

FINANCE REPORT: Included with this Bulletin is a Finance Report update so Parishioners are aware of the Parish's financial situation. Here is a brief summary of the report:

Salaries and insurance premiums are the major expense items and the remaining ones include basic running costs such as electricity, phone, rates, church requisites etc which are all essential and leave virtually no room for adjustment. As can be seen there is no provision to allow for extraneous costs such as maintenance, general purchases and unplanned miscellaneous items. The projected budget deficit for the year is \$17,330 however that is based on there being no unforeseen crisis. We are fortunate in having a small cash reserve from an earlier bequest, that can cover the shortfall, however this cannot be sustained indefinitely. If we cannot improve our income situation, ultimately the Parish will become insolvent. Should this occur it is unlikely the Diocese will be able to subsidise us and we could be in danger of losing our Parish Priest. The Finance Committee is exploring other income sources but we encourage our congregation to try and dig a bit deeper for the weekly collections. We realise we are living in difficult times and it is a big ask. We know you can only do your best but it is becoming a matter of survival. We will report on the finances again at the end of June. An extra \$5 a week would make a big difference. If you have any questions, please contact John Gillett, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee on 0407 299 176 or you may contact the Parish Office for direct debit options and/or to indicate your interest in the Planned Giving program for the next financial year: moruya@cg.org.au.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: On **Tuesday, 30 May** following 5:00pm Mass, Parishioners are invited to the Presbytery to watch and discuss an episode of **The Chosen** (a series about the life of Jesus). The meetings will run for 8 weeks and Parishioners are invited to bring a light supper.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: If you would like to become involved and become a Reader or Eucharist Minister at our Masses, please contact Colleen Palise at palisetc@hotmail.com or 0458 241 255. New Rosters will be out shortly.

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

CALVARY HOSPITAL: The ACT Government has advised the Archbishop it intends to compulsorily acquire the Calvary Public Hospital in Bruce. The Archbishop's Letter regarding this alarming news was included in last weekend's Bulletin and Parishioners were urged to read the Archbishop's Letter and sign the **'SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL PETITION'** which was also sent electronically to Parishioners last week. If you haven't signed it yet, the Petition can be found on The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn's website. Please sign the petition **before 31 May**.

WOMEN'S EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY CANBERRA—24 JUNE: Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20) *register here at (<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>)*

CONFIRMATION: Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation on **Sunday, 25 June**.

Prayer for Confirmation

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.



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Parish Office hours: Wed and Fri 9:00am—2:00pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am

Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass

5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass

Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** 40 mins before weekday Mass

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Pentecost Sunday - YEAR A -

May 27 & 28 2023

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 be 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. 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. 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 presence of the Holy Spirit and the gift of forgiveness are referred to directly in the Sacrament of 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 today, which is often fiercely judgemental and vengeful.

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.'

The Word of the Lord

All: 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 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

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

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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.

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 St 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"

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, the sick members of our Parish and those in need of our prayers: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuyse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, John Mehl, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Neil Mason, Pat Anderson and Tammy Whiteman.

PERMANENT MASS TIME CHANGES: Tuesday evening Masses have started at the new time of 5:00pm and from 17 June, Saturday Vigil Mass will also be celebrated at 5:00pm.

BODALLA MASS: Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla Church this **Sunday 28 May at 3pm.** All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy belated Birthday to Pauline Parnell who celebrated her special day on 14 May. Happy Birthday also to Fr Emil Milat whose Birthday was last weekend on 20 May and Paddy Pollock who celebrated his Birthday on Thursday, 25 May. We hope you all had a splendid day!