

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times: Moruya: (by appointment) Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30am

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Pentecost Sunday

-YEAR A-

May 30 & 31 2020

FEAST OF PENTECOST



Today's first reading from the acts of the Apostles, describes in detail, the miraculous transformation that took place during the first Pentecost. The disciples experienced the power of the Holy Spirit as it flooded them like tongues of fire. As a result of this experience, the frightened apostles were transformed into brave witnesses of Jesus, powerfully proclaiming Him as the promised Messiah, the Lord and Saviour of all mankind. On this occasion, the Jews and proselytes from other countries, who knew very little of Aramaic or Hebrew, miraculously heard the Word of God in their own languages. The Holy Spirit gave this "power of tongues" to the apostles in order that their message could reach every heart. He empowered the early Christians to radiate the love of Christ and witness to their strong faith. This anointing by the Holy Spirit" also supported the early Christian martyrs during the period of brutal persecution that followed.

Today's Gospel relates to how the risen Jesus gave his apostles a foretaste of Pentecost on the evening of Easter Sunday by appearing to them and inviting them to carry on the mission given him by his heavenly Father. He then empowered them to do this by breathing upon them and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit". On the day of the Pentecost Jesus would fulfil his promise to send the advocate or Paraclete who would enable them to fulfil Jesus' commission of preaching the gospel to all nations. Today's gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave His apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. "Receive the Holy spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained". These wonderful words which bind together inseparably the Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words indicate the power we are all given of being the agents of forgiveness in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgemental and given of being the agent of forgiveness in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

Fr George Azhakath

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians explains how the sharing of the various spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit enriches the Church. The Holy Spirit of Pentecost, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, is indeed best described as the Love of God who manifests Himself in the lives of ordinary men and women. This love is expressed through signs, which are often referred to as the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Spirit. St Paul lists them in his Letter to the Galatians "What the Spirit brings is ... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control" (5.22). He continues, "Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit". (5.25). In other words when we see any of the above qualities showing forth in someone's life we can be pretty certain that the Holy Spirit of God has found a receptive home within that person.

1. **Permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives:** a) By constantly remembering and appreciating his Holy Presence within us, especially through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. b) By fortifying ourselves, with the help of the Spirit, against all types of temptations. c) By seeking the assistance of the Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in breaking our evil habits. d) By listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others. e) By fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit. f) By renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Life in the Holy Spirit is a life of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. It is a call to love as Jesus loves, not counting the cost. As Saint Paul exhorts us, "Walk by the spirit and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit". (Galatians 5:16, 25).

2. **Cultivate the spirit of forgiveness.** The feast of the Pentecost offers us the chance of looking at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. It challenges us to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness.

3. **Observe Pentecost every day.** "It will always be Pentecost in the church," affirmed Oscar Remero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the church ceases to let her strength rest on the power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth then the church ceases to be newsworthy. The church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life".

COVID-19 Latest protocols for NSW Parishes: The NSW Premier has announced changes to COVID-19 restrictions which will bring NSW in line with the ACT effective Friday, 15 May 2020. Please note the following:

Churches may now be open but will be restricted to no more than 10 people in the building at any one time. Mass may be celebrated for no more than 10 people excluding those conducting the service.

Funerals celebrated inside the church buildings are restricted to 20 People, excluding those conducting service.

Funerals celebrated outside the church building are restricted to 30 people, excluding those conducting service.

Weddings may now be celebrated with 10 people, excluding those conducting the ceremony.

These gatherings are permitted with the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres. No physical sign of peace is permitted and the current protocols for Holy Communion remain in place.

Fr Tony Percy VG

Good news ... From 1st June restrictions will be lifted to a maximum of 50 people, following strictly COVID19 protocol and social distancing guidelines.

Mass at the 'The Pines': Will commence on the 7th June 8.00 am at Tuross Head. Restrictions will be lifted from 1st June. COVID19 protocols will apply with a maximum of 50 persons.

Mothers Prayer Group: Starting on Monday at 11.00 am in the Kennedy Room. Due to COVID19 restrictions, only 5 may attend.

NO MASS TUE 2 JUNE

Counters Needed:

The Parish needs two more counters to add to the existing roster. If you are able to help on a Monday, please phone the Parish Office

PPC Meeting held 27th May 2020 discussed various aspects of care and inclusion of all Parishioners at this time of lockdown.

PPC looking at social activities once COVID restrictions are over to hold a trivia night, car boot sale or picnics. Other ideas welcome.

Next PPC meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th June. Please let Sue, John or Louise know if you have any items for agenda.

Bible study/Reflection: There will be a form at the back of the church (Moruya & Tuross) or contact Parish Office to add your name, contact details to give any expressions of interest, whether weekly study/reflection in church or home study groups, formal study with visiting facilitator or lectio divina sessions.

NOTICE: SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA IS OPEN DAILY 8AM TO 5PM
DAILY MASS: TUES 5.30PM, WED, THU, FRI 9.15AM
SAT 6PM (VIGIL); SUN 10AM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE BY APPOINTMENT OR FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

MAXIMUM OF TEN (10) PERSONS TO ATTEND
FOLLOWING STRICTLY COVID 19 PROTOCOL AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

PRAYER IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC: Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress; grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Happy 80th Birthday

Paddy Pollock



Patrick William Pollock known to our community as Paddy was born on 25 May 1940 in Moruya. Paddy has lived here most of his life. Attended St Marys Primary school. He received all his sacraments here at Sacred Heart Parish. He left school at 14 years of age and worked for Telstra for 40 Years. Paddy was blessed with five children and four grand children. Sadly he has lost one of each. From Fr George and the Moruya Community we extend to you a very happy 80th birthday and many heart felt blessing to you. It is always a pleasure to see you at Mass. We are grateful to you for your contributions to the Parish. God bless you!