

# St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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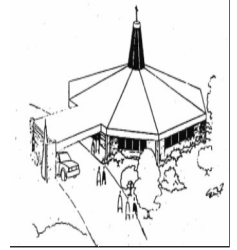
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## The Feast of Pentecost

30 and 31 May 2020

Dear St Benedict's brothers and sisters,  
Happy Birthday! Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church and our prayer is 'Come Holy Spirit'. Through the Mass and through our personal prayer, let's ask for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit for ourselves, our loved ones, our Parish, the Church and the world. We now have permission to celebrate adult Confirmations. This Sunday, Peter Prochacka will be Confirmed. We congratulate him and pray the Holy Spirit will be poured out on him in a special way.

St Benedict, Pray for Us!

Stay tuned for updates on Mass and Adoration in the Parish due to the latest ACT loosening of restrictions (see attached document from ACT Government). We will inform you as soon as possible via email of any changes.

**The Church** is open from 9am-5pm each day for private prayer. We are asked to practice social distancing and have no more than 20 people in the Church at any one time.

### Census/Planned Giving

As we approach the **end of the Financial Year, we need to ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for all our parishioners, for those who contribute and those who in some way are connected to St Benedict's.**

Please see attached to our email the St Benedict's **Census/Planned giving form for 2020/2021**. We would be grateful if you would complete the entire form and return it to the Parish Office, either by email or in person. The links to any of the direct debit documents are located in the form, so please click on the appropriate link to be redirected to the CDF documents if required.

Some of the information we currently have (residential and email addresses, phone numbers etc) is no longer correct and, during this Covid-19 period, it makes it difficult to keep in touch, and to ensure that **planned giving details are correct for the coming Financial Year.**

We are grateful for the generous responses we have received over the last months and for any financial support you are able to contribute, however if you are not able to contribute at this time, please still fill in your name and contact details and leave the rest of the form blank. For those who might be able to increase their giving by even \$2.00 per week for the coming Financial Year, this would be of immense help to the Parish.

Be assured of our love and prayers,  
Fr Dan (on behalf of the PFC and PPC)

### MASS TIMES

Information regarding weekday and Sunday Masses will be available as soon as possible.

### Parish Office Hours

**Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm**

At this stage, the Parish Office remains open at the normal times and we will continue to post the Newsletter on the website. At times the Parish Office may not be attended, but be assured we are monitoring emails and calls.

# The Feast of Pentecost

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## FIRST READING

**Acts 2:1-11**

***They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak***

When Pentecost day came round, they 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

***Psalm 103(104):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.

## SECOND READING

***1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13***

***In the one Spirit we were all baptised***

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

***John 20:19-23***

***As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit***

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.'

# PARISH NEWS

**Praying for those who are awaiting Sacraments:** Please keep in your prayers all those preparing for the Sacraments for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage. Their perseverance is encouraging and inspiring.

**Pentecost Preparation:** From "Lumen gentium", the Second Vatican Council's dogmatic constitution on the Church *The mission of the Holy Spirit in the church*: "When the Son completed the work with which the Father had entrusted him on earth, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost to sanctify the Church unceasingly, and thus enable believers to have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. He is the Spirit of life, the fountain of water welling up to give eternal life. Through him the Father gives life to all people, dead because of sin, until he raises up their mortal bodies in Christ. The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. He prays in them and bears witness in them to their adoption as sons and daughters. He leads the Church into all truth and gives it unity in communion and in service. He endows it with different hierarchical and charismatic gifts, directs it by their means, and enriches it with his fruits. By the power of the Gospel he enables the Church to grow young, perpetually renews it, and leads it to complete union with its Bridegroom. For the Spirit and the Bride say to the Lord Jesus: "Come!" In this way the Church reveals itself as a people whose unity has its source in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The whole company of the faithful, who have an anointing by the Holy Spirit, cannot err in faith. They manifest this distinctive characteristic of theirs in the supernatural instinct of faith ('sensus fidei') of the whole people when, from the bishops to the most ordinary lay person among the faithful, they display a universal agreement on matters of faith and morals. This instinct of faith is awakened and kept in being by the Spirit of truth. Through it the people of God hold indefectibly to the faith once delivered to the saints, penetrate it more deeply by means of right judgement, and apply it more perfectly in their lives. They do all this under the guidance of the sacred teaching office: by faithful obedience to it they receive, not the word of men but in truth the word of God. Moreover, the Holy Spirit not only sanctifies and guides God's people by the sacraments and the ministries, and enriches it with virtues, he also distributes special graces among the faithful of every state of life, assigning his gifts to each as he chooses. By means of these special gifts he equips them and makes them eager for various activities and responsibilities that benefit the Church in its renewal or its increase, in accordance with the text: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for a good purpose. These charisms, the simpler and more widespread as well as the most outstanding, should be accepted with a sense of gratitude and consolation, since in a very special way they answer and serve the needs of the Church.

## As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

**Our Sick:** Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

**Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:** Pam Pini, Albert Alfred Bonansea, Kathleen Kensey, Donal Dwyer, Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, Ian Patterson, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Betty O'Brien, Zeta Evans, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Gerry Agnew, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Sam & Nina Agius

**Youth alpha online:** The Archdiocesan youth ministers are running Youth Alpha Online for students from years 10-12! Grab a friend and a snack and come join us online **every Tuesday from 7-8pm**, on Zoom! We'll be exploring key parts of our faith in a fun and engaging way! There will be lots of opportunities for games and activities as we get to know students from across the Canberra region. Please email or call the St Benedict's youth minister, Anjalie, for the online details if interested at [Anjalie.upasena@cg.org.au](mailto:Anjalie.upasena@cg.org.au), or 0420 537 064.

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledge the **Ngunnawal People**, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country*