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What is Flocknote

Last week in the newsletter, you may have read a short article on Flocknote. You would definitely be forgiven for asking, “**What is Flocknote?**”

Flocknote is an online database and communication platform designed by Catholics for Catholics. It allows parishes to securely store parishioners’ contact details to allow for smooth and effective communication – something which is essential to help us become an outward-facing, vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

At this time in our world, there are three types of people/groups when it comes to digital technology. **First**, there are young people whom we might call *digital natives* – they were born into a world where the internet and smart phone technology has (as far as they’re concerned) always existed. They can navigate their way around the online world in a way that leaves most of us in their wake. **Second**, there are people like me (Fr Josh) who, while they weren’t born into a digital world, have, nevertheless, learnt or are trying to learn how to navigate it effectively. **Third**, there are people who will perhaps continue to struggle with the internet and digital technology. This is the reality in our world and in our parish community, but I make zero value-judgement of any group. These three groups of people will co-exist for a number of years to come and so it’s important that we tread lightly and explain things clearly as we navigate the introduction of Flocknote and what it means for our parish.

I grimly remember the first Covid lockdown in early 2020. About a week into that time, Fathers Peter, Lam and I made pastoral phone calls, checking in with as many parishioners as possible, but we were severely hampered by a very limited database. Covid revealed an essential missing element of a modern parish in the 21st century: the need for an accurate database of, not *just* parishioners, but all those who find a home in our parish in any way. In response, by the end of 2020, we had a new parish website which allowed us to safely collect and securely store data using a program called Mailchimp. In this vein, our parish has been ahead of the game, but while Mailchimp is most certainly secure, its usability to help us actively accompany people is incredibly limited. A good example of this is that we have no easy way to categorize and connect with people according to where they are at on their faith journey, let alone know what ministry a person serves in or whether they are compliant with Safeguarding requirements.

The parish of the future – and Flocknote gives us this capability – needs to be an effective and safe collector of personal contact data precisely so that we can both connect with people and seek to accompany them in their faith journey. Even if a parishioner doesn’t have an email address or has retired from active ministry, it’s essential that we have them in the database so that we can assist them right up to their last breath – and even afterward as we continue to pray for their soul’s transition from this life to the next.

Friends, technology can sometimes seem scary, but that’s why we’ll be taking a measured approach to the introduction of Flocknote. My goal is to have a record of every single worshipping parishioner in Flocknote by the end of 2024 – this will include worshipping community, relevant contact information, and, if relevant, ministry details. At a minimum, this allows us to know who is in our parish and in order to communicate more effectively.

Above this *goal* (what’s really behind it, and driving me to introduce Flocknote effectively), is the God-given desire to accompany you as best as I can as your pastor. I cannot, in good conscience, expect you to accompany other people in faith unless you, yourself, know that you are accompanied and loved – not for what you do, but for who you are – and so I thank you, in advance, for your openness to being part of something new. We will be rolling out Flocknote in September in such a way that all people will be able to participate. For the time being, please scan the Flocknote QR code with your mobile phone camera and register on Flocknote.

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

Blessed to Be a Blessing (Gen 12:2) - Formation and Evangelization

I am sure we have all heard the often-quoted scripture - "Blessed to be a Blessing" from Genesis 12:2. God calls Abram out of his Father's house and says He will cause Abram to be blessed, and He will bless many through him. God's call to Abram to go out, echos the central call and mission of the Gospel. The last words Jesus spoke to us before he ascended into heaven have a similar theme "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel" (Mark 16:15). Part of our commissioned identity as faithful followers of Jesus is to 'go out'. Like Abram, we are blessed to be a blessing.

Jesus doesn't call us to comfort and convenience. He calls us to know, understand, and be filled with the blessing of His presence and saving power, and to go out to bless others with what we have. As part of the Faith and Formation team I am challenged to think about what this means for Formation. How are we equipping people to invite their friends, family, work colleagues into the blessing that we are already experiencing? How do we offer constant opportunities to discover and re-discover the glory wonder and transformative power of what Jesus did in his life on earth, his death on the cross and his resurrection and ascension into heaven. There is no end to the joy and hope we have to offer. Part and parcel of our formation process should be casting our eyes outward, casting out on the unfished side of the boat to bring in a catch. (John 21:6)

Our upcoming Alpha season in October offers us all an opportunity to cast our eyes and hearts outward to those on the fringes of our worshipping communities and beyond, to those who need Jesus but do not know him. The course is not only for those who are brand new, but for those who are further down the road in their journey and are looking to focus again on what keeps them on the path of faith.

