



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

Liturgy and Politics II

The liturgy is the full public worship of God by the church as mystical body of Christ (SC, 7), principally the celebration of the sacraments. By word and symbol, it encounters the Lord who died and rose in human history and will return in glory. The liturgy is therefore a powerful source of transformation and understanding for persons and communities (SC, 5–10, 47–48, 59). The faithful are enriched with divine life and transformed for worship and service as God's holy people. The church's mandate is to teach, preach forgiveness, and witness reconciliation to all nations until the end of time (Mt 28:18–20). The liturgy thus has decidedly temporal and political effects and implications. The church is part of the human community and must proclaim the gospel, defend the God-given dignity of each person and promote justice and peace in the human community.

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Looking at the Readings

Unlike most feast days the event of Pentecost is not found in the Gospel but in the first reading. The Acts of the Apostles starts with the Ascension of the Lord and the starting of the mission of the apostles and their communities. The reading begins with: "On the day of Pentecost ..." The day was a pre-existing feast day in the life of the Jewish nation and faith. Fifty days after the Passover and now fifty days after the Lord's Resurrection.

The Gospel does include an account of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles – even prior to Pentecost. This tells us several things. The Spirit comes at any time – not dependent on the calendar or our timetable. The Spirit comes for a variety of purposes. After the resurrection Jesus came among them, said: "Peace be with you!" He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." He brings peace and the authority to forgive sins. (John 20:19-23) The Spirit comes to give strength and the ability to communicate (Acts 2) and the Spirit comes to give us a variety of gifts (1 Cor 12:3-7).

Quote for the Day

"Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God: The Father is your table, the Son is your food, and the Holy Spirit waits on you and then makes His dwelling in you." — St. Catherine of Siena

Pope Leo XIV Pentecost Homily

Brothers and sisters, the Spirit also opens borders between peoples. At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict but rather a shared patrimony from which we can all draw, and which sets us all on journey together, in fraternity. Pentecost renews the Church and the world! May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns.

(St Peter's Sunday, 8 June 2025)

On the Lighter Side

A husband and wife are sitting in church. The preacher notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, "Wake your husband up!" The wife answers, "You're the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!"



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Antonietta Nigro,
	Our sick and their carers	Philomena Lo Piccolo, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

Sunday 31st May – School Mass 10:30am

Please note that this will be a school organised Mass and is different to the roster.

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Worm
Screen Operator: School Representative
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

Saturday 6th June 5:00pm

Commentator: Domelina Phelan
Reader: Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession: Delphi Hamilton
Gifts: J Caiafa & M Vraca
Screen Operator: Anne Hutchison
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 7th June 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
Reader: Gem Reyes
Gospel Procession: Catherine O'Toole
Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
Eucharistic Minister: Ross Kelly
Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: L & D Worm

Sunday 14th June 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
Reader: John Keane
Gospel Procession: Anna Ciavarella
Gifts: S Gregg & D Phelan
Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Worm
Screen Operator: Lou Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 27th May

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 27th May 9:15am
Friday 29th May 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 31st May 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 3rd June 9:15am
Friday 5th June 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6th June 5:00pm
Sunday 7th June 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)

4th Sunday of the month: Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

Shared lunch today following Mass.

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be Wednesday 3rd June.

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.



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Last week: \$ 1229.00

May God bless you always.



Thank you

Thank you to all of the volunteers who spoke in their native language today for Pentecost Sunday.

Holy Spirit, breathe into our hearts and let us inhale the tenderness of the Father. Breathe upon the Church, so that she may spread the Gospel with joy. Breathe upon the world the fresh restoration of hope.

Pope Francis

Names on Prayer List: Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting: Wednesday 3rd June at 5:30pm in the Church.

Gluten Free Hosts: Please Trish or Fr Uday know if you require gluten free hosts.

Planned Giving Program: The current Planned Giving Program will renew in June. If anyone would like to either join the program or revise your giving amount please let us know by emailing the parish (tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) or letting Trish know before the new envelopes are ordered. Please note all changes or additions need to be advised by next weekend. Thank you.

Faith Sharing Group: all welcome to attend a Faith Sharing group on the 4th Wednesday of each month commencing next Wednesday May 27th at 6pm in the Presbytery. Please contact Denice Bourke for further information.

