

**Pentecost Sunday**

**28 May 2023**



*Readings for this week:*  
Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13  
John 20:19-23



*Readings for next Sunday:*  
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18



## Liturgical Jottings Pentecost

This feast that marks the end of the great fifty days of rejoicing of Easter. Its name is derived from the Greek “*Pentecoste*” – fifty days” and in turn from the Hebrew “*Shabuoth* or *Chavuot*”, the feast of weeks. In one way we can say it is the first of the Christian feasts because it pre-dates Christ.

Pentecost/Chavout was a feast of thanksgiving for the wheat harvest and in time came the feast of the celebration of the covenants given to Noah and Abraham and then to Moses at the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Christians celebrate the feast as the giving or descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples (Acts 2:1-14). From Ascension to Pentecost the Collect Prayers give a particular emphasis on the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings renewal, gifts, unity and leads us to truth and eternal life.

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## Looking at the Readings

“O breathe on me, breath of God, Fill me with life a-new” is a classical hymn written by Edwin Hatch in 1878 and published in 321 hymn books. Each verse begins with the same words: “Breathe on me, breath of God. The breath of God is heard at the dawn of creation (Gen 1:2; 2:7), it enlivens the dry bones in Ezekiel’s vision (Ezek 37:9-10 – the vigil of Pentecost third reading) and Jesus breathes on the apostles to receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22, Gospel) The breath of God is life-giving, renewing and it symbolises the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost commemorates the marvellous acts of God from creation, resurrection of Christ, the inauguration of the new covenant and the birth of the Church.

The liturgy of Pentecost transcends time by constantly making present the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit and the graces of the mystery on each one of us. The readings of the Liturgy of the Word are very familiar to us. May we hear them anew and let the words refresh us in our faith and actions.

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

## Quote for the Day

Let us not doubt that when on Pentecost the Holy Spirit filled the Lord’s disciples, he was not giving his gift for the first time but was rather extending a gift already given. The patriarchs, the prophets, the priests, and all the saints of earlier times were nourished by the same sanctifying spirit. No sacrament was ever instituted, no mystery ever celebrated, that did not involve his grace. The power of his gifts had ever been the same, though the gifts had not previously been given in so great a measure. Leo the Great, Sermon 76


## Pope Francis Pentecost Homily 2022

Holy Spirit invites us to forget ourselves and to open our hearts to all. In that way, he makes the Church grow young. We need to remember this: the Spirit rejuvenates the Church. The Church cannot be “programmed” nor are efforts at “modernization” enough: The Spirit liberates us from obsession with emergencies. He beckons us to walk his paths, ever ancient and ever new, the paths of witness, poverty and mission, and in this way, he sets us free from ourselves and sends us forth into the world.

## On the Lighter Side

Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us.



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Teresa Muto
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Antonietta Nigro
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Bernie Maher, Bill Moroney, May Turvey,

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sat 6:00 pm 3 June	Carol Coulston	Peter Crombie	Shelia Gregg	J Caiafa D Hamilton	N/A	Mary Gale
Sun 10:30 am 4 June	Debbie Worm	Ross Kelly	Doreen Corrigan	Steve & Simone De Lai	Evert Worm	TBA Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 11 June	Mary Gale	Debbie Worm	Mary Vraca	A Basile M Sgammotta	Ross Kelly	TBA Trish Warnett
Sat 6:00 pm 17 June	Carol Coulston	Mary Vraca	Peter Crombie	J Caiafa D Hamilton	N/A	Mary Gale
Sun 10:30 am 18 June	Rob Miller	Anne Marie Nihl	Connie Serra	Barry & Jan Low	Steve De Lai	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 25 June	Debbie Worm	Dean Filgate	Delphi Hamilton	D Bourke D Turvey	Anna Ciavarella	Mary Gale Trish Warnett

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> May

### Weekday Mass

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May No Mass  
 Tue 30<sup>th</sup> May No Mass  
 Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May 9:15 am Mass  
 Thur 1<sup>st</sup> June No Mass  
 Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9:15 am Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June 6:00 pm Mass  
 Sun 4<sup>th</sup> June 10:30 am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June No Mass  
 Tue 6<sup>th</sup> June No Mass  
 Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 am Mass  
 Thur 8<sup>th</sup> June No Mass  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 am Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June No Mass  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June 10:30 am

**Reconciliation** 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## Prayer for our Sacramental Candidates

Heavenly Father, God of power and of love.  
 We pray for all the children who are preparing for the  
 Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope  
 and love and may they come to know you as the one  
 true God who loves them without limit.

