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Pentecost Sunday

May 31st 2020



Acts 2:1-11/Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/John 20:19-23

On this great feast of Pentecost, I would like to say “happy birthday” to every Catholic, for we hold, in our traditional theology, that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It would behoove us on this our birthday to reflect on the nature of the Church. In the Creed, which we recite every Sunday, we find the familiar phrase, “We believe in one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.” All four of these marks can be seen from the beginning, at that first Pentecost, because all four are gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Today, we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost is Greek for "pentecostes" which means "fiftieth." This feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and takes its name from the fact that it comes nearly fifty days after the Resurrection. It was a Jewish festival, and has been observed in the Christian Church since the days of the apostles.

Today is the feast of the Spirit of God, alive, active and joyful. The flame of the Spirit of love is the flame of God. The tongues of fire over the apostles and the followers of Jesus were flames of love, the Spirit of God that would burn on the inside forever. Pentecost is the flame of God's own love, given to his followers to mark the birth of the community, the body of Jesus, the church.

It is the spirit of forgiveness always, a gift of the first Pentecost. Compassion, mercy, forgiveness and a hope for justice for all are gifts we ask from the Spirit who blows among us strongly today.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

WE CAN STILL PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE ACROSS OUR WORLD

'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love' (*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*)

Through your generosity during Project Compassion in 2020, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Mindful of all the needs here locally in our own community perhaps we can give 'something small with great love'.

'We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community'. (*Dorothy Day*) <https://lent.caritas.org.au>

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

3 o'clock prayer - the hour of great mercy

Jesus said: Call upon my mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion.

Let us pray: O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

THE SICK

As we journey with our Risen Lord through this difficult time let us remember in our prayers our family, parishioners local and wider community and all those who are sick. May the mercy and healing power of God touch and give them healing, comfort and strength. Ruth Mercieca, Hank Westerlaken, Matthew O'Leary.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the recently deceased in our parish community. Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Lyn Matthews' mother, Mary Roberson, Gerald John Edward, Tony Colosimo, Sr Mary Agnes, Caleb, Tess Rizetti, John Seychelles, Robert "Stumpy" Wallis.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Margarita Adecer, Manong Lapinig, Pedro Lapinig, Ruth Tarn Pike, Elwood Zimmerman, Heather Grimmett, Alona Oppus, Cornella (Malaque) Galleros, Rosario Malague, Mike Aggenbach, Anne Riches.

*May all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Parish Collections

The forced closure of the Parish Churches has not only impacted on everybody's spiritual well-being it has also had a major impact on Parish finances. Prior to the closure your generous contributions to both the first collection (*supports the clergy*) and second collection (*supports the Parish*) assisted the Parish in meeting its financial obligations. The marked fall in collections since the Church closures, has forced the Parish to establish an overdraft to meet its financial obligations. Some weeks ago an email was sent to all Parishioners offering the option to continue making first and second collection contributions by moving to direct debit or credit card arrangements. Whilst many of you were already making your contributions via direct debit or credit card and others have taken up the option recently, if any other Parishioner would like to make this change you may contact the Parish Office by phone or email as the above mentioned details. If Parishioners do not wish to adopt the debit or credit card arrangements and wish to continue with their contributions via the cash and envelope system, there are two boxes in the Eden and Merimbula Church entrances labelled "First Collection" and "Second Collection" to deposit your contribution after Mass.

Thank you again for your generosity.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Gn 3:9-15/ Psalm 86/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday Sts Marcellinus and Peter
2 Pt 3:12-15a/Psalm89/Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday St Charles Lwanga and companions
2Tim 1:1-3,6-12/Psalm 122/Mark 12:18-27

Thursday Ninth Week of Easter
2 Tim 2:8-15//Psalm24/Mark 12:28-34

Friday St Boniface
2Tim 3:10-17/Psalm 118/Mark 12:35-37

Saturday St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnat
2Tim 4:1-8/Psalm 70/ Mark 12:38-44

COVID – 19 Latest protocols for NSW Parishes: The NSW Premier has announced changes to COVID – 19 restrictions which will bring NSW in line with the ACT effective Friday, 15 May 2020. Please note the following:

- 1 Churches may now be open but will be restricted to no more than 10 people in the building at any one time.
- 2 Mass may be celebrated for no more than 10 people excluding those conducting the service.
- 3 Funerals celebrated inside the church building are restricted to 20 people, excluding those conducting the service.
- 4 Funerals celebrated outside the church building are restricted to 30 people, excluding those conducting service.
- 5 Weddings may now be celebrated with 10 people, excluding those conducting the ceremony.

