



**PENTECOST  
YEAR A**

**28 May 2023**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*God our Father,  
Let the Spirit you sent on your Church  
to begin the teaching of the gospel continue to  
work in the world through the hearts of all who believe.  
Amen.*

### **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 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.'



### **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his 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 with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. 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.

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### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

We pray for the Christian churches of Australia, that they will spread the joy of the Gospel throughout the land. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family, that people everywhere will be moved by the Spirit to renew the face of the earth. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the peacekeepers of the United Nations, that they will achieve their mission of defusing conflict and creating a climate of peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Nations peoples of Australia and the Islands of the Torres Strait, that this year's observance of Mabo Day will deepen their bond with the land. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all in our midst who struggle with loneliness, poverty and illness, that many helping hands will reach out to them and offer support. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for foster parents, that their generous love will give the children in their care the precious gift of a loving home. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Len Sheather (Lea Maher's brother), Jenny Bodman, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, those on our prayer list and all who need our prayers. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, Eadaoin Corcoran, Terry Wilson . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; that they will be raised to glory by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Reader: That the sick will be strengthened by God's abundant mercy, especially Len Sheather (Lea Maher's brother), Archbishop Frank Carroll, Jenny Bodman, Maurice Farley, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, Val Biggers, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley and all who need our prayers.(pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the recently deceased, Eadaoin Corcoran, Terry Wilson . . . and for Rod Coady whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; that they will be raised to glory by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Father,*

*Keep within us the vigour of your Spirit*

*and protect the gifts you have given to your Church.*

*Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am **St Bede's Day Mass with the school:** Tuesday 23 at 10am, followed by the Parish Meeting

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 9.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: date to be advised at 10am.

Pentecost Ecumenical Service: Sunday 28 May in National Theatre. 10am for morning tea and service at 10.30am. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council/Parish Meeting: 23 May, following the 10am Mass. A cuppa will be provided. Please try to come along if you possibly can. There is much to be discussed.



Parish Dinner: Saturday May 27th is Curry Night (following Mass). There will be a selection of lovely homemade curries (mild) for you to enjoy! Also a non curry dish. So please join us at the Servicemen's Club for a friendly evening to welcome winter! Cost \$35 per person.

RSVP by Monday 23rd May (last call Tuesday 23 after the meeting) with exact cash in envelope to: Helen H, Germaine, Cathy or Joy.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 27 May. Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench on 0418 262 011



Vinnies Winter Appeal: the theme of this year's appeal is 'What if your mum, grandma or sister became homeless?' spotlighting women over 55 as one of the fastest growing demographics of people at risk of and experiencing homelessness across Australia. The number of older women seeking support from homelessness services has risen 55% in the last decade. Here in Braidwood we do have some homeless people - those who couch surf, live in informal dwellings (read sheds or garages) or camp at Warri in tents or caravans. Imagine living in a tent during a Braidwood winter!! If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by using an envelope from your seats (place in 2<sup>nd</sup> collection bag), donating online at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or by calling 13 18 12. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Readings for Mass: 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 2:1-11. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Cor. 12:3-7,12-13. Gospel: John 20:19-23.

Next week: Trinity: 1<sup>st</sup>: Ex. 34:4-6,8-9. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor. 13:11-13. Gospel: John 3:16-18.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

Ministries for our Mass:	27 May	3 June	10 June	17 June	24 June
Welcomer:	Helen P	Cathy F	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P
Acolyte:					
Reader 1:	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Ann T	Michael
Reader 2:	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine	Wendy H	Cathy F
I just noticed I have two June 3 entries on the roster. Please adjust your rosters from that date forward.					
Ministries of service:	26 May	2 June	9 June	17 June	
Altar Decorating:	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy	Helen P	
Cleaning:		Sarah & Helen P		Bunny & Ella	
Counters: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sunday: Wendy H		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday:	volunteer please		4 <sup>th</sup> : Phil Owen		
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.					

Your donation of blankets will be sold in-store here at Braidwood to assist with providing Emergency relief to members of our community needing assistance with their electricity, food, petrol, living expenses, medical expenses and clothes. If you are in need of assistance, please call 13 18 12 and the Vinnies Relief team can arrange help.

Braidwood and district thank you in advance of you support with donations



Take care of each other,

Helen

The Parish of St Bede's Braidwood acknowledges the Yuin people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

**Our wonderful Kinder, Year 1 & 2 Parent Reps are hosting a Morning Tea in the Sunday School Hall on Monday 29 May, from 9 am - 11am. Please see the below flyer.**



## **Hello**

You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

- Host** St Bede's Kinder, Year 1&2 Parent Reps
- Where** Sunday School Hall, Wilson St
- Date** Monday 29th May, 2023
- Time** 9am- 11am
- Details** We welcome family, friends & community
- for tea, cake, raffles, silent auction & games!
- RSVP by** Friday 26th May, 2023
- Phone/Email** 0452 177 929

