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Reflecting on the Sacrament of Confirmation

By the time you read this, 64 of our amazing young parishioners would have received their Sacrament of Confirmation which occurred on Friday evening with Bishop Brian Heenan. I would like to extend my congratulations and convey how proud I am of their enthusiasm for learning, hard work and prayerfulness over the six weeks of formation.



The Sacrament of Confirmation has been on my mind for some time now and as the Leader of the Sacramental Program, I want to ensure that I understand the fundamentals of this ritual before teaching it. May this reflection enkindle memories of your own Confirmation and evoke the gifts of the Holy Spirit within your heart.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Scripturally, it can be found in many places most notably Acts 8:14-17.
Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Ritually it contains four parts:

- 1) **The Calling Forth of the Candidates** reminds candidates that God calls us each by name and that our parents continue the act of co-creation *with* God, and like Adam in the Book of Genesis, are given the privilege to partake in naming creation.
- 2) **The Renewal of Baptismal Promises** allows the candidates to *confirm* the promises of faith that their parents made on their behalf at Baptism. This is based from the Creed which contains the basic tenants of the Catholic Faith.
- 3) **The Laying on of Hands** is an ancient gesture which communicates blessing and commissioning. It calls forth the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be stirred anew. It can be linked all the way back to the Apostles and is even referenced in the Old Testament.
- 4) **The Anointing with Chrism** symbolises being set apart, being made holy to do God's work. Those who are Confirmed are now responsible for taking faith as their own and commissioned to share their faith with others. It also denotes being sealed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit making them more aware of the inner workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."
 Have a great week. Fr Gerard

Faith and Formation
 Friends, the parish's mission to be a "vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus" builds on the church's very reason for being. It stands in the tradition of Christian of all ages past, especially the many lay orders who have gone out into the world with not so much a story, but a person - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Generosity
 Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
 Teach me true generosity,
 Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
 To give without counting the cost,
 To fight heedless of wounds,
 To labor without seeking rest,
 To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward,
 Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
 Amen.

On wildly successful order were the Jesuits, founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola. His own encounter and the method of meditation he taught his order did and continues to bear much fruit. While I will leave teaching the method to another day, I share with you two prayers of his which is relevant to our parish mission:

Prayer to Know God's Will
 May it please the supreme and divine Goodness to give us all abundant grace ever to know his most holy will and perfectly to fulfill it.

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The Sunshine Coast Homeless Need Our Help

Friends, Fr. Josh and I are participating in the 2024 Vinnies CEO sleep out. The race is on to make our \$5000 fundraising target or at least to see how far we can go. If you would like to support one or both of our causes head to the Linktree QR Code in our newsletter!

We will be sleeping on Maroochydore Beach on the longest night of the year, 20th June, as part of an eye-opening experience, as well as to raise awareness for those who are sleeping rough every night. I thank you in advance for any contribution you will make!

God bless, Fr. Francis

Altar Server Training

Building on the success of our Lectors workshops, The Worship Team is hosting altar server training across the parish. All ages are welcome and encouraged; we especially want you to get your kids involved. Altar serving is a great way of keeping kids actively involved and focused on the Mass. These workshops are concise in content; with run-throughs and time for questions. Sessions will go for about an hour. RSVP via the Linktree is a must!

(At this stage, some communities do not require altar servers and this is reflected below)

Session dates and times are: **9th June - Unity Chapel - 3:30pm**
16th June - OLR - 8am

The Homily

The homily (from the Latin *homilia*, meaning 'conversation') has its roots in the Jewish synagogue service where, after the readings from the Law and the Prophets, an explanation of their meaning was given by one of those present.

A homily was been part of the Church's liturgy since the beginning but during the Middle Ages it changed from a breaking-open of the scriptures to an instruction on Catholic doctrine or morals, i.e., a sermon. It became almost an interruption to the Mass since the celebrant removed his chasuble and moved to the pulpit in the nave to preach.

The Second Vatican Council restored the homily as an integral part of the liturgy, stating that 'the homily is to be highly esteemed as part of the liturgy itself'.

The introduction to the Lectionary says that the homily must be 'truly the fruit of meditation, carefully prepared, neither too long nor too short, and suited to all those present, even children and the uneducated'.

Like the readings at Mass, the homily is a two-way process. The preacher prepares and delivers the homily but members of the assembly play their part by listening attentively to the words of the preacher, keeping an open mind to the insights which are being presented and applying them to their own personal circumstances.