These gatherings are permitted with the physical distancing rule of 1.5 meters. No physical sign of peace is permitted and the current protocols for Holy Communion remain in place. Fr Tony Percy VG

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 30th May 9:30am Merimbula
5pm Eden

Sunday 31 May 8:30am Merimbula
10am Merimbula

Monday 1st June 9:30am Merimbula

Tuesday 2nd June 4:30pm Merimbula

Wednesday 3rd June 9:30am Merimbula

Thursday 4th June 9:30am Eden

Friday 5th June 9:30am Merimbula

Saturday 6th June 9:30am Merimbula
5pm Eden

Sunday 7th June 8:30am Merimbula
10am Merimbula

RECOMMENCEMENT OF MASS

From Saturday 30th May, Masses will recommence in Merimbula and Eden. **You must register your details and provide your contact details** to ensure, if needed, that contact tracing can occur. Please do not “**just turn up**” as this will contravene current NSW Government Guidelines. Please **Register** for a particular Mass by either phoning or emailing the parish office on 64951880 or email pambula@cg.org.au

Free Online Conferences for Catholic Couples:

Zoom Get-Together for Engaged Couples next Tuesday 2nd June, 7-8pm. All engaged couples should feel free to just log in on the night at: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85822518532?pwd=Z2N2NitQUWoyM3VCMzB4Voptb3JCZz09>
Meeting ID: 858 2251 8532
Password: 715655

Or they can register at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/free-resource-pack> and we will send them a link and a reminder.

COVID-19 Crisis Appeal

Vinnies is launching a COVID-19 Crisis Appeal to raise funds for the additional need we are already seeing due to Covid-19. The COVID-19 Crisis Appeal is replacing the Winter Appeal and is launching ahead of the traditional Winter Appeal start date of 1 May.

This new crisis, this terrible pandemic, nothing our modern community has experienced, will increase the need for the work of Vinnies in serving the poor and needy. Already within Australia, we have witnessed an exponential demand from vulnerable people needing help to find food, as a result of Covid-19 panic buying in the major supermarkets.

Due to the restrictions we're operating within, it will not be possible to do an appeal through parishes in the traditional manner. Please can you [enctodonateonlinewww.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal) or by calling 13 18 12

Everything is Connected: *Laudato Si* and our 'home'

Take and eat. Take and drink. When we hear these words in our eucharistic celebrations, we are being reminded not just that we are called to action regarding the sacred elements, but that these are fruit of the earth which God loved so much that He sent His Son to save it. (Jn 3:16)

On Tuesday and Thursday, May 19 & 21st, we were led by Jacqui Rémond in a reflection on Pope Francis' *encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. It's Pope Francis' second encyclical and focuses on care for the earth and all that grows in its waters, land and air, making up the home we all hold in common.

Laudato Si follows in the tradition of previous encyclicals, developing Catholic Social Teaching and applying it to life today.

Pope Francis reminds us of God's call to us (Gen 2:15), not just to till and cultivate the land, but also to keep and care for it, as representatives of God's loving presence here on earth. He reminds us, too, that we and the entire earth are interconnected. What we human beings do with the resources at hand has great implications for peoples far away, as well as for the birds of the air, the fish of the

sea, and the animals on dry land. All are interconnected, in ways that science, even with its vast trove of knowledge, is still only beginning to learn.

We are reminded that God calls us to cultivate the land, to make use of its resources - but that He calls us to do so in a way which keeps the earth, its natural resources, and all that live on it whole and complete for generations yet to come. How do we do that, in a world of such inequitable distribution of resources? The bushfires, and now the covid-19 pandemic, are calling us all to a new way of thinking about life, new questions as to what constitutes 'normal'.

How do we reduce, reuse, recycle in our homes? How do we rouse politicians of all stripes to an awareness of the need to care for and indeed love the land, and equally a willingness to take action for the common good? How do we bridge the gap between the false dichotomy of jobs or the environment, and begin to recognize instead that there are no winners or losers in this equation, that either there are only winners, or that all are losers?

We are also called to listen to those around us who have or are developing perspectives that differ from ours, to learn from them, share questions and discover ways forward. These include especially indigenous peoples and youth around the world.

Laudato Si probes and explores these and other questions, then provides suggestions for reflection and action. You are encouraged to read the encyclical for yourself, to see how it speaks to you. Better still, why not gather with your family, or with a small group of friends, to read and work through it together, discussing as you go? You may find, as I have, that it is rich and rewarding, but also challenging, calling us all to think anew, work together toward a new 'normal' for the common good.

Laudato Si can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/vp3aw7a>

Resources for *Laudato Si* can be found at <https://laudatosiweek.org/resources/>

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ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

OUR LADY PRAYS

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

DICTATED BY JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA, SEPT. 14TH, 1935

BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OUR FATHER xi
Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY xi
Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED xi
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Jesus I Trust In You!

ON EACH OF THE 5 'OUR FATHER BEADS' SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
Eternal Father I Offer you The Body And Blood, Soul And Divinity Of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, In Atonement For Our Sins And Those Of The Whole World.

ON EACH OF THE 50 'HAIL MARY BEADS' SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
For The Sake Of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.

FINAL PRAYER (REPEAT X3)
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.

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