May their hearts welcome you gladly;

May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures;

May their eyes see you in all things;

And may they proclaim your glory  
 as they walk in the ways of Jesus Christ,  
 our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

Annie Aikman  
 Albert Borzillo  
 Blake Bunfield  
 Mietta Crawford  
 Anabella Cricelli  
 Sophia Cricelli  
 Eva Hernandez  
 Harlow Jones  
 Nate Jones  
 Lucia Marquina

Tyrelle Marquez  
 Evie Maskell  
 Kate McCarthy  
 Luca Mercuri  
 Page Sanford  
 Belle Tracey-Glover  
 Alfio Trazzera  
 Harrison Whitford  
 Hamish Ford

## Items for Sale

There is a beautiful assortment of Rosaries for sale in  
 the Narthex. These will make a perfect gift for a  
 confirmation or birthday. We also have rosaries  
 bracelets and Christian medallions.

## Themes for Pentecost Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

The Mass readings for Pentecost Year A clearly emphasize the role of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit's gifts, we are empowered to share the message of Jesus Christ with the world. This important day marks the birth of the Church and is celebrated 50 days after Easter, signifying the end of the Easter season.

**The Holy Spirit's role in the inception and growth of the Church:** In the first reading from Acts, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, enabling them to speak in different languages and leading to the conversion of thousands. This event marked the beginning of the Church, and the Holy Spirit continued to play a vital role in its growth and development.

**The diverse gifts given by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of the Church:** In the second reading for Pentecost Year A, Paul emphasizes the importance of the various gifts given by the Holy Spirit, such as prophecy, healing, and teaching, among others. These gifts are meant to be used for the benefit of the entire body of Christ and to build up the Church.

**The unity of the Church as one body in Christ through the Holy Spirit:** Paul compares the Church to a human body, made up of many parts that work together to function as one body. In the same way, the Church is a unified body in Christ through the Holy Spirit, with each member playing a unique role in building up the Church.

**The power of the Holy Spirit to empower believers for Christ's work in the world:** In the Gospel reading for Pentecost Year A, Jesus breathes on his disciples, giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissioning them to continue his work of forgiveness and reconciliation in the world. Through the Holy Spirit, believers are empowered to do the work of Christ and to spread the gospel message to all nations.

The message of forgiveness and reconciliation through Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit: In the Gospel reading, Jesus commissions his disciples to forgive

sins, emphasizing the message of forgiveness and reconciliation that is central to the gospel message. This message is empowered by the Holy Spirit, who gives believers the power to share this message and to continue the work of Christ in the world.

## Reflection Questions for Pentecost Year A

- How does the Holy Spirit empower individuals to spread the good news of Christ?
- What are the unique gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to each member of the Church?
- How does Paul use the analogy of the human body to describe the unity of the Church through the Holy Spirit?
- How does the gift of the Holy Spirit empower the disciples to continue the work of Christ in the world?
- In what ways can we be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and cooperate with the Spirit's work in our lives?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us communicate the Gospel to diverse communities in ways that are accessible and meaningful to them?
- What is the importance of listening to the stories and experiences of people who are different from us, in the context of sharing the Gospel?
- How can we be agents of God's love in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit?

## National Sorry Day

On 26th May, we celebrated NATIONAL SORRY DAY when we commemorate the Stolen Generation and we are now in NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK with the theme BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS – a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. <https://nsw.reconciliation.org.au/> For ideas on reconciliation actions, go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/05/10/national-sorry-day-and-national-reconciliation-week/>



**Tuesday 13 June 2023, 1pm**  
Kyabram Sports and Entertainment Centre  
*Featuring Grade 5 and 6 students from*  
Sacred Heart PS Tatura; St Luke's PS Shepparton;  
St Joseph's PS Nagambie; St Mel's PS Shepparton and St John's PS Euroa  
**This is a FREE event for all families and friends of our school communities.**  
Bookings essential: [trybooking.com/CHWPK](https://trybooking.com/CHWPK) (or scan QR code).  
Please allow time to locate parking.



The year 5 and year 6 students from Sacred Heart, Tatura will be performing and we would like to invite your parish community to attend this celebration of the Arts.

Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 1pm at Kyabram Sports & Entertainment Centre

## Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.