



Pentecost Sunday

30th /31st May 2020

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Mass at Sacred Heart North Albury

Join our virtual celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday while coronavirus restrictions remain which is broadcast from Xavier High School Chapel.

Simply click on the YouTube link provided on our website. Will be available for your participation by Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Nick Manning from the IT department at Xavier, Cameron Adam, to Ed & Marg Brown and James Burke (website) for their assistance in this regard.

Prayer Resources: Located on parish website under "Latest Newsletter".

From Liturgy Brisbane: The first document contains the Sunday readings with associated commentaries and prayers. It is suggested that families gather to read the scriptures aloud together.

The second resource is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, a family activity and a worksheet for children.

Letter from our new Bishop Mark Edwards

Dear people and clergy of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, Greetings in the Risen Lord. Pope Francis has asked me to be the bishop of Wagga Wagga Diocese and I want to commence our friendship and relationship. I am grateful and am looking forward to being among you. Archbishop Prowse has told me of your love for the Lord and your generosity and faithfulness to Him.

You have waited a long time for a new bishop. I thank you all for your perseverance, your patience and good will, which have enabled the Diocese to function so well over these last three-and-a-half years. With you, I acknowledge and thank Bishop Gerard Hanna, who served the Diocese for over 14 years.

Thank you, also, to Archbishop Christopher Prowse, who will continue to serve as Apostolic Administrator until my installation, and Fr Kevin O'Reilly and Msgr Douglas George, the delegates of the Apostolic Administrator. They have almost certainly served for much longer than they expected. I join with you in gratitude to them and to the staff of the Diocese.

This Diocese was here long before I was called to be Bishop and will be around long after me; that reminds us that this is God's work. Each Sunday we recite that we believe in the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. One meaning of this is that we trust that God is working in and through the Church. For this reason, I experience this appointment as a call from God to be with you and to journey with you as disciple, brother and bishop. Together, as a community of missionary disciples, we will worship, love and evangelise.

I am aware that I have much to learn, particularly about parish life and the joys and challenges of being a Catholic in Wagga Wagga Diocese. Keen to listen to your stories and those of the Diocese, I come humble, with deep interest and love.

As the people and clergy of Wagga Wagga Diocese, we will face many challenges together and can do so with hope and confidence as Jesus is with us to the end of time.

COVID-19 restrictions will make having a large number of people present at the installation of the new bishop impossible, so we will have a quiet beginning after the long wait. Perhaps later we will be able to have a larger formal gathering to celebrate this moment.

Because many of you can't come to me, I will come to you. I do plan to move around and be in various parishes and meet as many of you as possible, as quickly as possible. I look forward to meeting you personally, learning the stories of your communities and working collaboratively with you in living out our mission as disciples of Jesus.

Please pray for me that I may offer the service that the Diocese needs, I will pray for you. Yours in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate

Mark Edwards OMI

Bishop Elect of Wagga Wagga



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Wesley, Judy

Sutherland, Martin Smith, Brendan Glasgow, Margaret Locke, Ella Pallot, Jack Williams, Joan Skidmore, Gerard Sullivan, Joan McLaurin, Bill Rourke, Debbie Yensch, Timothy Davern, Bert Steenbergen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Quirk, Margaret Myles, Bill Hayhoe, May Corrigan, Anne Dempsey, Gordon Rowe, Betty Corrigan, AnneMary Doyle, Ellen Fimister, Connie Hurst, William Packer, Sr Zita Gilbert, Ronald Christian, Kathy Whiteway, Harry Hay, Albert Quinlan, Terence Tame, Tom Emmerson, Bob McInnes, Jack Toner, Daphne Collins, Les Ryan, Jerry Coonan, Vera Burn, Nell Hogan, Billa Esler.

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

Bishop Mark Edwards—New Bishop of Diocese of Wagga Wagga

On Tuesday 26 May Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne was appointed as the sixth Bishop of Wagga Wagga.

