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Year A



VERITAS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**HOLY ROSARY
CHURCH**

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Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

9.00am—12.30pm

Mass times

Wed 5.30pm

Tues & Thurs 6.45am

Fri 5.30pm

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8am, 10am & 6pm

Saturday & Public

Holidays Mass excluding

Mondays 9am

Pray the Rosary

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass

Saturday after 9am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 5pm—5.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou

Tues 1.30pm

Wed & Thurs 1.30pm



Be filled
with the **HOLY**
SPIRIT

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23

BAPTISM

*Sophie Vivienne
Beatrice
Southwell*

who will be baptised this weekend.
May her life be filled with God's peace, and her heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



PSALM: 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

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

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.

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.

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.

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

PENTECOST ANSWERS

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

WHY IS PENTECOST SOMETIMES CALLED "WHITSUNDAY"?

A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized catechumens would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies, and hymnals (particularly those from the Episcopal/Anglican tradition) still use this term.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who helped to make the **Parish Cancer Biggest Morning Tea** event such a success. Over \$900 was raised.

Special Collections: Project Compassion: Thank you for your generosity. \$9400 was raised.

Dominican Students Appeal: thank you to all contributors. \$1670 was raised.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow
Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds,
our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.



PASTORAL MESSAGE May 23, 2017

Federal Government Funding Proposals: Message from Archbishop Christopher Prowse:

No doubt you are aware of major Federal Government proposals regarding Catholic school funding. Whereas we all agree that responsible stewardship is needed in relation to our nation's resources for education, the Catholic Bishops are very concerned about the new funding model proposed for Catholic schools. We are not looking for special deals. But we are expecting new arrangements to be fair and reasonable. As your Archbishop, I am particularly concerned that the proposed model will unfairly cut very significant funding to our schools but especially to our ACT schools. I urge you to become more informed on this most significant issue and register your concerns with your elected politicians. Further information: www.cg.catholic.edu.au

**In Your Prayers
please
remember
those in our
community
who are ill:**

Elizabeth Cronin, Maureen Blood,
Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine,
Edith Jensen, Alexia Harris,
Joe Schimizzi, Trevor Dennis,
Mary Harrigan, Elizabeth Webster,
Philip Bailey, Eileen Liston,
Rosa Maria Santos, Jim Burgess,
Mary Bui, Rosemary Denmead,
Awany El-Ghitany, Barbara Wilson

**Please remember
our deceased:**

Nicola Darnese, Thelma Rusina
Barbara Parker, Graeme Barrow

In Loving Memory:

THE SEQUENCE

Several times a year the Church adds extra texts to the Mass. These are placed between the Alleluia and the Gospel and are called "Tropes" or "Sequences". In the Middle Ages they developed as commentaries or reflections on the theme of the feast day. Because they had to be memorized, they were set to music. Eventually they included poems and material that had no official approval. Because of this, the Council of Trent reduced their number to four in the 16th century. (A fifth—the Stabat Mater—was later added.)

The Sequence for Pentecost is one of those texts. It is known as the "Golden Sequence" because of its sweetness and short length. It developed between the 11th and 13th centuries, possibly written by monks from Switzerland. Its Latin name is "Veni Sancte Spiritus". There are several musical settings of the original poem.

HE BREATHED ON THEM

When Jesus appeared to the apostles on Easter Sunday, he breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. In Hebrew the word for "breath" and "spirit" are the same, so there is an obvious connection. We might form an image of Jesus breathing on the group of them from a distance, but there is a more revealing analogy.

CPR or Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is a process by which an unconscious person may be helped to breathe. Part of CPR involves mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The person administering it clamps the victim's nostrils, making an airtight seal over his mouth and breathes into it about twelve times per minute. It has been called "the Kiss of Life". Jesus breathed a kiss of life into the souls of his followers. We still receive that kiss from God, the Holy Spirit.