Sacred Heart Winter Appeal: Sacred Heart School is taking donations of perishable goods, toiletries, blankets etc. for St Vincent de Paul. These will be collected and delivered to Vinnies on the Founders Day and Feast of the Sacred Heart. If you would like to donate please drop them off at the school by 12th June.

Volunteers within the Parish: Volunteers are reminded that they need to complete the volunteers form. Parishioners who visit and take Communion to the sick need to have a Working with Children Check

Wills & Bequeaths: There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths. Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

PROMULGATION OF RESOURCES FOR PARISH PLANNING Pentecost Sunday at 11am Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator will promulgate resources to assist parishes in preparing a Parish Mission and Pastoral Plan. The resources, prepared by the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life, focus on renewal and aim to assist parishes to intentionally plan for a future in line with the Diocesan Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals. Online sessions to “unpack” these resources will be held on 3 and 4 June. It is recommended that Parish Leaders participate in one of the four online sessions, in which Geoff Gowdie, Assistant Director of Mission and Pastoral Life will walk participants through the parish planning process and these resources. To register for an online “unpacking the Parish Planning Process” session, please go to Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMJYF>

Fire and Spirit of Life

Pentecost Year A is a celebration of the Holy Spirit coming to the followers of Jesus. It is a feast that reminds us of how God's Spirit gives life, courage, and strength. The readings show how God's power works in many ways, from creation to the birth of the Church.

This day is often called the birthday of the Church. The Spirit came with wind and fire, filling the disciples with new energy. They spoke in many languages, showing that the message of Jesus is for all people. What once was scattered is now brought together.

The gift of the Spirit is not only for the first disciples but for us today. Pentecost Year A reminds us that God's Spirit is always at work. He guides us, helps us pray, and unites us as one body in Christ. This feast calls us to live in the Spirit each day.

Pentecost Year A celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The readings show how the Spirit brings unity, renewal, and guidance to God's people.

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. It is when the Church was birthed, and so the original first Pentecost recorded in Acts 1-2 was the day of birth (birth day) of the Church, and subsequent anniversaries of it are its birthday.

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your wisdom and strength. Help us to listen to your guidance and follow the path of Jesus. Give us courage to share your love with others. Bring peace and unity to your Church. Teach us to trust in you always. Amen.

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 our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

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 years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering “Building Communities of Belonging”, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 “Growing as Communities of Mission”. The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynotes, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

BISHOP RENÉ RAMIREZ RCJ INSTALATION

On 11 April Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop René Ramirez RCJ as the ninth Bishop of Sandhurst. He will be installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral on 30 July at 11am. Save the date. All welcome. Until that time, Fr Brian Boyle will continue to serve as Diocesan Administrator.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org. World Mission Ros

Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile – over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide. Stand with the people of Lebanon today.

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it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

■ 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

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

PEACE BE WITH YOU

In today's story from John, set on Easter day, Jesus' disciples are frightened. The doors of the room where they gather are locked. They are frightened of the religious authorities. Perhaps they think that what happened to their hero, Jesus, might also happen to them. Into the midst of their fear and locked room, the Risen Jesus comes. His first words are of peace, 'Peace be with you'. This is more than a statement to be calm and not frightened. It is Jesus' gift of wholeness, of *shalom* (Hebrew). It is his prayerful gift for them to come to a deep spirit of internal communion and calmness trusting in his presence.

It is this fearful group of disciples that Jesus commissions to be on mission—a theme familiar from Matthew's Gospel last week: The future of the Jesus movement is not entrusted to a comfortable, secure and fully integrated group of leaders. It is to a group of ordinary, struggling people that the mission is given. But they are not alone in this. Jesus' breath is the externalisation of his presence and being. This is given to the disciples who imbue his spirit, calming them, and giving them the confidence to reveal God's communion with all, despite their foibles or spiritual struggles.

This is the spirit that forgives 'sin'—that experience or marker of disruption, dis-ease and fear. Jesus' breath, received by the Eleven is about to permeate the cosmos through the commissioned ministry and reaffirmed in John's Pentecost story.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

24 MAY 2026

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!)

1. 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.**
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

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so