Bishop Edwards, who will turn 61 next month, was born in Indonesia and grew up in Adelaide, Darwin and Melbourne's southeast, attending St Leonard's Primary School and Mazenod College. Mazenod was founded by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the order he would eventually join.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 1986 and has held leadership positions within the Australian Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne on November 7 2014 and ordained bishop the following month.

Bishop Edwards' priestly ministry has largely centred on secondary school and seminary education, including serving as rector of Iona College in Brisbane and as aspirants' master and novice master at St Mary's Seminary in Mulgrave.

In addition to his priestly formation and theological training, Bishop Edwards completed a science degree at Monash University, where he also obtained a doctorate in philosophy.

A date for Bishop Mark Edwards' installation is yet to be named.

Let us pray for Bishop Mark as he prepares to lead our Diocese at a very important time in the life of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Unfortunately, rumour has it that Bishop Mark is a Hawthorn supporter!

National Reconciliation Prayer

27th May—3rd June

Creator Spirit, All creation once declared your glory, Your laws were honoured and trusted,

Forgive us our neglect as our country approaches the most critical moment in its history.

Listen to our prayer as we turn to you, hear the cry of our land and its people, just as you heard the cry of Jesus, your Son, on the Cross.

Help us to replace our national shame with true national pride by restoring the dignity of our First People whose antiquity is unsurpassed.

May our faith and trust in you increase.

Only then will our nation grow strong and be a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land.

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

Updated Diocesan Protocols COVID-19 As of 1st June 2020

Churches are open in NSW.

The following liturgical and pastoral protocols are in place.

Eucharist

1. Masses (Sundays & Weekdays) are to be celebrated with no **more than 50 people** (excluding priest and those involved in liturgical ministries) until further notice.

a. Communion in the hand only.

b. 1.5metres distancing.

c. Customary/recommended hygiene practices.

Communion to Sick People and Elderly Persons

2. Communion to sick persons in hospitals, aged care homes or private homes is permitted.

a. Communion in hospitals is to be distributed only by hospital chaplains or hospital pastoral care team.

b. Communion in aged care homes will be subject to individual institutions.

Anointing of the Sick

3. Permitted in general pastoral circumstances, including hospitals, aged care homes and private homes.

a. In hospitals:

i. Restricted to hospital chaplains until further notice.

Funerals and Weddings

4. A total of 50 people allowed for a funeral inside a church.

5. A total of 50 people allowed for a graveside funeral (excluding celebrant and people involved in liturgical ministries).

6. A total of 20 people allowed for a wedding inside a church building (excluding celebrant and those involved in liturgical ministries).

Baptism

7. 10 people permitted inside the Church building (excluding celebrant and those involved in liturgical ministries), with customary/recommended hygiene practices.

Penance

8. First rite of penance, with priest and penitent observing 1.5m spacing.

9. Second rite of penance suspended until further notice.

First Penance, First Holy Communion & Confirmation

10. Suspended until further notice.

Prayer and Social Gatherings

11. No more than 10 people permitted to gather whether inside Church or other Church facility.

Register

12. Parishes and communities are to keep an accurate register of people who come for public and private prayer.

Hygiene

13. Frequently touched surfaces to be regularly cleaned.

It is not practical for us to resume our physical celebration of Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church until attendance numbers have been increased and the internal/external capital works project completed.

Happy Birthday, Lucia Fornasiero!

Our oldest parishioner Lucia Fornasiero celebrated her 105th birthday last Tuesday 26 May.

She got her wish, a new bishop!

We thank God for her shared gift of faith, committed love, and optimistic resilience.

May Your Spirit Strengthen Us

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, the privilege is ours to share in the loving, healing, reconciling mission of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, in this age and wherever we are.

Since without you we can do no good thing, may your Spirit make us wise: may your Spirit guide us; may your Spirit renew us; may your Spirit strengthen us; so that we will be: strong in faith, discerning in proclamation, courageous in

Summary of Report of Parish Council Meeting 21/5

Parish council resumed meeting in line with COVID-19 restrictions, some members in parish house, others online.

