



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish

PENTECOST SUNDAY



PARISH BULLETIN: PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A, 24 MAY 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer
LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus, newly risen, dispelled his disciples' fear and sent them out on a mission of mercy and peace. In that spirit let us take our wounded world to heart.

READER: For the world-wide church, that empowered by the Holy Spirit believers everywhere will help renew the face of the earth. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the human family, that around the world everyone will speak the one language of love in word and deed. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the unsung volunteers of community service organisations, that their care for others will strengthen the bonds of our common humanity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Church in this great land of the Holy Spirit, that under the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians the community of faith will be a beacon of hope and unity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the homeless, that as winter approaches the whole community will support measures to provide them with secure shelter. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our families, friends and parish community, and all who seek our prayers, may they know strength, comfort and healing. For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: Ever-living God, day by day you bring your new creation to birth. Renew us in spirit and kindle in us the fire of your love. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN.**



**A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP**



Pray to be ever ready for God's will even when it takes you by surprise.
(25.5.1880)
Birth of Maggie MacKillop, 25.5.1843



POPES INTENTION MAY

That everyone might have food
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for missionaries and their communities in lands where Christians are an unwelcomed minority, that they will stay strong in the Spirit of the Risen One.



We pray for those who are sick in our family and community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments.

- Aiden Camm, Adam Crotty
- John Elliott, Christine Cowell
- Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell
- Joyce Crotty, John Liston
- Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin
- Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley
- Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth
- Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie
- Mary Anne Dillon
- Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell
- Val Perkins, Kim Peisley
- Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Denise Nichol, Travis Ingram
Pat Walker, Barry McAlister

May Anniversaries

Sr Dominica Bampton
Kay Bedingfield, Kitch Cottrell
Ena Crawford, Ted Crawford
Mae Elliott, Harold Farrell
Sr Bede Hintz, Winnie Ingram
Betty Lomas, Sr Irene McCormack
Peter Perkins, Kathleen Reed
Mary Smith, Oscar Thompson
Melrose Thornton, Daryl White



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON** Funeral Pat Walker
Delegate 11am
Our Lady, Help of Christians
- TUE** *Saint Philip Neri*
- WED** Mass Delegate MPS 10.30am
Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saint Augustine of Canterbury
- THU** Ecumenical Prayer Group
Delegate 2pm
St Joseph's School Centre
5TH SUNDAY
- SAT** LW&HC Delegate 5pm
- SUN** LW&HC Bombala 9am

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*
Antiphon: *I have carried you on eagle's wings! I will care for you in all your years!*

1. My heart is full of peace; You have been within my life! Your guiding hand has always covered me, I am full of confidence in You! *Antiphon*
2. My soul is like a child, Cradled safe within your arms! You have carried me across my years! Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. *Antiphon*

2. A New Heart for a New World
Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord, Beckon our lives through your word, Open our eyes to your call, United as one for your world. Heighten our minds to your thoughts, Heal us of pride and of hurt, May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on. Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land. Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with Your fire and renew us with Your love.

Guide us in faith, hope and peace, that we may shine Christ's light to the world.



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First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**
or

(R.) Alleluia.

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 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

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 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 Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send 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.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

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