

# SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

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

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3 pm.

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Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays 9.45—10.45 am



**Plenary Council Prayer:** Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost! Come Holy Spirit of the Great South Land! Oh God bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a Hope filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey, from age to age, Amen!

## Vinnies Conference Update

We have been very busy over the past couple of months. The generosity of the Parish Community has enabled us to help many people in our area. We have made a connection with OzHarvest and on a three weekly basis are able to collect fresh fruit and vegetables from the mobile van in Mogo which we distribute to the locals. Recently we have begun providing a free BBQ at the Moruya caravan park. This occurs on a monthly basis and is a great opportunity to have a more social connection

## PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray you will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sincere thanks to our wonderful parishioners, the members of the Hospitality team and PPC for organising the Farewell/Welcome morning tea for Pat Anderson and Vickie Moore last Sunday after mass, especially Jan Morris and Pauline deGrave for making the beautiful flower bouquets. A lovely time was enjoyed by all!



## FEAST OF PENTECOST

**“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses”**

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For the Christians it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost is the incarnation of the Holy Spirit into the world of men and women; it also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, resulting in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost is thus the official birthday of the Church.



The Rock Magazine reports that there are now 34,000 Protestant denominations which means, on the average, more than sixty-nine new denominations have sprung up every year since the Reformation began in 1517. So whose birthday is it anyway? You could say,

“Pentecost is the birthday of the Church Jesus established nearly 2,000 years ago.” Today’s Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today’s readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his spirit in us, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried aloud: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you.

**O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30**

(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 Gal 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians  
If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-

indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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 Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**A.** And also with you

**P.** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

- 1) **We need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives** i) by constantly remembering and appreciating his Holy Presence within us, especially through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. ii) By fortifying ourselves with the help of the Spirit against all types of temptations. iii) By seeking the assistance of the Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the breaking of our evil habits. iv) By listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others. v) By fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit. vi) 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 loved, 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) **We need to 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. Thus we are challenged 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) **We need to observe Pentecost every day.** "It will always be Pentecost in the church," affirmed Oscar Romero, 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" (The Violence of Love, The Plough Pub Co., Farmington, PA: 1988). Archbishop Romero's words remind us— as does today's Gospel— that Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the church is a field of dry, dead bones. Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people— frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "**Come Holy Spirit:**"

**"Come Holy Spirit**

**Make our ears to hear**

**Make our eyes to see**

**Make our mouths to speak**

**Make our hearts to seek**

**Make our hands to reach out**

**And touch the world with your love. AMEN."**

**OBITUARY: Jean Marion sadly passed away on 14 May. Funeral arrangements to be advised.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND**

We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, Anthony Morris and Julie & John Kay, Pat Anderson and Lee Maat.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Ministry:** There will be a 15 minute gathering in the church after Mass on **Saturday, 22nd** and **Sunday, 23rd May** to discuss rosters and responsibilities.