PENTECOST

Like Thomas, in this week's Gospel, we are all prone to doubt! Of course, those doubts are only multiplied if you think you have all the answers or insights. Instead, you need to rely directly on the Holy Spirit, to guide and inform you (and then to keep your hearts and minds open).

Pentecost is a time when Jesus empowers His disciples and equips them with all that they need to go about evangelising and engaging in Mission. This week, may you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as you go about your ministry. May you too be able to profess 'My Lord and My God' if ever the doubts become too much.

You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."

— Thomas Merton

BORN AND SHAPED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost Sunday.

Fr Fergus Kerr OP shows us how the Holy Spirit gives birth to the Church,

shapes the Church and enables us to stand against evil.

Pentecost — meaning fiftieth in Greek, counting the days from Passover to the Feast of Weeks, from the exodus from Egypt to the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Symbolically also it's the beginning of harvest in a Mediterranean climate. Whatever the layers of meaning, the first disciples maintained this chronology to designate the fulfilment of the Paschal Mystery in the descent of the Holy Spirit, the creation of the Church, the harvest of Easter so to speak. Our three readings highlight different aspects of the Church: how it all began; how the Holy Spirit works here and now; and what demands are placed upon us.

Historically, the Church begins in the collective outburst of pentecostalist enthusiasm recalled in the Acts of the Apostles, with the disciples overwhelmed by what sounded like a gale force wind, releasing them into strange tongues, so ecstatically that the bystanders assumed they were drunk. They weren't, it was all happening too early in the day, as Simon Peter notes, perhaps with a touch of humour (verse 15). It bewildered the crowd: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language, telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God?" — the descent of the Holy Spirit, and thus the creation of the Church, occurred in this eruption of mutually unintelligible languages, in which nevertheless the mighty works of God were praised and proclaimed accessibly to all and sundry. The presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church was, however, not so intoxicatingly wild and totally out of control, as this scene might suggest. Rather, as in our second reading, dating early in church history, we find St Paul describing — or perhaps only prescribing — a considerable degree of order and stability: every disciple has his or her own gift, ministry, way of working: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good". The community, pervaded by the Holy Spirit, already displays a certain shape, common aims and shared responsibilities. Moreover, Paul wants us to understand, no individual can proclaim "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. In Paul's culture many people no doubt were polytheists. Since their exodus from Egypt the children of Abraham had long been trained to break with idolatry in order to worship the one true God and Lord. Now, for Christians, the Lord was revealed to be Jesus. One might reject this as blasphemy, or even admire the figure portrayed in the gospels; but to see Jesus as Lord you have to see him with the eyes of faith, you have to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. That is how the Holy Spirit creates the Church and individuals as Christians. And then what? What does it mean to say Jesus is Lord? "Receive the Holy Spirit", the risen Lord tells the disciples, in the scene described by St John: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." In the Catholic tradition that solemn promise has often been limited to a ministry in the Church with the authority to absolve repentant sinners or otherwise. That may seem awesome enough. It looks more likely, however, that the disciples on whom this mandate was first imposed, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, stand for all Christians in every generation, sent as Christ was sent into the world by the Father, on a mission then that is charged with the fearful responsibility of exposing and resisting evil in the world, as well as with the power to heal, forgive and make the world holy. Pentecost, then, is the day when we commemorate the spectacular eruption in which the Church came to birth; secondly, it is the day when we remember the countless ways in which the Holy Spirit shapes the Church as an institution and ourselves as individuals (much as it has changed since St Paul's time); and finally it is the day when once again we are reminded that, having received the Holy Spirit, we are required and enabled, in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, to take a stand for good and against evil.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION Sunday A year long Faith Education Program including Sacraments for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. Term has now begun. Contact the Parish Office.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 Explore today at www.wccm.org

CARDS Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

CARE OF THE SICK If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let the office know. Also, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

