

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

YEAR A | 28 May 2023

A rebirth of faith

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that devout Jews from every nation had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Shavuot which commemorated the most important event in Israel's history, the giving of the *Torah* (the first five books in the Hebrew Bible) to Moses at Mt Sinai.

It was originally a harvest festival when the Jewish people came to Jerusalem to thank God for the fruits of the wheat harvest. It also became known among the Greek speaking Jews as Pentecost as it came fifty days (*pentekoste*) after the feast of Passover. The feast is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name.

For Christians, the feast of Pentecost concludes the Easter season. The fifty days from Jesus' resurrection to Pentecost, are marked in a particular way by the presence of the Holy Spirit who is in fact the ultimate Easter gift. The Creator Spirit constantly brings about new things. Today's readings show us two of these new things. In the first reading, the Spirit makes of the disciples *a new people*; in the Gospel, she creates in the disciples *a new heart*.

In the story of the tower of Babel (Gen 11), one people sharing a common language come together to build a tower to reach to the heavens. God saw their arrogance and confused their language so they could no longer understand one another. On the feast of Pentecost this lack of understanding is overcome by the gift of the Spirit and the pilgrims hear the apostles in their own languages. The Spirit creates a new people and when Peter speaks to them, he invites them to repent and be baptised to receive the Holy Spirit. We then learn that more than three thousand were baptised.

In the gospel, the frightened disciples were hiding from the community for fear of following in the steps of their crucified Lord, but the Spirit empowered them to come forward and bear witness. There is no longer discrimination among Jews or Greeks, slaves, or free persons but we all called to drink of the one Spirit.

Being a new people is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Lord and to take heart that God's Spirit is among us calling us to bear witness through our love of God and commitment to the care of all peoples especially those who experience loneliness, estrangement, marginalisation and adversity.

Our prayer is very much that the Church will experience a new Pentecost in a rebirth of faith in our increasingly secular community, and bear witness as Peter did to the good news of Jesus. Being a community of believers renewed by Word and Sacrament ensures that we as a pilgrim people are able to move forward, actively engaged with the community, even as we continue to ask what God's Spirit is asking of us in Australia today.

Michael Kelly CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 28	PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Monday 29	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday 30	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:30 pm - Mass
JUNE	
Thursday 1	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 2	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 3	9:00 am - Rosary 4:00 pm - Family Group Former Leaders 'Cuppa' 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 4	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Morning Tea with Information Session by Family Group team (note page 3)

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
from 4:30 pm
before Tuesday & Wednesday
5:30 pm Mass

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
First Friday of each month
11 am - 11:50 am

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed half an hour before each weekend Mass. Please join us in front of the tabernacle to pray for our parish and prepare for Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

George Prichard, Paul Hart, Des & Patricia Pasfield

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alice Warne

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

baby Oliver, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Margaret Hyde, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

3/4 June | Trinity Sunday | Yr A

6pm - Denise Banner

9am - Bernard Nolan

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year A

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

TRINITY SUNDAY - Year A

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

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 3 | Grace Severs & Oliver Barrett

Sun 4 | tba

ROSARY STATUE

28 May: Debbie Kaehler 4 June: Annette Lofts

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary would like to offer parishioners some good quality Marian literature at the back of the church this weekend, so we can explore and discover more about Mary. The more we learn about her and her place in Salvation history the more we will come to love her and invoke her in our daily lives. This is our free gift to you. Please feel free to accept.

RITE OF ELECTION

The rite of election or enrolment of names is the recognition of God's choice to call the catechumens for immediate initiation into the church. This rite usually begins preparation for the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. At the 5:30 pm Mass on Tuesday 6 June, this celebration will take place as we welcome Jahnvi Morton to our faith community.

Thank You... to MSPC **Loreto** and **Doyle** House Colours for the scrumptious supper they prepared for Vigil Mass attendees last Saturday evening.

Lovely casseroles and soup, just what we needed on a cold autumn night. The bar has been set high for House Colours **Ignatius** and **Assisi** in August. We look forward to it.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am



St Vincent de Paul Society Mary MacKillop Conference, Murwillumbah WINTER APPEAL | 27/28 MAY

This year's NSW SVdP Winter Appeal theme is 'Help end the homelessness crisis devastating older women', and we know there is a great need for that support.

However here in Murwillumbah our Mary MacKillop Conference sees and assists a wide age range of singles and couples, as well as a large number of families with children. Many are either in or facing homelessness, and very often those who do have somewhere to live are experiencing severe rental stress - meaning there is little or no money left for food or other essential living expenses after paying rent.

As we launch the 2023 Winter Appeal this weekend, we acknowledge with great gratitude the generosity with which our community has responded in the past. Please consider donating again - the onset of winter means great hardship for many, and we are able to make things better for those who come to us for help.

At the Vigil and 9.00am Masses this weekend there will be a **"Bucket Collection"** for those who may be able to assist.

Envelopes are available for those who may like to donate later. They can be left at the Parish Office or placed on a collection plate at Mass.

Donate online: www.vinnies.org.au - BUT when you reach the option asking for 'Comments or Conference Name' please write **"Conference 43-427"** SO YOUR GIFT STAYS IN THIS AREA.

Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY - 3 JUNE

A time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023, **Be a Voice for Generations**, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, let's choose to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

This year's National Reconciliation Week theme, **Be a Voice for Generations**, urges all Australians to use their power, their words and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us.

PRAYER

Almighty and loving God,
you who created ALL people in your image.

Lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.
You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven.

We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture, and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.

We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families.

We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness.

Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless, and inflicted and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.

Lord, you are our hope.

Amen.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT RENEWAL WEEKEND | Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 June



The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other. Everyone is welcome to join. Members from the Passionist Family Group team will be visiting our Parish and speaking at all Masses next weekend.

Prior to the Vigil Mass next Saturday, former Family Group Leaders & members are invited to a cuppa in the Hall/Library Learning Hub at 4pm with the Family Group team.

Following 9am Mass next Sunday there will be an information session with a cuppa in the Hall/Library Learning Hub. (Please bring a plate to share).

Anyone interested in finding out more about Family Groups, why they exist and how they are run, is encouraged to attend.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

Acts 2:4, 11

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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