



## PENTECOST SUNDAY, 23 MAY 2021 - LITURGY AND BULLETIN

### OPENING PRAYER

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way.  
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.*

Abridged Plenary Council Prayer

### FIRST READING: 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.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: 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

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.

### **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

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.'



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Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's

power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for the Plenary Council members who will assemble around Australia for the First Assembly: that their hearts and minds are opened to receive the Holy Spirit as they pray and discern God's will for his Church in Australia. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for all who have the power to shape public opinion, that they will use that power to promote justice, peace and unity in the world. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for vaccine justice, that well-resourced nations will share their supplies and expertise with those that cannot afford them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for the whole Australian community, that National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week will promote mutual respect between the First Nations and settler peoples of the land. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for those who are sick, that they will be touched by the healing power of Christ, including Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermert, Val Biggers and Celia Roach. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for the recently deceased, including Kate Glendenning, Helen Goddard, Barbara Camiller, . . . and for Josephine McGrath and Robert McGrath, whose anniversaries of death occur around this time, that they will rejoice in the glory of God for ever. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

## CONCLUDING BLESSING

*This day the Father of light  
has enlightened the minds of the disciples by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.  
May he bless us and give us the gifts of the Spirit for ever.  
Amen.*

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Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

We had 47 attendees at last Saturday for the Vigil. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time. A **national head count** is happening all this month. Brian is counting us ☺

**Weekday Masses: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May.** St Bede's Day School Mass. 10am in the Church.

**Meditation:** Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

**Adoration:** Fridays for 1 hour between 9 and 10am. Please call in at any time during that hour to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Araluen Stations of the Cross:** 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

**Social Justice Meeting:** Sunday 6 June in the church at 10.30am.  
**Krawarree Mass:** Sunday 30 May at 11.00am. All welcome.

**Parish gathering:** Parishioners are invited to a Chinese Banquet to be held at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club following Mass on Saturday, 5 June. If you are interested in attending, could you please leave your name in the book provided at the back of the Church or reply by email to the office, [braidwood@cg.org.au](mailto:braidwood@cg.org.au).

Cost per head Adults \$23; Children 4-12 years \$11.50; Under 4 yrs free.  
Germaine, Social Group Coordinator



**You are invited to a "Call to Connect" women's ministry (CTC) Zoom prayer experience** from our new free Starter Kit for women to form prayer/sharing groups and an opportunity for Q&A. Choose one of the following dates; June 21st, 22nd or 23rd, 7.30-8.30 pm. All welcome. Register for one evening to [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com) If you have any questions please submit with your registration so we get through them all on the night. The Prayer segment and Zoom link for the evening will be emailed to you the day before. The leadership team will be running the sessions.

[womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/](http://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/) electronic link

Facebook: Call to Connect women's ministry



**Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:** People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal

prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)

**ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph.** Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit [www.yearofstjoseph.com.au](http://www.yearofstjoseph.com.au)

#### **Cleaners:**

**28 May:** Rod and Pauline. **11 June:** Margaret and Barbara. **18 June:** Helen P and Judith

**Please note** the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

**Readings for next week: Trinity:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Deut.4:32-34,39-40 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom. 8:14-17 Gospel: Mt 28:16-20.

#### **Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>PowerPoint</b>
22 May	Felix	Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
29 May	Les	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
5 June	Geoff	Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
12 June	Felix	Helen P	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, so other arrangements can be made.

**COVID-19 Links** for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

**Mass Online Link:** <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Take care and keep safe,  
Helen Hart