

Pentecost Sunday

Year A Cycle 1

28 May 2023



Peace Be With You

The Feast of Pentecost is the commemoration of the descending, indwelling and transforming act of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit, whom he termed as the Advocate, the Helper, the Teacher and the Comforter. This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. The consequence of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit was indeed indescribable and dramatic. Each one was able to understand the discourse of the apostles in his/her own language. This means that the Holy Spirit brings people of all times, races and nations together under his wing. The Holy Spirit binds everyone together in perfect unity. It is in "one Spirit that we are all baptised in one body," says St Paul. Secondly, the Spirit has brought the Apostles out from behind closed doors, making them bold and courageous to speak out in the open about Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of courage and zeal for God. St Paul tells us in today's Second Reading that no one can say that Jesus is Lord except through the Spirit. Thirdly, it is through the working of the Holy Spirit that we can receive the gift of forgiveness and healing, as Jesus says in today's Gospel: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

God's Word Fr Joe Eruppakkatt SSP

Pastoral Works Appeal This Weekend

O ur Pastoral works are at the forefront of our community, serving those in need, helping to rebuild and renew families and parish communities and introducing our children in state schools to the wonder and beauty of our faith. The Diocese now has two Pastoral Works appeals each year – in May and November. These appeals mainly support two key Diocesan ministries which get little or no government funding: The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – catechists taking the Gospel to approximately 14,000 state school children and Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program – practitioners visit more than 3,000 individual hospital patients each year. Pastoral Works Broken Bay also supports: St Lucy's School and St Edmond's College – serving students with disabilities, and The Ephpheta Centre – which provides support and advoca-cy for the deaf community. Funds raised during the appeal will go directly to these ministries. Envelopes are available on the pews and information tables or you can donate online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks Please be sure to nominate The Entrance Parish when donating online. Our parish quota to Pastoral Works is \$37,295 for the year. **Donations are 100% tax deductible.** Your support and generosity to the Appeal is vitally important.

Feast Days: Mary, Mother of the Church 29 May The Visitation of the Virgin Mary 31 May St Justin 1 June St Charles Lwanga & Companions 3 June



Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated Friday 2 June during 11:45am Mass for those over 65 or with serious or longterm illness.



Adoration Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on each first Saturday (3 June) following 9am Mass for one hour, closing with Benediction.



Quote for the Week

First rule of eavesdropping is never complain if you don't like what you hear.

Our Gifts

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts at our Baptism and Confirmation. We have all received the Holy Spirit. As St Paul teaches in today's Second Reading, in the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as free, and the one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

In that reading St Paul goes on to say that there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit. In other words, everyone receives the Holy Spirit but not everyone receives the same gifts from the Spirit. We each receive different gifts to help build up the body of Christ. In that we are like the human body which is made up of many different parts all working for the good of the whole body. The eyes see, the ears hear, the arms carry, the feet walk, the nose smells, and so on. Likewise, in the Christian communitythe Body of Christ-we need different members with different gifts.

So to each of us is given a particular manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. The gifts of the Holy Spirit should never be seen as a personal possession, or as a source of boasting or being proud. They are given for the building up of the body of Christ.

God's Word Fr Michael Goonan SSP

I Have Called You Friends

esus calls us his friends.

Psychologists tell us that a true friend is someone who has seen us at our worst and still loves us. If you have encountered me only on my best days, I have no guarantee that you are my friend. But when you have dealt with me when I am most obnoxious and you still love me, then I am sure that you are my friend.

The old Gospel song says, "What a friend we have in Jesus!" This is not pious sentimentalism; it is the heart of the matter. What the first Christians saw in the dying and rising of Jesus is that we killed God, and God returned in forgiving love. He saw us at our very worst and loved us anyway.

Thus they saw confirmed in flesh and blood what Jesus had said the night before he died: "I no longer call you slaves. I have called you friends." They realised, in the drama of the Paschal Mystery, that we have not only been shown a new way; we have been drawn into a new life, a life of friendship with God.

wordonfire.org Bishop Robert Barron



Men's Social Group

The Men's Social Group has expanded to include wives and friends. They have a lovely lunch and a chat at one of the local venues like this one at Shelly Beach Golf Club. Everyone is welcome to come along on the third Wednesdays of the month at 12 noon. See bulletin for next venue or call Lui 4388 9510.

