

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

- YEAR A

31 May 2020

My unique gift from God

The Jewish "feast of weeks" (Deuteronomy 16:9-12) or the "day of the first fruits" (Numbers 28:26) was celebrated seven weeks or fifty days after Passover and originally commemorated the offering of the first fruits of the wheat harvest to God (Exodus 34:22; Tobit 2:1).

In Greek, this festival was known as "Pentecost," a term that means "the fiftieth day". Later Jewish writers viewed Pentecost as the commemoration of the giving of the law by Moses on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover.

In the opening chapter of Acts of the Apostles, Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father, the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5; 2:33). This waiting period ended on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1) when all the disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues" (Acts 2:4).

Traditionally, the Christian feast of Pentecost is viewed as the birthday of the Church and commentators have drawn parallels between the giving of the Law on Sinai and the giving of Spirit in Jerusalem as indicative of God's covenantal relationship with his people. But the motif of the outpouring of the Spirit is not limited to this one event; Luke describes subsequent spiritual experiences amongst groups of Samaritan and Gentile believers (Acts 8:14-17; 10:44-49).

In the two-volume work, Luke/Acts, the reception of the Holy Spirit by the community reflects the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus at his baptism (Luke 3:21-22). In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus "filled with the Holy Spirit...and led by the Spirit" (Luke 4:1) proclaims the "Good News", heals the sick and raises dead to life (cf. Luke 4:18-19).

Similarly, in Acts the spirit-filled disciples boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus' resurrection through word and action. In 1 Corinthians, Paul equates the manifestation of the Spirit with Christian baptism and the call to service. In John's gospel, the risen Jesus breaths his Spirit into the disciples, empowering them to be agents of divine forgiveness and renewal.

The point of today's readings is that we are called as latter-day disciples of Jesus to live our lives imbued with the Spirit of Jesus. We may not be granted the power to work signs and wonders, like healing the sick or raising the dead; but we each have a unique gift, which has been manifested in us for the benefit of others (1 Corinthians 12:7).

In ancient Israel, the feast of weeks was a harvest festival when farmers brought their offerings to the altar. In the Christian church, the feast of Pentecost is an opportunity to reflect upon the spiritual gifts that we have to offer. Ask yourself, what unique gift has God given to me and how am I God's gift to others?

Ian J Elmer @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish 31 May - 7 June

Sunday 31 **PENTECOST SUNDAY** 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony
Monday 01 June **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**
Thursday 04 12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony
Friday 05 12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony
Sunday 07 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony

Readings this week: (Yr A)

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YR A

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YR A

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Griffiths, Ursula Mills, Noeline Mayberry,
Dina Zambelli, Vonnie Walker, Theresa French.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop Jeremiah Doyle (1st Bishop of Lismore),
Brian Woodwood, Raymond Cook.



Pentecost, by Istvan Dorffmaister (1782).

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (103)

R: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SEQUENCE:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew.
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

*They were filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*

CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Anthony who celebrated his 27th Ordination to the Priesthood with his family, at Mass last Thursday 28th May.

Below are the words to the final hymn that Prodeocio sang at this celebration Mass.

THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

1. To live in the midst of the world without desiring its pleasures:
To be a member of each family yet belonging to none.
To share all sufferings;
to penetrate all secrets;
to heal all wounds,
to go from men to God and offer Him their prayer.
To return from God to men to bring pardon, peace and hope.
2. To have a heart fire for charity and a heart bronze for chastity,
to teach and to pardon;
to console and bless always.

My God what a life
and it is yours,
O priest of Jesus Christ,
O priest of Jesus Christ.

- Lacordaire

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PLANNED GIVING

What is the money on the collection plates used for each week?

First Collection – supports living expenses for our Parish Priest and other clergy such as sick and/or retired priests of the Diocese. Some of the donations on this collection are kept here and some of the money is sent to the Central Clergy Fund in Lismore.

Second Collection – supports “*the work of God in our Parish*” – it helps to pay for the various operating and maintenance expenses of the parish.

We wish to thank our existing contributors whose loyalty has helped maintain the parish over many years and invite those parishioners who have not been part of the Planned Giving Program to consider joining the program. New planned giving envelopes for 2020-2021 will be available shortly. Donations to planned giving may be made by cash, cheque or by EFT.

If you have any questions regarding planned giving or wish to join or update your planned giving, please contact our Parish Business Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray at the Parish Administration Centre during business hours (9am - 3pm).



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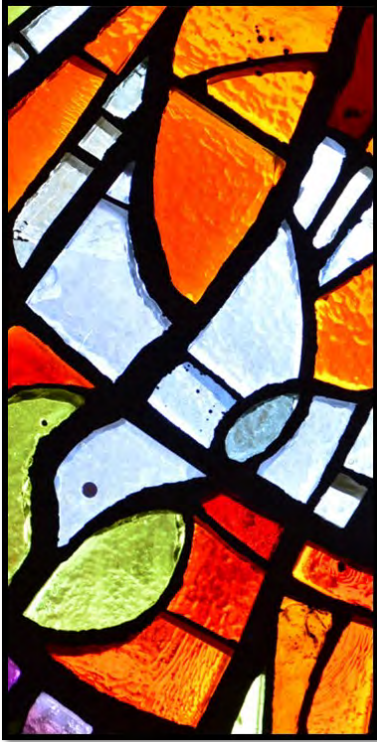
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Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 3 June 2020.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus.

The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- NOW A 51ST!



Unfortunately the planned 50th anniversary celebrations for St Joseph's in August will not take place this year due to COVID-19 restrictions and the uncertainty of when mass gatherings will be permitted again.

We will now be holding a 51st Anniversary in 2021! Date to be advised. The organising committee ask that our community members past and present continue collecting and sending any memorabilia, photos etc in to school. While the date may have been set back the preparations are continuing!

COVIDSAFE APP

As we continue to open the churches in a limited way, we encourage parishioners to download the COVIDSafe app if you haven't already done so.

ABC RADIO INTERVIEW

On Tuesday 26th May journalist Cathy Border interviewed Fr. Paul McDonald for ABC Radio Gold Coast (91.7) and Northern NSW regarding the current restrictions and conditions relating to churches. Follow the link to the Kingscliff parish website to listen to the interview: www.stanthonysparishkingscliff.org

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home, here are a few:

ONLINE:

- ◆ Fr Anthony is livestreaming weekday and weekend Mass from the Sacred Heart Church for you at home this week. Times are printed above. Our Sacred Heart Parish You Tube channel is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUNxgDO5WeZpoYNeJK24gA>
- ◆ Bishop Greg Homeming is livestreaming Sunday Mass at 8:00am. You can access the livestream by following the link from lismorediocese.org or going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube.
- ◆ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ◆ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00am for 'Mass for You at Home'.



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