So let this be your first invitation. If you have never done Alpha before, if you're looking to discover the Kerygma again, or you have a tug on your heart to invite someone, we would love you to join us. I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to show you who you can invite and accompany for this season of Alpha. Remember, you'll never walk on water if you stay in the boat.

Alpha groups in Caloundra & Maleny are starting in October. You can register your interest via the Linktree QR Code on the newsletter.

Beth Davies - Mission Coordinator

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our young children making the sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend.

Please join us in welcoming them to our Parish family.

You are welcome to stay back after the 5pm & 9.30am OLR Masses this weekend to congratulate them.

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Gratitude for Vinnies Winter Appeals

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all parishioners for the generous response to this year's Winter Appeal.

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Young Adult-Led Adoration at Landsborough

Our Young Adults are travelling to Landsborough to host their regular Adoration event in September. All in the Parish are invited to come and join the Young Adults at Our Lady of the Way in Landsborough on **Wednesday the 11th of Sept 6pm-7pm.**

On the Journey

We welcome **Lara Martelo** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for **Dallas Wilson** whose funeral is on Thursday 29th August at Sacred Heart, Maleny 11am.

We also pray for **Colleen Hegarty** whose funeral will be at OLR on Thursday 5th September 11am.

May their souls 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.



Get a Head start on September Signup!

<https://caloundracatholicparish.flocknote.com/register>



Parish Diary

Monday 26 Aug

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

Tuesday 27 Aug

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

Wednesday 28 Aug

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Lay Led (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 29 Aug

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

Friday 30 Aug

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

Saturday 31 Aug

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

Vigil Mass

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 1st Sept

22nd 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



Father's Day is next Sunday, 1st September

Bring along the special Father figure in your life to your local Mass. It will be the first Sunday of the Month, hospitality weekend. All welcome!

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

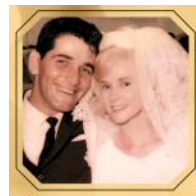
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more, are invited to attend together with family and friends,

Saturday the 28th of September at 11:30am.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrating the Anniversary

Mass. RSVP: Wednesday 25th September

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Lighting Candles in front of Statues

Lighting candles as a symbol of prayer has a long tradition in the Church. Interestingly, the secular world has taken up the practice when a tragic event occurs.

It is commendable for the faithful to make intercession to God through one of the saints and to light a candle before an image of the saint as a tangible symbol of their prayer. They are reverencing God who has worked wonders in one of us, not the stone image.

The Second Vatican Council put popular devotions such as this in the context of public worship: "Popular devotions of the Christian people are to be highly commended, provided they accord with the laws and norms of the Church. These devotions should harmonise with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some fashion derived from it, and lead the people to it, since, in fact, the liturgy by its very nature far surpasses any of them." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #13)

By Elizabeth Harrington

Bible Study Update

There are Bible Study & Reflection groups starting in Kawana, Maleny and Landsborough in the coming weeks. Reflection and study will be based on the following Sunday's Gospel. All are welcome to join. The groups will be facilitated by John Manion in Kawana, Julie Borger in Maleny and Eileen Ramen in Landsborough. Come with a bible and a notebook.

Kawana Group - Reminder that places are swiftly filling for the Evangelisation: Acts of the Apostles - Lectio Bible Study at Kawana. The course runs for 10 sessions from the **22nd of August to 24th October**. Register your interest with John Manion at johnmanion101@gmail.com at Good Shepherd Centre, Community Hall, Nanyima Street, Buddina, 8am-9:30am.

Maleny Group - Commencing **30th of August Fridays at 3pm** in the Pat Daley Centre at Sacred Heart Church Maleny

Landsborough Group - Friday after morning Mass commencing **13th of Sept** in the Ron Hickey Centre at Our Lady of the Way in Landsborough

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