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Proper of the Mass

First Reading:
Is 35:4-7

Second Reading:
James 2:1-5

Gospel:
Mk 7:31-37

The Paralympics concluding this Sunday in Tokyo have been a great demonstration of skill, courage and determination. To watch the telecast is to be drawn into the twin emotions of pride and appreciation at what our Australian athletes have achieved.

Yet, we have to admit, this admiration is only a recent phenomenon. Our society's attitude toward those with physical or mental conditions have certainly evolved down through the centuries. In fact, it has only been in very recent times that we have begun to take seriously the inclusion of those with physical or mental impairment into our mainstream society.

I think the Paralympics are a great example of contemporary society's journey of learning to value people for who they are and what they can do rather than devalue them for what they are not and what they cannot do. Discrimination still exists and the journey continues!

We have come a long way from the world of the gospel where people understood physical or mental disorders as some form of punishment. Some communities attributed certain conditions to the work of demons. Others believed that human sin was responsible for physical or mental illness – *it was the sin of the parents that caused the child to be deformed!*

That is the backdrop for this weekend's Gospel miracle story. A deaf man who longed to be freed of his affliction is healed by Jesus.

It might be hard to transport ourselves back to the time of the scriptures and imagine the world of the deaf man of today's gospel. **But perhaps we can get a glimpse of his contemporaries!** Most of us wake to the sound of an alarm clock or the clock radio, *a deaf person doesn't!* In their silent world, the radio is useless, the TV is a bland experience, the telephone is impractical and communication is always difficult. Imagine for a moment a world where you are always anxious because you never know if someone is approaching you from behind or never hearing announcements at public places, train stations or events.

Trying to understand the world of the physically deaf-mute helps us get in contact with the world of the spirituality deaf-mute. The spiritually deaf is the person who can't or won't hear the voice of God and the invitation and challenge that accompanies that voice. If we are honest with ourselves we will admit that all of us, at some time, fall into this category. Spiritually we live in a silent world, cut off from the voice which calls us to life and speaks the words of mercy and forgiveness.

The experience of the deaf mute in today's gospel serves each one of us with both a reminder and a challenge. The reminder is that Jesus always has the power to heal us from our own particular spiritual deafness. For each of us it will be different but for each of us the invitation remains the same! At the same time let us not be afraid to imitate the deaf person of today's gospel who heard the words of Jesus ***Ephphatha! be opened*** and embraced that brave new world that God offered him with all its potential and promise!

Fr Peter Brannelly

To all our fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and all the
father figures in our lives –
Happy Father's Day

In simple and yet profound ways, may you always know how
much we appreciate you.

*One little boy, when asked to explain about Father's Day, said,
"It's just like Mother's Day, only you don't spend as much on the present."*



on Saturday 11th September – we'll see you there! :-)

**Gratitude for Your Generosity –
and an Invitation**

Last weekend, between 8am–10.45am, youth and young adults from our parish washed and chamoised over 30 cars outside the church at OLR. They were raising money to attend the annual Ignite Conference starting on 21st September – a 4-day Catholic conference at Rothwell on the Redcliffe peninsular.

As well as selling sausages (thank you to Michael Stewart, our OLR Primary principal, and his son for cooking) and receiving donations for coffee/tea/sweets (thank you to Luise and John Reilly, Janice Chilcott and Jahmima Lynch), they raised over \$1300 – an amazing effort! Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative. Your generosity has allowed us to reduce the conference price from \$300 to \$100 and thus make it more accessible to many families who might've struggled to come up with that kind of money. The team's final opportunity to raise money will be a Bunnings BBQ at Caloundra Bunnings

Ignite Conference is an experience not to be missed and is aimed at high-school-aged students, young adults, and not-so-young-adults alike. We are still accepting registrations so if you or someone you know might like to attend, please email Fr Josh ASAP to receive registration information: whiteheadj@bne.catholic.net.au

