

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

14TH JUNE 2015

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THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated the Birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit came in such a dramatic and powerful way to the Apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

Today, in the Sacrament of Confirmation, twenty-two children in our Parish receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts who Jesus promised to send to help us live as His followers.

*Today we welcome Bishop Robert to our Parish
to celebrate this Sacrament with these children
during the 8.30AM Mass.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation into the community of the Church. The first is Baptism and then in August, after a period of further instruction, the children will share with us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time (their first Holy Communion). With the reception of these three Sacraments they will be fully welcomed into the Church. Two of the children being Confirmed today have come from America with their parents and have already received their first Communion.

While BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION are only celebrated once, they do not just become a memory. *They are Sacraments we try to live each day
and which influence our everyday living.*

First Communion, is however the first of many, and hopefully,
weekly Communions.

With the words *"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit"* and anointing on the forehead with the fragrant oil of Chrism, each child, confirmed in the faith at their Baptism, belongs forever to Jesus Christ, and is called to love him always and to be full and active members of the Church. They will continue to need the support, example and encouragement of their parents, godparents, sponsor and the parish community as they continue to grow in the faith.



*The pathway to a life of faith as active members of the Church
now lies open to each of these children
when they complete the Sacraments of Initiation.*

Congratulations to the twenty-two children who receive the gifts
of the Holy Spirit are Confirmed in the faith of their Baptism
at the 8.30AM Mass this Sunday

*Jack Bell, Chloe Britton, Grace Caruso, Salvatore Coco,
Hayley Danzey, Erinn Davenport, Lachlan Davenport,
Christopher Gasparin, Genevieve Gasparin, Thomas Gleeson,
Shelby Green, Liam Harrison, Alexandro Houweling, Daniella Houweling,
Eloise Knight, Morgan Marino, Zakkery Mattiazzi, Taryn McCosker,
Lachlan McNichol, Taylah Organ, Eliza Telfer, Hannah Widderick*

Come Holy Spirit, be with all these children in their young lives,
fill them with joy and enthusiasm, fill their hearts with love,
and help them to grow in their faith within our Parish community.

After the 8.30AM Mass, and after the group photographs and the presentation
of the Certificates the children and their families will have a cake and cuppa
in the Parish Hospitality Centre.

*Parishioners are most welcome to join this little social celebration
for a cuppa and to support the children and their families.*

CONFIRMATION THANK YOU

Thank you to all who assisted the twenty-two children in our Parish to prepare for
and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation today.

Firstly, thank you to the **PARENTS** for continuing what you promised to do when
your children were Baptised, which is to help them grow in their faith.

Keep up all your good efforts by bringing your children to Mass every Sunday as
they prepare now to receive the Eucharist for the first time on 30th August.

Secondly, thank you to **Sandra Kay** and **Cherie Yates** who were the teachers and
catechists for the weekly instruction sessions,

Kay Knight who made the stoles,

Giulia Marino for cutting out the letters for the names on the stoles,
the **music ministry and choir** for their important role in the Mass,

Joanne Musumeci who inscribed the Certificates
and the **Care and Concern Ladies** for providing the morning tea.

To everyone who assisted in any way, a sincere thank you.

And a special thank you to **Bishop Robert** for travelling from Toowoomba for
today's celebration.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL is now being conducted.
Envelopes are now available in the foyer. **Donations can**
also be made at the local Vinnie's premises at 21 Creek
Street. There are posters in the Church advertising the
appeal. Thank you for your support.



NEW ROSTER FOR READERS and MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Please collect your new Roster in the foyer this weekend.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Santo Grasso (Brisbane: Formerly of Broadwater: Husband of Frances, Father of Annette & Sam), Mavis Marstella (Tamborine – Formerly of Stanthorpe: Wife of Aubrey [Dec], Mother of Rosemary [Dec] & Joanna - Funeral Mass at 11.45AM this Friday 19th June in St. Joseph's Church, preceded by the Rite of Christian Burial with her late husband at the Stanthorpe Cemetery at 11AM), Vivian Stuart (Brother of Frank, Joan, Marion, Flora, Bill, Arnie, Clarry, Ann, Dot [All Dec], Ray, Robyn O'Callaghan, Rosemary Lonsdale), Marlene Holmes (Wife of Allan [Dec]), Michele (Mick) Messina, Cirillo Carniel, Mario Giacomantonio, Hans Hack, Theresa Rees, John Raymond (Ray) Dewsbury

