Yes, we recognise that people carry real responsibilities and burdens. A parent caring for children, a person supporting a family through long hours of work, or someone looking after a sick spouse may have very little energy remaining. **God sees these demands.** Love expressed through such responsibilities can itself be a faithful response to his call.

Still, each of us needs to **examine honestly how we spend our time** and what we mean when we say, "I am too busy." Perhaps we have some freedom to choose how we spend our time. We may discover that we regularly make room for entertainment, shopping or scrolling through our phones, while prayer is continually postponed. Our **habits can reveal the priorities** we have established.

Think about receiving an invitation from someone you love. The invitation matters because the person matters to you. You consider how you might attend. You may rearrange your plans. Your **response expresses the value** you place on that relationship.

God invites us into a relationship with him. If we always wait until our lives become quiet, we may keep postponing our response. There will usually be another task, another concern or another appointment. **We can begin to make room for God within the life we have today.**



We might also ask whether we approach God as another item on our list. A relationship grows through attention and presence. Even a brief prayer can become a sincere response when we pause quietly, listen and offer God what is happening in our daily lives.

Here in the Eucharist, Christ gathers us and gives himself to us, **drawing us more deeply into his life and his work among his people.** We bring our crowded minds, unfinished work and personal worries. As we listen to his Word and receive him, we ask him to guide our priorities and strengthen us for the responsibilities awaiting us.

This week, **let us choose one concrete response.** We might set aside a few minutes each morning for prayer, protect time for Sunday Mass, visit someone who is lonely, or begin a conversation that could lead to reconciliation. **A small, faithful response can open our lives more fully to God.**

Our days may remain busy. We may still have plenty to do when we leave this church. But we can pause and carry God's presence into those responsibilities and give him our attention along the way. His invitation reaches us today. Let us receive it with gratitude and answer it through the way we live.

Peace and blessings - Fr. Minje

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS - IGNITE CONFERENCE RECAP

"My experience over the last 4 days at Ignite has been **nothing short of incredible**. I deepened my faith in Christ, made new friends and had a whole lot of fun doing it. The rallies were incredible, I enjoyed moshing out in the mosh pit, dancing and having a great time. Keynotes were a great opportunity to connect with other people and talk about your experience at Ignite, the workshops also explained different topics of our faith with clarity. My favourite part of all was Mass and Adoration, Mass was incredible, with the Archbishop celebrating the Friday one, **it was a time when Jesus became present to all of us**, calling and reminding us to give our life to him. Adoration was filled with the Holy Spirit, a lot of us were moved by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, it was a time to reflect and ask for the Lord to change our life. I enjoyed Ignite so much, and I can't wait to go there next year." - **Tom, Year 7**, 1st time at Ignite Conference



"Ascend. That was the theme for Ignite 2026, and what a fitting theme it was. Not only for myself, but for the children of kingdom youth as well. Over the last 6-12 months, **I had felt as if I had lost almost everything** that I knew and found comfortable. Steve got in touch with me through Christyna (my sister) and asked if I wanted to be a youth leader and accompany Kingdom to the Ignite conference. Although nervous, uncertain, and definitely feeling undeserving, I said yes, and it was the best decision I made. Feeling like I was at rock bottom after losing what I felt was everything, **the only way to go was up**. Was to Ascend. And although I was asked to accompany the children, in hindsight, I believe the children of kingdom youth were there to accompany me.

To describe the conference in two words, those words would be, **filling and blessed!** I witnessed children hang around each other, pray together, encourage and support each other, and offer it all up to Jesus. Leaving their pain, their tears, their feelings of feeling like they don't belong. **Leaving it all at the foot of the cross!** I am forever grateful for this opportunity, for the children, and for our wonderful community who shower us with their continuous love and support. May God bless and keep you always." **Giovanni-Paolo, Young Adult**, 2nd time at Ignite Conference

Both of these testimonies are a small glimpse into how amazing Ignite was. **Kingdom Youth and Holy Family felt the love of God**, not just through all that Ignite had to offer, but also in the prayers in the morning, the lunchtimes together and even chatting away driving to and from Ignite. **Thank you to everyone** who supported us financially, through prayers or volunteering their time and effort throughout that weekend. All Glory to God!

Give me 2x claps and a Jesus. JESUS!

Christyna Malietoa-Brown – Youth Minister

CATHOLIC MISSION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, 18 October**, marking 100 years since Pope Pius XI established this special day for the Church to come together in prayer, solidarity and support for missionary work around the world. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is **"One in Christ, united in mission."**

This World Mission Month, Catholic Mission invites us to reflect on what it means to be one Church, sharing in the mission of Christ and **standing alongside communities in need**.

In rural Malawi, children and families continue to face significant challenges in accessing education. **Yamikani**, who lives with a physical disability, walks several kilometres each day to reach school. For families in remote communities, distance, limited resources and the ongoing effects of past natural disasters can make education difficult to access.

There is hope. **Fr Matthew Semba**, Director of Social Services for the Diocese of Chikwawa, is working alongside local communities to oversee the construction of St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School in Kampira. The new school will bring education closer to children and families, while also providing nutritious meals, educational supplies and shade trees.

This World Mission Month, you are **invited to share in this mission**, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. Visit catholicmission.org.au/united or **scan the QR code** in the parish information section of this newsletter to find out more.



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ARCHBISHOP MARK'S VISIT

Our parish is delighted to welcome **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**, who will celebrate the 9:30 am Mass on **Sunday, 25 October**, at the OLR church.

This will be a special opportunity to gather as a community of faith, give thanks to God, and welcome Archbishop Coleridge, whose leadership and pastoral care have meant so much to the Church in Brisbane. As we gather around the Lord's table, we will pray for our parish, our Archdiocese, and all who serve the Church.

During his visit, Archbishop Coleridge will **meet with parishioners and introduce his recent autobiography**. We look forward to hearing more about his journey of faith and ministry. His visit will also give us an opportunity to greet him personally and express our gratitude for his many years of service to the archdiocese.

Please **invite your family and friends** to come along and share this special morning of prayer, conversation, and fellowship with our parish family.



COMPASSION & CARE

Compassion and Care Group will host the next morning tea on **Friday, 16 October** following the 9.00am Mass. **Friendly support** is offered to those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation or dealing with grief issues.

RAP GROUP - FIRST NATIONS PRESENTATION



Final Reminder: The First Nations Land Management and Environmental Expertise presentation will be held this Monday 12 October, 10:30am–12 noon at Hope Dreaming Information Centre. The presentation will explore **how First Nations peoples have cared for and sustainably managed** the Australian landscape over thousands of years.

Admission is free. Please register by contacting Bob Cullen at bngcullen@optusnet.com.au.

GARDEN & GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS

The Parish is seeking additional **helpers to support the Garden and Grounds Maintenance team** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Tasks include hedging, whipper snipping, general gardening, and light grounds upkeep around the church.

If you're able to lend a hand, even occasionally, we'd be very grateful. Please email cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au or contact the Parish office for more information.

RCIT - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR TEENS

RCIT has already begun on **9 October**, for teenagers aged 12–17 interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation.

If your teenager has started RCIT and you have not yet completed the registration form, **it is essential that you do so**. Please scan the QR code to complete it.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Danny & Jasper Parker-Maxted and Poppy Hilliard** 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 12th October

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

Tuesday 13th October

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

Wednesday 14th October

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

Thursday 15th October

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

Friday 16th October

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

Saturday 17th October

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

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

Sunday 18th October

World Mission Sunday

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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