



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - October 17/18 Year A

LISTENING TO THOSE WHO KNOW LITTLE ABOUT GOD OR REJECT HIM

What is prayer? When we pray, we gather our thoughts and express our hopes. Two actions lie at the heart of prayer: **listening and speaking**. We listen to God and speak to him in prayer, especially during Mass. When we come to Mass, we usually pray alongside fellow Catholics, although non-Catholics and non-Christians may also join us.

This weekend, the Word of God invites us to reflect on this question: **How do we listen to those who do not believe in God**, yet are always loved and cared for by him?

Some people know little about God because they have had few opportunities to learn about faith. Others consciously reject belief in God, perhaps because of their convictions, unanswered questions, or painful experiences. **Listening begins with understanding** the particular person before us. Their disagreement may challenge us, but it **does not diminish their dignity** or God's love for them.



In the first reading, we meet Cyrus, the Persian king. He did not belong to Israel or know the God of Israel, yet God called him by name and chose him as an instrument for the sake of his people. Through Cyrus, the Jewish exiles would have the opportunity to return home and rebuild their lives. God was working through a ruler whom they might **never have expected** to become part of their story of hope.

This is a humbling message for us. We treasure our faith and the guidance we receive through the Church. Yet Cyrus reminds us that **God's activity reaches beyond the boundaries of our own community**. Someone who does not share our faith may help us recognise an injustice, understand another person's suffering, or discover a better way to care for our neighbours. We need **attentive hearts to recognise such opportunities**.

In the Gospel, another ruler enters the conversation: Caesar, the Roman emperor. Jesus' opponents ask whether it is lawful to pay taxes to him. They hope that his answer will create trouble, either with the Roman authorities or with those who resent Roman rule. They approach Jesus with a question, but their **hearts are closed** to receiving an answer that might change them.



Jesus asks them to show him the coin used for the tax and identify its image. When they answer that it is Caesar's, he tells them to give Caesar what belongs to Caesar and God what belongs to God. His response recognises our responsibilities within society while directing our attention towards our relationship with God. We participate in public life, contribute to the common good, and recognise that our deepest belonging is to God.

The image on the coin also invites a further reflection. Caesar's image appears on money, while we bear the image of God. So does the person beside us, including someone whose beliefs differ from ours. Their dignity comes from God. When we listen carefully to their experiences, we honour that dignity and allow ourselves to understand the person before us more fully.

Deep listening, therefore, involves listening to God, to the teaching of the Church, **and to every person we encounter, including those who do not believe in God**. We listen with prayerful discernment, seeking what is true and good. We can remain faithful to Christ while learning from another person's experience. Such listening requires the humility to acknowledge that we still have much to understand.

We can begin with a simple practice: allowing another person to finish speaking before we respond. We can ask a gentle question and resist the urge to assume we already know their answer. Giving someone our attention creates space for trust, and trust can make an honest conversation about difficult questions possible.

Perhaps a family member has stopped attending Mass. Perhaps a young person is questioning their faith, or a neighbour carries painful memories of the Church. **Before preparing an explanation, we can give them time to speak**. What have they experienced? What are they searching for? What have we failed to hear? Their words may reveal a need for compassion, an opportunity for reconciliation, or something in our own behaviour that needs to change.

Cyrus reminds us to **notice God's unexpected instruments**. Caesar prompts us to consider what we owe to society and to God. Together, these readings encourage us to bring our faith into every encounter with openness and responsibility. This week, let us make time for someone we find difficult to understand. Through patient listening, we may discover how God is inviting us to love that person more generously and to grow in faith ourselves.

Peace and Blessings - **Father Minje**

FAITH & FORMATION - IGNITE CONFERENCE RECAP

Some experiences are hard to put into words, and **this year's Ignite Conference in Brisbane was one of them.**

Ignite Youth gathers, forms and sends out Catholics who are on fire for Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, grounded in faith and centred on the Eucharist and **Ignite Conference is the flagship event of this national ministry born** in our own Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Ignite Conference is not only for young people. The 2026 conference, themed **'Ascend'** (the mountain of the Lord), offered spiritual, emotional, intellectual and relational enrichment for all ages.

Morning and Evening Rallies featured engaging keynote speakers **Dcn Peter Pellicaan, Kim Keady, Fr Will Aupito Iuliano** and **Samuel Clear** among others. Their messages were for everyone seeking to know God more personally. All the keynotes are available to view on the Shalom World YouTube, website or app.



Each day featured seminars and workshops for both young people and adults. While it's hard for the OLR group to choose a single highlight, we all returned changed, and the moments below are **our many "equal #1" favourites.**



The music was profoundly moving, carrying both vibrancy and sacredness, reflecting the **palpable presence of the Holy Spirit** over the entire gathering.

