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**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - 1/2 June 2024 - Year B**

**A Further Baptism**  
*In this reflection, Fr Richard Rohr, a prominent Franciscan Priest and writer on the topic of spirituality, encourages us to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit, a gift God has already given us! Why, however, are we reading about the Holy Spirit on Corpus Christi Sunday? Because while Jesus left us his Body and Blood, it's the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be transformed into what we consume.*

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (emphasis added) — Acts 2:1-4.

It's a shame that the Holy Spirit tends to be an afterthought for many Christians. We don't really "have the Spirit." We tend, I'm afraid, to simply go through the motions. We formally believe, but honestly, there isn't much fire to it. There isn't much conviction. There isn't much service. We just sort of believe. That's why in the Gospels there are two clearly distinguished baptisms. There's the baptism with water that most of us are used to, and then there's the baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11); that's the one that really matters.

The water baptism that many of us received as children demands little conviction or understanding. Some parents simply do it to make their parents or grandparents happy. Until this baptism by water becomes real, until we know Jesus, and we rely on Jesus, call upon Jesus, share and love Jesus, we're just going along for the ride.

We can recognize people who have had a second baptism in the Holy Spirit. They tend to be loving. They tend to be exciting. They want to serve others, and not just be served themselves. They forgive life itself for not being everything they once hoped for. They forgive their neighbours. They forgive themselves for not being as perfect as they would like to be.

Even though we so often pray, "Come, Holy Spirit," the gift of the Spirit is already given. The Holy Spirit has already come. We all are temples of the Holy Spirit, equally, objectively, and forever! The only difference is the degree that we know it, draw upon it, and consciously believe it. All the scriptural images of the Spirit are dynamic—flowing water, descending dove or fire, and rushing wind. If there's never any movement, energy, excitement, deep love, service, forgiveness, or surrender, we can be pretty sure we aren't living out of the Spirit. If our whole lives are just going through the motions, if there's never any deep conviction, we aren't connected to the Spirit. We would do well to fan into flame the gift that we already have.

*By Father Richard Rohr*

**Children & Families**

**Sacramental Program - Confirmation and First Holy Communion**  
 This year, we have 64 candidates preparing in great anticipation and excitement for their Sacrament of Confirmation this coming **Friday, 7 June**. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Holy Communion for students in Year 4 and above will commence next term with a Parent Info session on **Tuesday 16 July**. Enrolments are open now.

**Helpers Needed!**  
 We love facilitating Children's liturgy each week and we are growing our team of leaders and supervisors. If you're able to assist, even if it's once a month, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office and we will be in touch.

**Children's Liturgy**  
 Children's Liturgy during the Sunday 9:30am OLR Mass is going well. We are pleased to have about 20 children in attendance every week. If you have any primary school aged kids and grandkids, they are most welcome to come along.

**Survey on Children and Families**  
 The Children & Families Team from Evangelisation Brisbane have put together a survey for families in the Archdiocese to gather information for the upcoming Archdiocesan Synod. If you have school aged children, please consider completing the survey as it helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can better assist young families as a Church. Survey link can be found here: [www.bit.ly/ChF\\_Survey](http://www.bit.ly/ChF_Survey)  
**Blessings, Julie and Fr Gerard | Children & Families**

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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 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 as part of an eye-opening experience as well as raising 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: **2nd June - Maleny - after Mass**  
**9th June - Unity Chapel - 3:30pm**  
**16th June - OLR - 8am**

### A reflection on The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The most logical day to commemorate the gift of the presence of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist would be the day on which the Eucharist was instituted - Holy Thursday - but that day is part of the Easter Triduum and its focus is not on the institution of the Eucharist but on the Passion.

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday was chosen for the celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, as it was originally known. In countries like Australia where it is not a holy day of obligation, the feast is celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity.

The second of the two Prefaces set down for the feast gives us an insight into its real meaning: "Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity."