URGENT ACTION TO PROTECT VULNERABLE QUEENSLANDERS AGAINST EUTHANASIA

The Queensland Parliament, in the next few weeks, will be debating and voting on controversial laws to make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal in the state. These laws, if passed, will overturn foundational principles that have underpinned our medical and legal systems for centuries – the ethic of 'do no harm' and the prohibition on killing. We need to do all we can to protect Queenslanders rather than assist them to die. Euthanasia and assisted suicide laws undermine the fundamental relationship of trust that should exist between a patient and their doctor. They have the potential to put vulnerable Queenslanders who are elderly or terminally ill at risk of wrongful death, including placing pressure on them to take their own lives so as not to be a 'burden' on their family and friends. We have seen this occur in countries overseas which have gone down this path.

You are invited to **take two important steps today**.

First, please sign this petition to the Queensland Parliament, asking them to reject these euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. The petition is sponsored by HOPE, a single-issue coalition of groups who oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Petition link: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_qld

Second, please email your Queensland State Member of Parliament and urge them to oppose the introduction of these laws. The email is pre-written and only needs your details.

Send an email to your MP link: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld

In Transition

As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful congratulations to *Ava & Elliott Rogan, Daisy & Poppy Rogan*
and Isla Padigos who were baptised this weekend in the OLR church and Unity Chapel.

We pray for *Mary Manson & Margaret Allen* who died last week. May their souls and all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners ***Rest in Peace.***

A reminder that it is not just our 9:30am Sunday Mass that is live streamed but also our daily 9am weekday Masses as well – simply log onto the Parish Webpage and follow the links to be part of your Parish at prayer.

If you are attending Mass this weekend please remember that:

- Face masks are required – under no circumstance attend mass if you are feeling unwell.
- You must use the QR Code to enter the Church – if you have not got a mobile phone simply ask a fellow parishioner to use their mobile phone to register you.
- Use the hand sanitizer provided and at the end of Mass please sanitize the hard surfaces around where you have been sitting.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping us all safe.

It was with great excitement that the OLR St Vincent de Paul Society Conference of Caloundra received its new Vinnies shirts this week. The conference was delighted to present Fathers Peter, Josh and Dang with shirts in appreciation of the ongoing support they provide for all of the local Vinnies conferences.



A GENTLE REMINDER

We are conscious that there are some who, for many different reasons, will not receive Holy Communion today. They are integral and valued members of our community. Holy Communion is a privilege not a right.

If you are receiving Holy Communion today, as you approach the Priest or the Extra Ordinary Minister of Communion, you bow or make a gesture of reverence. Then, as the Priest or Minister says *“The Body of Christ”* and places the consecrated host on your hand, you simply reply *“Amen”*. Saying *“Amen”* is your affirmation, equivalent of saying *“Yes, I believe”*.

You then step to the side, immediately consume the consecrated host, and return to your seat.

A couple of words to reflect upon when you've only got a minute ...

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.’ First Reading **‘The Lord raises up those who are bowed down.’** Psalm
‘It was those who are poor according to the world that God chose’. 2nd Reading **‘Be opened!’** Gospel



As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate

David Francis & Erin Dingle who will be married at OLR Caloundra this weekend.

LADIES LUNCH

The ladies lunch for September will be Friday 17th September at 12 noon at Parklands Tavern, 238 Parklands Blvd, Meridan Plains. We need to know numbers. Please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 13th September if you would like to attend.

NET REPORT

Last weekend our team supervisors came up to visit us for a day and brought us such a sense of peace and joy! We reflected on the story of Jesus calming the storm; so often we like to think that we wouldn't be like the disciples and we would surely trust that Jesus was in control of the situation, yet every time a new uncertainty pops up in our lives we get scared so quickly and begin to worry. Whenever it may seem like Jesus is asleep and things appear to be spiralling out of control, it's so important to remind ourselves not to worry because God knows the plans he has for us and He works in all circumstances for our good. He certainly doesn't promise that everything will be easy but he does promise us His peace in the middle of the storm, if only we are able to surrender and trust Him.