COFFEE GROUP Our monthly coffee group will meet at Wilbur's, Hackett on the **third Thursday** of each month at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, and newcomers most welcome.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP Divine Will Prayer Group meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Details Heather 6247 7775.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY will be held the First Saturday of every month at 4pm in the Church on a trial basis. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For more information call Letty on 0418 518 033

COELIACS Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: We have been advised that there are people visiting local churches asking for money. If you are approached by anyone asking for money please do not provide any but refer the person to Samaritan House, 19 Hackett Place, Hackett

NEW PARISHIONERS would you like to join our Parish? If you wish to register as Blackfriars Parishioner please fill out a card which you can find on the entrance tables and place on the second plate or give the card to Father.

Holy Rosary Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seating areas by using T- switch on your hearing aid.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Please contact Jacquie in the office Ph. 6248 5925 Fax.6248 7564 or Email: holyr.watson@cg.catholic.org.au

IMPORTANT

It is important that you contact the office by email or in writing (even a note on the collection plate) if you require a booking - for a Mass Intention, Booking of the Church or Parish Centre, Weddings and Baptisms.

If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than Tuesday of that week. For all other bookings Mass for an Anniversary or to use the Parish Centre etc. two weeks notice is required. It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office. Fr Kieran

EVENTS

6 June – Lessons from the Long Paddock. Offers perspectives from outback and rural NSW on faith and spiritual life. Father Frank Brennan SJ and Bishop Columbia Macbeth-Green OSPPE will reflect on stories from people in the diocese and explore the lived experience from those in the bush. The online experience commences at 9am. Further information: www.wf.catholic.org.au

10 June – Amicus

Amicus , a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at Conservatory Restaurant National Arboretum meeting at 10 am for brunch. To join us, please call Patricia on 0412 351 548

16 June – Friday – ST THOMAS MORE FORUM - Can Christendom Thrive, Can it Survive? Keynote Speaker: Greg Sheridan Foreign Editor, *The Australian* Newspaper **7 for 7.30 pm. Venue:** Mecure Hotel, Limestone Avenue, Braddon ACT 2618. **Cost:** \$85.00 (Dinner and wine) *Canapes and drinks on arrival followed by a two course dinner with a bottle of red and white wine per table and tea/coffee and cake.* **RSVP:** Noon Tuesday 13 June

17 & 18 - June "Cowra Liturgy Weekend" Speakers include Bishop Pat O'Regan, Dr Laurie Woods, Ms Karla Slaven, Mr Paul Dunn and many more. Enjoy a weekend of music liturgy and fun! Contact Fr Laurie Beath, 6342 1369 or E-mail: office.cowra@cdob.org.au

20 June – Diversity & Empathy: Opportunities for Leadership.

The ACU 2-017 Blackfriars Lecture Series will commence on 20th June with speaker Sally Moyle (CEO of CARE Australia). Sally joined CARE Australia in November 2016 as the Chief Executive. Sally has had extensive experience in international development policy and practice, and almost 20 years' experience addressing gender issues both domestically and in international development. 5:30pm for registration and refreshments. Lecture from 6pm to 7 pm. Room 300 G23 Blackfriars Building. RSVP buy 15 June OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au or 6209 1129

21 June – Wednesday - Seniors In Networked Communities - Taoist Tai Chi Society Come along and learn how Tai Chi can Reduce stress, Increase balance and flexibility and improve your overall mind, body and spirit. St Brigid's Parish hall 2 Bancroft St Dickson Wednesday 21 June 2017 10 am. Please Contact Poonam on 6163 7683 if you would like support with transport

8 and 15 July – Evenings for the Engaged. Marriage preparation program will be held over two consecutive Saturdays. Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler Phone 61 66 76 34

ROSTERS 10/ 11 June 2017

Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi	
EMOE	E. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	A. Bankovsky
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Cornelly	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	M. Proctor	M. de Riva O'Phelan
Counters	G. Gleeson	