1. Fr Martin has received numerous appreciative emails about the streaming of our local parish Mass

2. Liturgy, Outreach and Children's Liturgy groups in recess until Covid-19 restrictions lifted.

3. St Anne's: returning to face to face teaching 25/05/20; Covid-19 has created enormous workload – teachers' commitment has been commendable; Kinder enrolments fully subscribed for 2021

4. Xavier: Yr 12 students resumed full time 11/05/20; other Years being phased in; All looking forward to school returning to 'normal' in the near future

5. St V de P: Restricted service. Demand has decreased

6. Alpha Course being adopted for Covid-19 environment. Details TBA

7. Financial Information: Income has dropped substantially; Details for parishioners to contribute via direct debit on weekly bulletin; Capital Works have started – updates on bulletin;

8. Resumption of regular Mass gathering: After capital works have been completed; When Covid-19 restrictions allow

9. Heartbeat: To be published when community can gather (anticipate mid-August)

10. Plenary Council: Postponed for 12 months – First Assembly now scheduled for Oct 2021 (Adelaide); Second Assembly April 2022 (Sydney) Ed Brown is one of two Diocesan delegates.

Next Meeting: 25/06/2020 Agenda items welcome: Send to bevispurtle@internode.on.net

Update on Capital Works

Clear weather has seen great progress on the removal of old tin and the placement of new roof sheeting on the church. Unfortunately, rotten timber has been discovered on the Mate Street end, which will need to be replaced. We have accepted a quote from Tayloring Constructions for the concreting between the presbytery and the church, both sides of the memorial garden of \$12,183.60 GST inclusive. We are continuing to investigate and prioritise what we can afford regarding improving lighting in the church and addressing latest electrical work safety protocols.

Grounds and Garden Report

Thanks to Heath Naughton for applying broad leaf spray to our lawn areas and for dealing with the weed infestation. Please don't mention the word football to him—The prospect of the Demons being 0 points after four rounds looks a likely outcome!

witness, persistent in good deeds.

*This we ask through the name of the Father. Amen
(from the Church of the Province of the West Indies)*

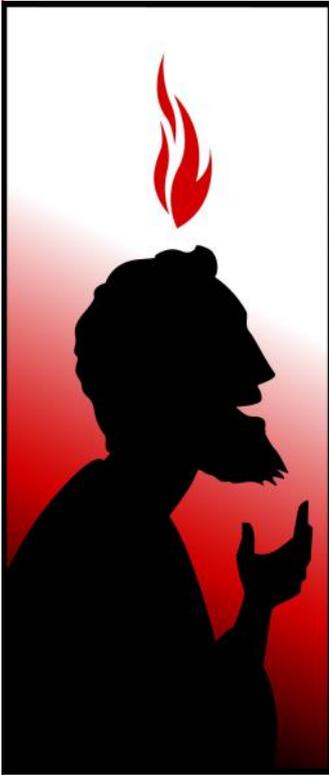
Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1–11

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.'

The Word of the Lord



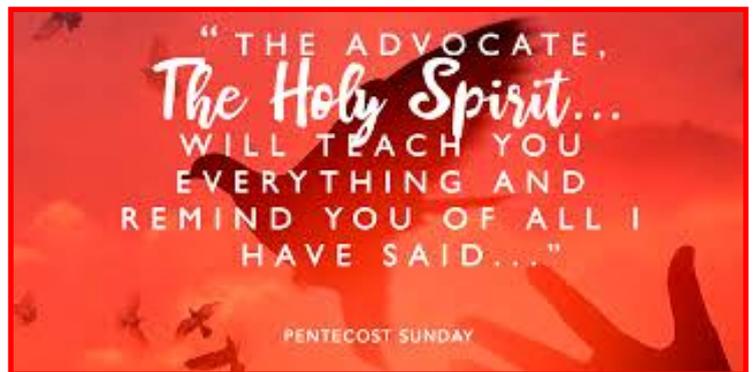
Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1, 24, 29–31, 34

R. 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. **R.**

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.**

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.**



Gospel Acclamation:

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19–23

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.' The Gospel of the Lord