

HEARING AND SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

This weekend we supported the Catholic Campaign across the Brisbane Archdiocese and the homily was by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.
In our parish, we listened to the special presentation and took up the special collection.

There were also four baptisms.

We celebrated the baptisms of two children during 9am Mass, **Cailin** and **Tanah**, and two baptisms at 11am, **Alex** and **Douglas**.

There were two children received into the Catholic Church, **Isabella** and **Dylan** during the 9am Mass.

Congratulations to all six children and their families and Godparents.

One of the ancient parts of the Baptismal ceremony is the *Ephphatha – Be Opened*.

We remember the healing ministry of Jesus and his opening of the senses of the ears and mouth.

We pray over and touch the ears and mouths of the newly baptized.



The Ephphatha was in Sunday's Gospel passage from Mark about the healing of the man who was deaf and unable to speak.

Pope Francis in the weekend Angelus reminded us that we are to hear the suffering of people and to speak up.

Pope Francis spoke of the man:

"Healing was for him an "opening" to others and to the world".

Pope Francis said Jesus became human so that humanity:

*"whose heart was rendered deaf and dumb by sin,
may hear the voice of God, the voice of Love that speaks to his heart,
and thus learn to speak the language of love,
and in turn translate it into gestures of generosity and self-giving"*

May we open our ears and mouth to hear and speak the language of love.

Let us pray.

Fr Gerry

[Readings: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/090918.cfm>]