Celebration of the Mass – WOW! Seeing so many priests process into the auditorium alongside Archbishop Shane Mackinlay on Friday lunchtime was a powerful and beautiful experience of the Eucharist. The weekend also offered daily opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry on Saturday morning and evening, and a deeply moving time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evening. Imagine 1500 people in a tiered auditorium **unified in sacred, reverent adoration of our God...**

Brett Forde, who joined our parish delegation to Ignite, shared this reflection:

"I strongly recommend Ignite to anyone who has just finished Alpha and is wondering, "What next?" I'd also recommend it to anyone who might be feeling a little dry in their faith, or who feels like they've fallen into the same pattern of Mass on Sunday and not much else. If that sounds like you, give Ignite a go. Save up for it, make the commitment, and get yourself to Ignite 2027: Surrounded."

Dates are not yet fully confirmed for next year, but Brisbane Conference is usually on the middle weekend of September Holidays (Thursday to Sunday). I encourage you to take up the challenge and put aside the time next year to invest in your faith future. If you want to find out more, have a chat with someone who attended or watch some of the livestreamed rallies for yourself by scanning the QR code in this newsletter.

Beth Davies & Marie Bampton - On Behalf of the Faith and Formation team.

CATHOLIC MISSION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, 18 October marks 100 years since Pope Pius XI established World Mission Sunday. This year's theme, **"One in Christ, united in mission"**, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, calls the Church to share Christ's love.

In rural Malawi, children face barriers to education. **Yamikani**, a young boy with a physical disability, walks several kilometres each day to school. Distance, hunger and limited resources make learning difficult, especially for families still rebuilding after floods and cyclones.

The Church in Malawi is working with local communities to build St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School in Kampira. Coordinated by **Fr Matthew Semba**, Director of Social Services for the Diocese of Chikwawa, the project will bring education closer to children, providing classrooms, nutritious meals and essential school supplies. Trees will also help protect the community from extreme weather.

Through prayer and generosity, **we can stand alongside communities in Malawi** and support the Church's mission. You can join the mission by donating through the QR code in this newsletter. Your support helps Catholic Mission work alongside local communities to provide children and families with opportunities to build a better future.

To learn more about this project, Catholic Mission and Caloundra Parish welcome Fr Matthew Semba from Malawi on **Monday, 26 October**. Join us for Mass at 9:00am, followed by a presentation from Fr Matthew about the project and morning tea at 10:00am. All are welcome. Please scan the QR code in this newsletter to register.



ARCHBISHOP MARK'S VISIT

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

Join us as a parish community to welcome Archbishop Coleridge and give thanks for his many years of leadership and pastoral care in the Church in Brisbane. During his visit, he will meet with parishioners and **introduce his recent autobiography**, sharing more about his journey of faith and ministry.

Please invite your family and friends to join us for this special morning of prayer and fellowship.



ALL SOULS DAY MASS



All parishioners, families and friends are warmly invited to join us for All Souls' Day Mass at 9:00 am on **Monday, 2 November**, at OLR Church. Together, we will pray for our departed loved ones and all the faithful departed, entrusting them to God's mercy and love.

This special celebration offers an opportunity to **remember those who have died**, give thanks for their lives, and find comfort in our shared faith in the resurrection. Whether you are grieving a recent loss or remembering someone who died years ago, come and unite with our parish community in prayer and hope, trusting in Christ's promise of eternal life.

PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND

We invite all parishioners to join us on **Friday 13** and **Saturday 14 November** for our Parish Retreat Weekend, with two days set aside for prayer, worship and time together as a parish community. **Both days will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary.**

Friday, 13 November | Encounter Night – Our Encounter Night begins with snacks and refreshments from 6:15pm, before moving into the church at 7:00pm for an evening of worship, testimonies and prayer. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration and an opportunity for Reconciliation. If you haven't been to an Encounter Night before, this is a wonderful opportunity to come along and experience one.



We're delighted to welcome guest speakers **Pat and Kym Keady**. Pat is a Catholic renewal leader, speaker, songwriter and author, while Kym is the Executive Director of Ignite Youth and a senior leader at Emmanuel City.

Saturday, 14 November | Parish Retreat Day – Saturday's retreat will include two keynote talks from Pat and Kym, worship, time for personal prayer and small group conversations, with Reconciliation also available. Morning tea will be provided. Registration opens at 8:30am, with the retreat running from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

We hope you'll be able to join us for both Friday evening and Saturday's retreat! **Please sign up** by using the QR code on this newsletter.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Thea Hosnell, Gianna McCarron, Amelia Little and Roman Creighton** 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 19th October

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

Tuesday 20th October

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

Wednesday 21st October

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

Thursday 22nd October

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

Friday 23rd October

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

Saturday 24th October

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

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

Sunday 25th October

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

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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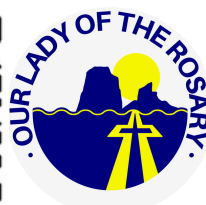
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