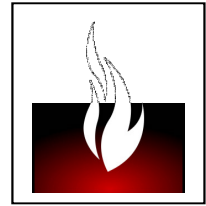


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Pentecost Sunday (C)
Sunday 15th May 2016



Scripture Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed in this pouring out of God's Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church and in our world.

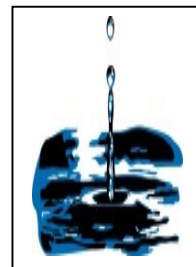
Recent Deaths: Fr Cyril Blake, Robyn Lines, Tom Murphy

Anniversaries: Catherine Davis, Terry Grigg, Margaret (Peg) Kennedy, Paul Madden,
Mary Ann Neville, Alma Norden, Marie Scanlon, Jane Turner

Next week's readings: *Sunday 22nd May 2016* *The Most Holy Trinity (C)*
Proverbs 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism the children who have been part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

George Tyler Grigg	son of Nigel & Michelle
Taj Jonathon Bobrowski	son of Jamie & Lauren
Riley Huntley Wastell	son of Paul & Stacy
Liam John & Jaryd Patrick Morrison	sons of David & Kellie
Layla Ruby Halliwell	daughter of Brett & Karen



May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.

Apostolic Exhortation (papal document)

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and family life, in which he presents and develops the outcomes of the two Synods on this subject. The title of the Apostolic Exhortation is *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'.

You can download the text of the Exhortation below or read the summary document and Q&A provided by the Vatican. <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/blog>

Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns

The proposal to offer a Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns has been reconsidered in the light of the level of distress that this proposal has prompted. A public gathering for Mass in an environment of protest would raise concerns for public safety, exacerbate the pain and suffering of victim survivors and compromise the occasion as one of prayer. The Mass for Bishop Mulkearns was proposed in line with the Catholic practice of prayer for those who have died. However, the adverse reaction to the proposal must be listened to and the concerns heeded, so the Mass will not proceed. The regular 12.05 pm Mass at the Cathedral will be celebrated on Monday.

OLHC Parish Coordinator Vacancy

OLHC Parish Wendouree invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Coordinator (12 hours per week). From Monday May 16th a role description and application form can be accessed on the Diocesan Web-site <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/> search Employment or Wendouree Parish

Ballarat Interfaith Network

Bus trip to The Great Stupa's remarkable light show, in Bendigo, Saturday May 28th, for more information or to book tickets phone 0477477658 or go to <https://goo.gl/lfGehl>

Parenting Strategies for Teenage Success – Free Community Event

Success Coach, Darren Pereira, is founder and managing director of Success Integrated. His presentation will provide you with practical tools on how to create a positive home environment conducive to raising a child's academic performance, mental health and wellbeing. Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Damascus College, Ballarat, John Shannon Centre at 7.00 pm. Go to the Damascus College website to book your free tickets online at www.damascus.vic.edu.au.

Infant Viability Bill

Please show your support for the, which seeks to prevent abortions post 24 weeks, and the beautiful lives it will save by attending the Infant Viability Bill Rally: At 2pm – 3:30pm on Saturday 21st of May In front of the steps of Parliament House, Spring Street, East Melbourne (Please gather at 1:30pm in the Parliament Gardens, corner of Spring St. and Albert St., for a 2pm start) We must prove to the Victorian Parliament, through our presence at this rally, that Victoria wants this change! Every life deserves a lifetime. For more details, please visit us at www.infantviability.org.au

PROCLAIM 2016

Early Bird Registrations are now open for the PROCLAIM conference to be held in Sydney from September 1-3, 2016. Participants will gain invaluable support, ideas and pastoral initiatives for their parish communities from keynote speakers Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington, Bishop Nicholas Hudson of the Archdiocese of Westminster; Dr Susan Timoney (Washington) and Mr Daniel Ang Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. Complementing these keynotes, specialists from a wide variety of fields from all over Australia will deliver practical workshops specifically designed to promote and cultivate evangelising parishes in the local context. Go to website for more information <http://proclaimconference.com.au/>

menALIVE Men's Weekend - Hamilton

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. St Mary's Parish Hamilton is hosting a menALIVE weekend on July 30 & 31, 2016. Contact John Hockey 0439 319 823 manager@stmaryshamilton.org.au Pasquale Mammone (W/bool) 0438 247 765, pasquale_mammone@yahoo.com.au The weekend commences Saturday at 8:30am and concludes at 1:30pm on Sunday. Billed accommodation will be available. More information can be found at www.stmaryshamilton.org.au Online Bookings www.trybooking.com.au/KNVH

Celebrating First Communion in the Cathedral Parish

Many children (and their families) are participating in the Parish Eucharist program in preparation for the children's first reception of Holy Communion. First Communion will be celebrated over the coming two weekends (May 21st – 22nd and May 28th – 29th) on the Feasts of the Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ at the 6.30 pm, 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses. We continue to pray for these children, their parents, families, catechists and teachers.

Council for Australian Catholic Women's Colloquium 2016

The CACW Colloquium will be held this year on September 17 & 18 at Mary Mackillop Place in North Sydney. The Colloquium theme, Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel will set the scene for theological and pastoral reflection on Pope Francis' call to "create still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church" (Evangelii Gaudium 103). The keynote addresses and workshops will examine this theme and consider the issues facing women in the family, women in the Church and women in society. Expressions of Interest can be registered on the Colloquium web-site www.cacwcolloquium.org.au

Collections Envelopes \$4,671.00(includes direct debits)

Parish Loose \$453.20 Presbytery \$2,229.00

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Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Phone 5331 2933

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Cathedral Parish Masses	May 21 st /22 nd	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton		
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm	8.30am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm Cathedral			
Tuesday	9.30am Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Wednesday	9.30am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30am Redan	11.30 am St John of God	12.05pm Cathedral	
Friday	9.30am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral	1.30 pm Benediction	
Saturday	10.00am Cathedral			

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am