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Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 19 May 2024



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Readings for
next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgical Jottings

Canonicity, Authenticity and Inspiration I

The 73 books in our Bible form the canon of the sacred scriptures. The "canonicity" of a text, or of a book of the Bible, means that it belongs to the canon (the received corpus) of Scripture. This "canonicity" is not tied to its "authenticity," which means that it is attributed to a particular author for example Isaiah or St Paul, but it is accepted by the Church as inspired Scripture. There are anonymous books in the Bible that are attributed to such and such an author: e.g., the Book of Proverbs, supposedly written by Solomon. One can dispute the authenticity of a particular Letter. e.g., the Second Letter of St Peter. Today, it is nowhere suggested-not even in the title in official liturgical books-that the Letter to the Hebrews was written by Paul as was thought for centuries.

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To be continued next week.

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Focus on the Readings

The first reading on Pentecost Sunday each year gives account of the Holy Spirit coming down the Apostles, Mary and the other disciples (Acts 2:1-11). They were gathered on the festival of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover. It commemorates Moses receiving from God the Ten Commandments. Now it is the new Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ who promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and lead them to the complete truth (John 16:13, part of the Gospel for the day).

Pentecost Poem (the Sequence)

There are four sequences in the current Roman Lectionary. The present Pentecost sequence "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" dates back to the late 12th century and was translated in the 1960's, it contains 10 verses and is said or sung after the second reading at Mass.

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Quote of the Day

Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now. *Henri Nouwen*

Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians

Blessed Virgin Mary, under this title, is the National co-Patroness of Australia celebrated this year on Friday 24 May.

On the Lighter Side

The Lectionary has a line above the second reading of Pentecost Sunday cycles B and C that reads: "Ad libitum". The reader exclaims: "That's great, I can just ad lib St Paul and leave out all those nasty words! Not so, Ad Lib means the celebrant/homilist may choose Cycle A or B readings.



FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th May - 8.30am – Pentecost Sunday
Tue 21st May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass
Thu 23rd May - 9.15am – St Patrick's school environmental day Mass.

Sat 25th May - 6pm

Weekly Masses

Sun 26th May - 8.30am
Tue 28th May – 9.30am Whole College National Reconciliation Week Mass – Brigidine Centre FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony
Tue 28th May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Olive McElroy, Daniel Lingard, Frances Corso, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Msgr Frank Hickey, Frank Pigatto, Tim Rawlings, Fay Herrick, Alexis Delahenty

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Saturday 25 May at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll
Lector – J Harris
Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 26 May 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara
Lector – J Chant
Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 2 June 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant
Lector – M Carver
Special Minister – N Livsey

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day (Tuesday 5pm & Thursday 9.15am)
Saturday-2nd and 4th Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

MERRIGUM: Third Sunday of month 12 noon

RECONCILIATION – Second Saturday of month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

ANointing MASS - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is coming up on Saturday 18 May. From 10am until 12 noon at Edis Park.

MICROPHONE WORKSHOP

All lectors and commentators are encouraged to attend a microphone workshop on Sunday 2nd June after 8.30am Mass. This workshop is intended to improve the quality of the sound in our church. If you are unable to attend please see Brendon Lane to arrange another time.

MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial mass for the soul of Tim Rawlings will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 5.00pm. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Today at Mass the sacramental children will be presented with their workbooks. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers, as they start their faith journey.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

On Tuesday 28 May at 9.30am the whole college of St Augustine's is holding a National Reconciliation Mass and FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony in the Brigidine Centre. All welcome.

CCR SANDHURST

'Alive in the Holy Spirit' Guest Presenter: Sandra Bishop Victorian Coordinator of Catholic School of Evangelisation Saturday 25 May, at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre St Brendan's Shepparton Knight St, Shepparton 9.30 cuppa - 3.30pm Entry by Donation. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196 Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282 Denise Illot : 0407 506 813

VENI PRAYER

*V. Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful.
R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.
V. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created
R. And you shall renew the face of the Earth.
Let us pray: O God, you have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant us in the same Spirit to be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish.
May God bless you, always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 1050.50

WORLD SCHIZOPHRENIA AWARENESS DAY

May 24, 2024 is World Schizophrenia Awareness Day. Schizophrenia is a serious mental disorder in which people interpret reality abnormally. It may result in some combination of hallucinations, delusions and extremely disordered thinking and behaviours that impair daily functioning. Lifelong treatment is required, hopefully following early treatment to get symptoms under control before serious complications develop. Please prayer for those with this illness.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SEMINARS

These Seminars are being offered at St. Killian's Parish in Bendigo on Tuesday 21 May, 5:30pm start and at St. Liborius Parish in Eaglehawk on Saturday, 25 May, 10:30am start.

Each seminar begins with a Keynote Presentation. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries. This will be followed by a choice of three workshop options: 1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter; 2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; 3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries.

For Bookings or more info the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNRVB>

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are now being held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the church eg dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. This is instead of a roster. If you are able to spend some time helping with cleaning duties please put your name on the clip board provided in the gathering space. The next working bee will be on Saturday the 1st June.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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TAP AND GO

We have installed our new Tap and go donation tap point. The machine is easy to use, tap on the amount you wish to donate and then tap your card. This is a donation machine only and **can't** be used for planned giving. Please contact the office if you would like any more information or assistance in using the machine.

HOME COMMUNION

Our Parish offers home communion, if anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 5852 1310.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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“We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable.” *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

Breaking Open the Word

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

In 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.
Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Today's first reading begins with the words: ‘When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place.’ (Acts 2:1). Earlier in 1:13-14 we learn that with them ‘were certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers’. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer (v. 14). It is in this context of a community in prayer that there arose the sound of a powerful wind and something like tongues of fire came to rest on them as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately they were changed, boldly proclaiming the good news in language understandable to all. Our reading finishes with the list of places people had come from. A very pertinent question is asked in the verse following today's reading: (v. 12) ‘What does this mean?’ It is a question as much for us as for them.

Paul's Letter to the Galatians entreats us to live lives ‘directed by the Spirit’ – lives in which the fruits of the Spirit unfold and blossom, the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness.

John's Gospel names the Spirit ‘the Advocate’ and ‘Spirit of Truth’ who issues from God. Believers in the risen Christ are not alone. The Advocate who witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ, will lead believers to the complete truth: ‘And you too will be witnesses’. From then till now believers are filled with the Holy Spirit and are to be witnesses to the truth of Jesus and the Good News. Our lives will be recognisable by the fruits of the Spirit.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP 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 Alleluia!)

I. 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.

THE SAVING WORD

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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

Gal 5: 16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The fruit of the Spirit.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, and the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course.