God bless, **The Net Team**

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
5 - 11 September 2021



The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding week which begins today and will conclude next Sunday, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week (5-11 September, 2021). During this week we seek to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk. As a Catholic Parish we make a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain a safe environment for all people.

For further information about Child protection week please go to the webpage www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2021/

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this sacred land. Open to the Spirit who has ever been present here, we resolve to continue to appreciate its beauty, to be wise stewards of its resources, and to honour the connection the traditional owners have with the land.

Parish Diary

Monday 6 Sept

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 7 Sept

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 8 Sept

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

School Liturgy (OLR School) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 9 Sept

Mass (Unity) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 10 Sept

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 11 Sept

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 12 Sept

24th 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

Family Mass (Unity) 5pm

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The September edition of *The Catholic Leader* is available in the church. Limited copies are available at each community and the cost is only \$4 each.



Longstanding Parishioners from our Landsborough community are seeking

alternate rental accommodation. Either an unfurnished 2 bedroom house or unit in the Maroochydore area, to be closer to medical and family assistance. Please phone Paul or Shirley on 0432 949 835.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 5 Sept: *23rd Sunday in Ordinary time* *Happy Fathers Day*

- ◆ Morning tea will be available in various communities - All are welcome.
- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

Monday 6 Sept:

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.
- ◆ The OLR craft group meet every Monday 9am-12noon in the pastoral Centre. For more information please contact Helen McGlynn on 0409 050 722.
- ◆ Alpha meet in the Parish centre 10:30-12:30pm.
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group gathers to praise God and to give thanks for all God's blessings, every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7-8.30pm in the AED room. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714.

Tuesday 7 Sept:

- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group every Tuesday in the Parish Centre. from 9.30-10.45am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409 897 673.
- ◆ The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Parish Centre weekly beginning at 8:30am, all welcome.
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am, Rosary 9.30am after Mass.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies Group meeting in the Pat Daley Centre starting with morning tea at 9.30am.
- ◆ Maleny viewing of the replay of Future of Catholicism in Australia Convocation 2: Outcomes & Actions for the Plenary Council at 1.30pm in the Pat Daley Centre. Guest speakers: Dr. Jessie Rogers [Ireland] & Mrs. Debra Zanella [WA]. N.B. This event has been transferred from 31 August.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.
- ◆ Alpha meet in the Parish centre 6-8pm.

Wednesday 8 Sept:

- ◆ OLR Men's Sharing Group 10am-11:30am. In the Parish Centre meeting rooms. Followed by BBQ lunch at Moffat Beach.
- ◆ The young adults Alpha group meet in the Parish centre 6-8pm.
- ◆ Maleny cards 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Thursday 9 Sept:

- ◆ Members of Caloundra's, Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9:30am each fortnight. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402.
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME:** Caloundra Catholic Community Social Justice Network (CCCSJN) in the Pastoral Care Boardroom 3.30-5.00pm. Visitors and enquiries welcome but it is essential to contact Bob before the meeting to receive papers. bngcullen@optusnet.com.au
- ◆ Men's choir in the OLR Church 1-2.30pm.

Friday 10 Sept:

- ◆ Spirituality Group meets in the OLR Parish Centre 9.45am-12noon every 2nd Friday of the month.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Lighthouse Youth Group for grades 6-8 in the Parish Centre - 5:15-7:15pm.

Saturday 11 Sept:

- ◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.
- ◆ Bunnings BBQ at the Caloundra Bunnings 7.30-2pm

Sunday 12 Sept: *24th Sunday in Ordinary time*

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.
- ◆ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity for grades 9-12 - 6-8pm.

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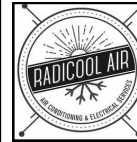
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