TO REMEMBER: Pietro Boccari (1st Anniv. 17th June), Salvatore & Francesca Boccari, William Patrick & Kath O'Reilly, Guido, Anna & Mary Nicoletti, Rocco Vinciguerra, Peitro Cossu, Fr. John Sinnott

FOR THE SICK: Giovanni Gottardo, Gloria Keats, Bro. Ed Collins OH, Vincenzo Di Raimond, Marie Hindmarsh, Frank Sciuto, Karen Anderson, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Julia Johnstone, Sarah Leonardi, Mario Costanzo, Joe Costanzo, Danny Mahoney, Ken McQualter, Cathy Sullivan, Linda Vinciguerra, Debra Micallef, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

THIS WEEK:

MASSES: **MON:** 7AM; **TUES:** 7AM; 9.30AM MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK at VILLA CARRAMAR, Alice Street; **WED:** 11.45AM **THURS:** 9.15AM; **FRI:** 9AM END OF TERM SCHOOL MASS for ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL; 11.45AM FUNERAL MASS for Mavis Marstella; **NO 5.30PM MASS;** **SAT:** 7AM **SATURDAY VIGIL :** 6.30PM **SUNDAY:** 8.30AM

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the School Mass (9AM) and the Funeral Mass (11.45AM), there will be **NO 5.30PM MASS THIS FRIDAY.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Prior to Sat. Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass or anytime by contacting Fr. Brian 4681 2157 or Fr. Lino 4681 3653.

MEETINGS: **MON:** 5.30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: This Tuesday 16th June at 7PM in the Hospitality Centre (front room) there will be a workshop for our **current Ministers of Communion, those who take Communion to the sick and elderly in their homes and to those in care and those preparing to join the Ministry**, conducted by John Briffa, the Diocesan Liturgy Director. The Workshop will be for 1½ hours, with a brief break midway. Please place your name on the sheet in the foyer, indicating your attendance.

CATECHISTS' MEETING/WORKSHOP: Our generous Catechists and a group of mothers who are going to be involved in providing Religious Education to their children at one of the country State Schools, are invited to a formation sessions conducted by Michael Hart from Toowoomba **this Wednesday**, commencing at **9AM until 12.30PM** - the venue is the **front room of the Parish Hospitality Centre**. *This would also be helpful to anyone who may wish to assist a Catechist* (as a kind of Catechist teacher's aide) *or with a view to assisting with this ministry in the future.*

NEXT WEEKEND:

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated during the 8.30AM Mass next Sunday (21st June) for one child. Baptisms will also be celebrated on 12th July and 9th August. Parents wishing to have a child Baptised need to contact the Parish Office well in advance to allow time for preparation. Baptisms are celebrated once a month during the 8.30AM Mass.

NOTICES:

THANK YOU to *Norm and Bernice Steele* who attended the Development Day for Pastoral Councils yesterday (Saturday 13th June). The Presenter of the Workshop Fr. Phillip Marshall will be with Bishop McGuckin today (Sunday) before he returns home to Adelaide. The Parish Council members will greatly benefit from the Workshop through the formation material.

SINGING/CHOIR PRACTICE

Would you like to help the Parish community by being part of a small group who give the lead with the singing at Mass each weekend? There is choir/singing practice on Friday night every fortnight at 7PM in the Church – to practice and to learn new music. Please contact Margaret Dickenson (4681 0475) or Rosemary Paget (4681 4422) if you can assist or to enquire when practice is being held.

Anyone with **musical/playing skills and willing to be trained/assisted to become an organist/pianist at Mass**, please also contact Margaret or Rosemary. Many thanks.

COMING UP:

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF FR. PAT HALL: *Parishioners are invited to a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Monday 22nd June at 11AM to celebrate Fr. Pat's 60 years as a Priest of the Diocese.* Fr. Pat was a former much loved Pastor to the parishioners of Wallangarra and Lyra many years ago and has been living in Retirement at Lourdes Home in recent years. Fr. Lino and Fr. Brian will be at the Mass and Dinner to honour Fr. Pat on this significant milestone in his life.

ST JOSEPH'S FETE-CAN YOU HELP?

Preparations are well underway for the **School Fete and 140 Year Celebrations** to be held on **Saturday 31st October**. This is the major fundraising event for the School and is shaping up to be a fun-filled and successful day.

Amongst the many stalls that will feature at the Fete, the Committee will be running a **second-hand book and plant stall**.

Please contact Angie Sims on 46 815904 if you have any books no longer required or can assist with potted plants and seedlings.