By Elizabeth Harrington

Pastoral Care Thank-You and Information Session.

We are inviting all the current and future extraordinary Communion Ministers, who take communion to people's homes or nursing homes, to join Father Josh and Vivienne for a thank you morning tea.

We will be discussing the new safeguarding requirements and having a general chat about the ministry. This is your opportunity to speak with others and share stories. Please bring questions to discuss. We are happy to receive your questions in advance, if you send an email with the subject "Attention Vivienne".

We look forward to celebrating with you this very vital ministry on **22nd June 9.30-12noon in the Egan Room.**

Any further inquiries can be answered by Vivienne on 0409897673.

For catering purpose please email the Parish office. caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Ladies Lunch

The Parish Ladies Lunch is on **Friday 21st June, 12 noon at Three Restaurant, 1/115 Bulcock Street, Caloundra.** All ladies in the Parish are welcome. Please RSVP by Monday 17th June to Linda 0429380979.

Year of Invitation Prayer

My Lord and my God, you never cease to invite me to know, love and follow your Son, Jesus. Give me the grace and courage to be a channel of your love so that my "yes" to you becomes an invitation to others.

I offer up my entire self - heart, mind and will - to your purpose for me. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Journey

We welcome **Michael Liebenberg, Eloise Fisher, Aaliyah, Kol & Amalia Thompson & Jack Dunne** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We prayer for the soul of **Mary McGill** whose funeral was held last week. May her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

Parish Car Park

Please be aware that the main church carpark at OLR requires **REVERSE parking** when ever you enter the carpark. This is to ensure the safety of our children and Parishioners. Thank you.

Safeguarding News

The Safeguarding Commitment for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and Caloundra Catholic Parish is: Zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and striving to safeguard all who interact with its ministries & services. Special priority is given to the safety and wellbeing of children & adults at risk. In an emergency, please call the Police 000 or information can be provided to STOpline anonymously.

Phone: 1300 304 550

For further information go to **Caloundra Catholic Parish website**

Contacts & Links – Resources – Safeguarding & Policies

Our Local Safeguarding Officer

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Presentation on 'Dementia Awareness'

by Leah Keating, Dementia Doula.

If you miss out on hearing Leah speak at Caloundra, she will return to the Coast, on **Friday 19th July 9.30am at Stella Maris Catholic Parish, Maroochydore**
2-10 Church St, Maroochydore, 4558, QLD

- ◆ Have you ever wondered what is dementia Vs normal aging?
- ◆ Do you know about modifiable risk factors for dementia?
- ◆ Are you a carer for someone living with dementia?
- ◆ Would you like to learn more about communication strategies or how to best support your loved one as their brain is changing with the disease?



Then come along to a free presentation and morning tea

Morning tea will follow at 10.30am – sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals.

Please call Maroochydore on 54433488 to RSVP

Know your Faith

Don't forget we have 'Know Your Faith' sessions, and Fr Francis has taken them on the road! With Landsborough enjoying the first session on Friday (1st Friday of the month). These are small group faith formation opportunities on a variety of interesting topics on a monthly cycle. Just a reminder where they are each week.

Wk 1 Landsborough Friday 9.30am

Wk 2 OLR Thursday 5pm

Wk 3 Maleny Tuesday 9.30 am

Wk 4 OLR Thursday 5pm

Put the dates in your diaries now and join us as we Journey in Faith together!

RSVP is required for OLR sessions by the Tuesday before via the

Linktree QR Code



Adoration

All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on **Wednesday 12th June, 6.30pm** at the OLR church.

We'd love to see you there!

Salvation Army Fundraising Concert

The Salvation Army are holding a Missionary Fundraising morning, on **Tuesday 11 June at 9:30am.**

At **119 Sugar Bag Rd Lt Mountain.** The tickets are \$10, which covers morning tea and entry into the Concert with the Band. For catering purposes, if you would like to attend, please contact Marg Lenz (0459 998 824) or the Salvation Army office with your number of attendees by **June 7.**

Parish Diary

Monday 10 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 11 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 12 June

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
Liturgy (OLR SCHOOL) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 13 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

Friday 14 June

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 15 June

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 16 June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass (OLR) 6.30am
Mass (Landsborough) 7am
Mass (Unity) 8am
Mass (Kawana) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am
Mass (Unity) 5pm

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