

Pentecost Sunday

31 May 2020



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

Liturgical Language III

From the Protestant Reformation and the Counter Reformation. Latin was used in the Catholic West, in Eastern Churches various ancient and local languages were used in the liturgy. A few exceptions were in some Eastern European nations and in the New World, e.g. Mexico and China where local languages were approved and adopted. But after Pius V Roman Missal was promulgation in 1570 these exceptions were suppressed for about 200 years. With Vatican Council II the vernacular languages were re-introduced and after 40-50 years many indigenous languages were approved. Pope Francis approved the Mayan language Missal in 2013.

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Looking at the Readings

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he 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.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

New Feast: Mary, Mother of the Church

Is celebrated as a Memorial on the day after Pentecost. The Pope wishes to promote this devotion to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful."

Pope Francis Pentecost Homily

In the age of the computer, distances are increasing: the more we use the social media, the less social we are becoming. We need the Spirit of unity to regenerate us as Church, as God's People and as a human family. 9 June 2019

On the Lighter Side

A frugal parishioner walked into the house panting and almost exhausted. "What happened, honey?" inquired his wife. He replied: "After the parish finance meeting on saving resources I decided to run home behind the bus and save the \$2.50 fare." "That wasn't very bright," replied his flustered wife. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save \$15?"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	Sandy O'Sullivan, Dixon's Family, Cecilia Bannan

National Reconciliation Week

We are in the midst of **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK** with the theme **IN THIS TOGETHER** (words now resonating in ways not foreseen when announced last year, but reminding us whether in crisis or in reconciliation we are all #InThisTogether) a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures & achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/> For the Church, it's a time to reflect on how we can become "more fully the Church Jesus wants us to be" (Pope JP II 1986). In the lead-up to the Plenary, NATSICC has developed guidelines for embracing Aboriginal peoples in the life of the Church <http://www.natsicc.org.au/assets/eatsicc> [May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum when Australians voted to remove discriminatory clauses in the Constitution. June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision recognizing Aboriginal peoples' rights over their lands.]

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE: DAILY STEPS TOWARDS RECONCILIATION

Today I will treat everyone equally and fairly.
 Today I will respect the rights of others no matter who they are.
 Today I will be sensitive and thoughtful to those around me.
 Today I will see people and not colours or race or clothes labels.
 Today I will accept that everybody is unique and special in some way.
 Today I will talk to someone I don't usually talk to.
 Today I will speak out against racism, discrimination and injustice.
 Today I won't shut out someone because they don't fit with my group.
 Today I won't laugh at racist jokes.
 Today I won't make fun of someone who cannot speak English.
 Today I won't be condescending and patronising towards others.
 Today I won't judge someone on how they look.
 Today I won't start a sentence with "I'm not racist but..."
 Today I will speak out against racism, discrimination and injustice.

Rosary & Mass on Wednesday Morning

Commencing on Wednesday 3rd June, Fr John Paul, will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday Mornings at 9:15 am.

We are limited to 20 people for Mass and the Rosary, and you will need to fill in the attendance form.

Rosary will commence at 9:00 am

Please note the Church will be closed at 10:00 am following Mass.

The Church has to be cleaned after each Mass so if you are able to help, please let Mary know.

STARTING 6TH JUNE – 20 PEOPLE CAN ATTEND mass

Starting on Saturday 6th June 20 people will be able to attend Mass.

Fr John Paul will be celebrating Mass on Saturday and Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am. For bookings call Mary on 0484 332 397.

It is essential that you book in with Mary by Wednesday each week. If you have not booked in unfortunately you not be able to attend.

Please be understanding that at this time, you can only attend one Mass service, unfortunately at this stage you cannot attend every week, as we have many people who would like to come to Mass.

Hopefully we will all be celebrating Mass together as a whole Parish soon. In the meantime we will continue to upload the Mass service on a Sunday Morning to our website and Facebook page.

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FRIDAY MORNINGS – 11:00 AM UNTIL 12:00

A maximum of 10 people are allowed in the Church at any one time. You will need to fill in the attendance form.