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MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Message from Fr Brian

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✓ I have been in the parish now for 18 months. During my first year we focused on a great deal of repairs and maintenance to the Presbytery and other parish buildings which are now all in good order.

At the recent Parish Finance Committee meeting I discussed with those present some of my hopes for next financial year beginning in July. The wish list is for an Electronic Sign, a Church Sound System and to complete the Stained Glass repairs.

Being on the main road we have a great opportunity to communicate our faith messages to all the passing traffic and encourage people to attend our church, with an LED Sign. The Sound system in the Church has been playing up and the speakers at the back of the Church had to be turned off. We have been gradually repairing the broken stained glass in our beautiful Church which is an ongoing task.

The three items will cost approximately \$60,000. *I am happy to announce that a generous donor has offered to pay for a new Sound System.* If anyone else would like to make any financial contributions towards supporting the other two projects, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or talk to me.

Fr Brian

Diocesan Community Invitation

Please join us to celebrate our Cathedral Precinct Journey on the Patronal feast Mary Star of the Sea, with a Vigil Mass followed by a light supper and conversation at The Light of Christ Centre. There will be a Diocesanwide presentation and consultation on the future of our Cathedral Precinct with Bishop Anthony. Tuesday 30 May 5:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara. RSVP to events@bbcatholic.org.au

Please Note

Visit of International Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima

St Mary's Parish Toukley is hosting the Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima on 4 June with 7:30am Mass and Family Consecration; 9:00am Welcoming Procession, Mass and Family Consecration; and 6:00pm Mass and Family Consecration. Enquiries: 4396 4455

Natural Fertility Education for Engaged or Married Couples The Diocese of Broken Bay offers a free service of Natural Fertility Courses for couples to manage and understand their fertility. Young couples beginning their journey, or those already married are welcome to explore this option with our FertilityCare Practitioner. The choice to engage in 7 online sessions across the year equips a couple to manage family planning effectively and independently. Email katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au

Ignite Conference 2023: Wonder

Join with thousands gathering for this year's Ignite Conference - four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great speakers, rallies, workshops and more for kids, students, young adults, priests and religious, parents and grandparents. 28 September to 1 October Cathedral Precinct Waitara. For information and registrations go to: igniteconference.com.au



We are committed to fostering safety and care for all people, especially for children and others who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



OLR Kids Club Join us on Saturday 27 May for fun, activities, games and snacks! For kids 5-12 years (younger must be with a parent) from 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room.



This Week's Winners! 1st Prize - No 34 2nd Prize - No 38 Congratulations!



Classes for Seniors Join us for Brain Games and Gentle Exercise classes on Mondays. Bookings essential 9481 2659.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay) **Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am Rosary Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am Cenacle Wednesday 9:30am Christian Meditation Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia.

Keep Us In Your Prayers There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Charlie Borg, Tracey Quinn, Peter Street, Anne Smith, Carmel Cramsie, Paul Kelly, Benny Scarcella, David Evans.

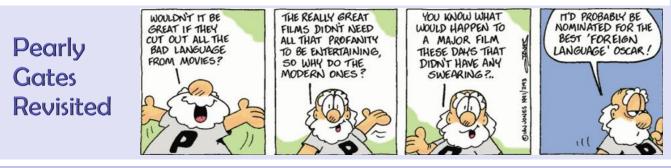
Anniversaries: Irene McCudden, Monica Parker, Ruth Jayesuria.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Victor Baranyi, Sadie Eves, Tim Parsons and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Matthews family and friends.

Sick: Peter Larotić, Oskar Alessandro, Morna Faehrmann, Emma Horton, Trish Knoke, Margaret Foley, Charlie Borg, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Rita Matthews (Liz Drover's mum), Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Jesse, Luca & Van Domensino, Indiana & Tully Eccles.





Opening Hours

We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass. You'll find us in the fover of the Church.

EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

