



Pentecost Sunday

8th / 9th June 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

NO Mass Thursday

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic in-breaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and 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.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

(Dianne Bergant CSA)



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stan Gard, Veronica Croft, John Odgers, Peta Hickey, Tony Hall, Jack Withers, Ken Bagnall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Hogan, Wally Crowe, Peter Hamilton, Sr Mary Hamilton, Tudge Guziak, Margaret Azzi, Desmond Powell, Edna Healey, Laurence Smith, Keith O'Keith, Iris Costigan, Maureen Atkins, Margaret McGovern, Jack Hanrahan, Judy O'Shannessy, Mary Larkin, Thomas Richardson, Perc Donnelly, Austin Conroy, Nancy Adams, Margaret Slater, Mary Dodgson, Roy Kirk, Caroline Bye, Mary Percy, Jack Matthews.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all. We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 8th / 9th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Kellie Gordes Barbara Godde Volunteer	Rosalie Martin Richard Parkinson Terry Hillman
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw Catherine Cutler	Mary Lefevre Marjorie Serbinek Kevin Kennedy Moirá Porta Patricia Weekes 1 volunteer
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Anne McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		

Sat / Sun: 15th / 16th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Karen Purtle Michael Byrnes	Judy Lindsay Michael Regan Lyn Hamilton
Eucharistic Ministers	Leanne Michael Michael Stephenson MACE Sisters	Trish Parkinson Kansas Michael Ann Marie Whiting Sue Betts Marissa Hart Ann McIntyre
Cantor Musicians	John Van Lint Mary Hunt	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		

Prayer to the Holy Spirit by St Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Amen.



A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

' The Spirit is the wind pushing us forward, keeping us going, that makes us feel like pilgrims and foreigners and doesn't allow us to get comfortable and become sedentary, '

Parish News

Catholic Mission

Bishop Alfred Agyenta and Dr Joseph Ayembilla from Ghana are currently visiting Australia. This year our Catholic Mission Appeal will support projects in their diocese. These projects are aimed at poverty, alleviation, education, shelter and the development of children and youth.

We have been asked to host their visit to our deanery. You are invited to come along and hear about their life changing projects which are supported by Catholic Mission on Sunday 23 June 2.00—3.30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. If possible please bring something to share for afternoon tea.

They will be arriving in Albury about 12 noon on that day. I have volunteered us to provide lunch for them in the parish house. Someone has already volunteered to make soup so we need a volunteer to provide some sandwiches which can be delivered to the presbytery. Since this diocesan mission event is being held in our parish community you are encouraged to come along to listen to their stories of faith and encourage them in their endeavours. RSVP to our parish office by phone or email to assist in calculating numbers attending.



This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Emily Maria Cooper daughter of Daniel & Allison; Harper Elizabeth Lieschke daughter of Craig & Bronwyn.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6 will be celebrated in our parish community on Saturday 17 August at 6pm during our celebration of Eucharist. Parents of Year 6 children not attending St Anne's who wish their child to receive this concluding sacrament of initiation in the Catholic tradition are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Once we have an indication of numbers involved, we will be able to organise a preparation process.

Parent Information & Reflection Evening Monday 17 June at 6.00pm at St Anne's School Library.

Commitment Masses Saturday 22 June 6.00pm and Sunday 23 June 9.30am.

Last weekend our children from Year 3 preparing to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, their parents and families committed themselves to continue to open their lives to the power of God's healing and forgiving love.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held in our parish community on Monday 24 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. All welcome to attend and receive the sacrament of God's healing & forgiveness.

St Vincent de Paul Appeals

This is shaping up to be a brutal winter for many people in our community who live in poverty. St Clare's Conference operate the North Albury Care & Support Centre in Mate Street. We need your help.

- Funds are tight with both reduced donations of goods for sale and restrictions on Government Grants. The Winter Appeal is for cash donations.
- Blanket donations will offset our need to spend in order to replenish our stocks. Whatever you can donate would be greatly appreciated, donations can be dropped into the Centre in Mate Street or left in the box at the back of the Church.
- Volunteers are also needed to assist at the Care & Support Centre. If you have a couple of hours per week/month and would like to assist, please contact Trish Parkinson on 0418 167 644.

Winter appeal envelopes are at the Church doors or on the pews. They can either be posted or brought to Mass.

Philippine Independence Mass

To be held at St Michael's Cathedral Saturday 15 June at 3.00pm. Please bring a plate to share for Merienda Cena in the parish hall after Mass.

Volunteers for Transport to Weekend Masses

Would anyone be interested in taking parishioners to and from Mass on Saturday or Sunday on a roster basis? Please contact Parish Office or Kevin Kennedy 0403 454 987 if you can help.

Also if you know of any parishioner who may need a lift please contact the above.

Children's Liturgy - Special Thanks To:

Martin & Donna Coates of Wodonga Border Carpets for their kind donation of carpet for use during Children's Liturgy which has made their space very comfortable. Pam McIntosh for her kind donation of coloured fabrics for display for the children.

Genn Hamam who has kindly come on board to support with the liturgies. Enquiries welcome Narelle Naughton 0417 216 488 or Louise Fifield 0439 449 714. Children's liturgy will continue on third Sunday of each month. This month it is on Sunday 16 June.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration—St Patrick's Chapel

Weekly Vacant Hours - Fri 7/6—2-3am; Sat 8/6—1-2am & 7-8am; Sun 9/6—1-2am; Mon 10/6—3-4am; Fri 14/6—1-2am & 2-3am; Sat 15/6—1-2am & 7-8am; Sun 16/6—12am-1am & 1-2am; Mon 17/6—3-4am; Wed 19/6—12am-1am. If you can fill any of these times please contact Chemai 0478 416 635 for more info.

Liturgy of the Word

Pentecost Sunday—Year C

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; Rom 8: 8-17; John 14: 15-16, 23-26

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!

Reflection on the Readings

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.

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sante Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration. (Greg Sunter)



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