When we eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ, we ourselves are transformed more perfectly into the presence of the risen Christ. This is Christ's gift to us, but it is also a challenge, because it calls us in turn to give our own body and blood to others so that they too might be nourished.

By Elizabeth Harrington

### Landsborough 70th Anniversary Celebrations



Our Lady of the Way worshipping community at Landsborough celebrated their 70th anniversary. Current and former parishioners gathered to glorify God on Trinity Sunday. Special thanks to Holy Cross Funerals for catering the morning. More photos on the website.

### Save the Date!

#### 22nd June 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. **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.

### Salvation Army Fundraising Concert

The Salvation Army are holding a Missionary Fund Raising 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.**

### On the Journey

We welcome *Edith Morton, Presley Wright, Florence Brichesi & Douglas Remington* who will be baptised at OLR & Landsborough this weekend.

We prayer for the soul of *Sr Patricia Rice* who died last week, may her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

### Urgent Community Alert: Proposed Anti-Discrimination Bill 2024

Dear Parishioners,  
We face a significant challenge with the introduction of the Anti-Discrimination Bill 2024 by the Queensland Government, which proposes stringent restrictions on religious freedoms. This bill could greatly impact our ability to operate in alignment with our faith values.

#### Key Concerns:

- Restrictive employment standards for religious organisations.
- Invasive secular definitions of 'genuine occupational requirements'. Disproportionate limitations on our religious practices.

#### We Need Your Action:

**1. Get Informed:** Review the legislation explanation summary and/or the detailed submission on the bill provided by our Joint Faiths Working Group. You will find that information on our website.

**2. Contact Your MP:** Voice your concerns to ensure our religious freedoms are protected. When MPs receive dozens of letters on an issue, they realise how important it is. Please take 5min to voice your concerns



by clicking on this QR code.

### Men's Rosary Group

This Wednesday the **5th June, at 6:30pm at OLR Church**, Father Gerard will lead the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome to stay and share tea and coffee after worship, please bring snacks to share. Additionally, we encourage everyone to join our WhatsApp group using the Linktree QR code, in case of any special events, news, or changes to scheduled activities.

### FAQs: What is SYNOD24?

In three months' time, our Archdiocese will be holding a Synod to reflect upon and implement the decrees that came out of the Plenary Council.

SYNOD24 is about discerning action plans that will help the Archdiocese implement the areas of focus (Decrees) that came out of the Plenary Council. A brief explanation of each area of focus (Decree) can be found here: <https://aobsynod2024.com/ple-nary-council-resources/>

SYNOD24 will be held on two days in September and two days in October, where approximately 150 people representing the diversity of the Archdiocese will discuss, debate and vote on the proposed practical and measurable actions plans. Synod Members must attend all four days. More information on SYNOD24 can be found here:

<https://aobsynod2024.com/what-is-synod24/>

Plenary Council Decree 7 requires **all dioceses and eparchies** to have a synod by the end of 2025. SYNOD24 is our response to this requirement. You can download all Plenary Council Decrees here:

<https://aobsynod2024.com/plenary-council-resources/>

SYNOD24 honours the significant level of broad consultation, listening and discerning that has taken place over the course of the Plenary Council journey (since 2018) and is the next step of this process. Consultations over March, April and May have been focused on voices that had not been heard previously, voices of those on the margins, experts and experienced practitioners. This is to ensure the action plans are practical and measurable, that they reflect the needs of our Archdiocese, and that they truly reflect the responses submitted throughout the Plenary Council process. To remind yourself of the Plenary Council journey since 2018 head here: <https://aobsynod2024.com/what-is-synod24/>

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 3 June

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

#### Tuesday 4 June

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

#### Wednesday 5 June

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

#### Thursday 6 June

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

#### Friday 7 June

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

#### Saturday 8 June

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

#### Vigil Mass

*10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

#### Sunday 9 June

*10th 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

### Linktree QR Code

