

## ~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~

Pentecost Sunday is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed with this outpouring of God's Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples huddled behind locked doors. He "shows them his hands and his side". In other words, he provides incontrovertible evidence that he is the crucified one. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. The disciples respond with joy. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the sins or transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church and in our world.

*An excerpt by Veronica Lawson*

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### 'WEEKEND MASS TIMES'

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Talbingo: in recess during Winter

### 'THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES'

Tuesday: 6pm Mass in Chapel

Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)

Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel

### 'ROSARY'

Saturday: 8.30am Mass & exposition (1st Sat of month)

Sunday: 9.40am

### 'RECONCILIATION'

Saturday: 5.15pm

### 'LITURGY MEETING'

Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel

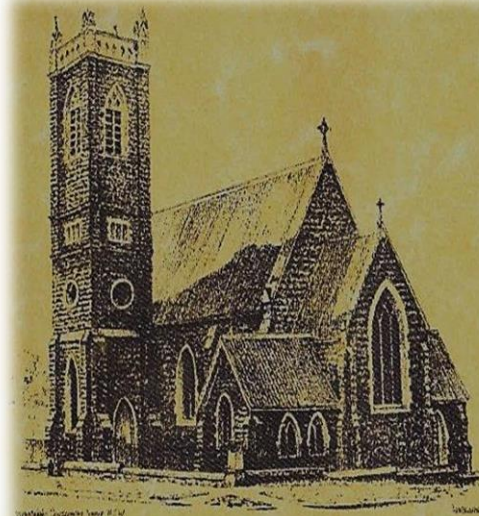
### 'PRAYER GROUP'

(Rosary & Divine Mercy)

Still in recess

### 'CONTACTS'

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## Pentecost Sunday

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June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured  
into our hearts through the Spirit  
of God dwelling within us,  
alleluia

### Responsorial Psalm

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

### Gospel Acclamation

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

# ROSTERS

## THIS WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Anita Mason	Anne Huebner
Reader	Kathy Shanahan	Liz Boxall
Commentator	Lana Turner	Howard Young
Children's Liturgy	-----	Caitlin Larter
Musicians	Anna Quinn	Patricia & Monica
Altar Servers	Xavier & Oliver Henderson	James Halloran & Zachary Brown
Church Care	Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Bev & Sophie	
LINEN	Jo Little	

## NEXT WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Trish Matthews	Sue Bulger
Reader	Dobbie Family	Howard Young
Commentator	Dobbie Family	Mary Kelly
Children's Liturgy	-----	Pat Spannagle
Musicians	Patricia & Monica	Anna Quinn
Altar Servers	Seth McMahon & Aidan Turnbull	Riley & Lachlan Hotham
Church Care	-----	

**FEAST DAYS** ~ 10<sup>th</sup> June: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 11<sup>th</sup> June: Saint Barnabas 13<sup>th</sup> June: Saint Anthony of Padua

**INCOME AMOUNTS FOR MAY 2019** 1<sup>ST</sup>: \$2067.75 2<sup>ND</sup>: \$2287.15 D/D: \$1685.00

Project Compassion (final): \$939.45 Easter Dues (final): \$555.00 Church Restoration: \$3970.75

*'The whole journey of life is a journey of preparation, to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead of that homeland towards which we walk'. Pope Francis*

## ~PARISH NEWS~

**PARISH PLAN GIVING** the financial year is approaching fast - an invitation is extended to any new or existing parishioner who would like to join the Plan Giving program to contact Anna at the presbytery on 69474599.

**PARISH STREET STALL** due to a co-ordinator not being available our stall did not go ahead on Friday. Lets make an effort for our next stall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL** we thank our generous parishioners for their offering of \$50.00 towards this appeal.

**CATHOLIC VOICE** June issue is available for your collection.

**'DONATION POINT TAP'** Our parish is leading the way in technology with the introduction of this device. To contribute to our church's fundraising for new paraments (altar clothes, lecture covers and chalice veils) you simply TAP your card once to donate \$5.00. Your bank statement can be used for taxation purposes.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6pm, we pray for all the candidates receiving this special sacrament.

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL** conference meeting dates remaining for June are the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our parishioners who attended the service and for those who organised the afternoon tea for the Christian Unity gathering last Sunday.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Neil (Breeze) Masters**

**MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Kitty Black, Paul Kelly, Harvey Evans, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Len McInerney, Pat Malone, Richard Green, Andrew Sturt, James Brennan, Ken & Brian Gee, Brian Rosetta, Gus & Kth Clout, Ina Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Fr. Peter Quirk, Marie & Jim McInerney, Ted & Kath O'Sullivan, John Hourigan, Joan Malone, Max Butler, Eileen Flood, Filomena & Rudi Comai, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Steph Scott, John Marzol, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Tom Sturt, Stan Kenny, Imelda, Bede and Francis McInerney, Fr. Geoff Lloyd, Wallace, Ron, Agnes, William and Michael Blundell, David Bullock, Phillip, Jean and Steven Crampton, Kathleen & Roy Wilson, Chris Kelleher, John Furze, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Jim, Mona & Michael Clifford, Joan & Bob Liddell, Teresa & Bert Butler, Anne Lawrance, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Thelma & Jack Cobden, Denise & Julie Cobden, Christine Welsh, Paul & Nick Young, Nicole Barby, Allison Brady, Ben Roddy, Scott Payne, Jamie Nixon, deceased members of the McDonnell Family, Gerard Norman, Mary & Reg Madigan, Sr. Pat Barton RSM, Chris Ballard, Frank Stanfield, Andrew Quarmby, Clint Pendergast, Claffey & Wilson families, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

