

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Pentecost Sunday Year B – 19th May



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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation.

We are a child safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Bishop of Ballarat:
Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR

Parish Administrator:

Fr Ed Moloney

Assistant Priests:

Fr James McKay

Fr Francis Kureeckal MST

Priest in Charge of Syro Malabar Community:

Fr Alex Valliyamthadathil

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Tony Beggs

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

Safeguarding Officers:

Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

Readings this week: Pentecost Sunday Year B (19th May)

First: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 **Second:** 1 Corinthians 12:3, 12-13 **Gospel:** John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Readings next week: The Most Holy Trinity Year B (26th May)

First: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 **Second:** Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



RECENT DEATHS:

Donna Maree Marshall

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Auchetl, Joan Blood, Ante Bozic, Gerard Britt, John Burke, Francis Callahan, Annie Carpenter, Iris Carrigg, Gerard Cullinan, Catherine Davis, Camillo De Grazia, Maurice Dunford, Kevin Gottlieb, Paul Gleeson, John Grant, James Hancock, Bernadette Hodges, Kathleen Lorensini, Norah Mahar, Ciril Mauric, Loyola McKenzie, Francis McKew, James McMahan, Nanette Murnane, Sr Claudia (Ellen Murphy), Steve Nowaski, Bryan O'Loughlan, Kathleen O'Rourke, Constance Pollard, Maria Schildt, Gianfranco Selvatino, Fr Barry Stickland, Maurice Tobin, Michael Twomey, Dinny Verdoorn, Graham Wiseman

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Reflection on the Gospel-Pentecost Sunday Year B
(John 15:26-27, 16:12-15) -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 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. In the decades following 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, 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 tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John where Jesus speaks of the Spirit as both Advocate and Spirit of Truth who is "sent" by Jesus and comes forth from the "Father". The Spirit will testify on Jesus' behalf. While this passage from John becomes central to the later discussions about the nature of the Trinity and the fourth century formulation of the creeds, the focus of Jesus' words in the context of John's gospel is on the disciples and their way of being in the world. The message of the Johannine Jesus is that "you too will testify/bear witness". Jesus is speaking to disciples who have been with him "from the beginning". They are those who know what it means to abide, to "hang in there" through the challenging as well as the good times. They have listened and learned and so have the capacity to testify or bear witness.

The expression "Spirit of truth" has a particular resonance in the present climate of "fake news/fake wisdom" and "spin" or distortion of truth, in what Australian social psychologist Hugh Mackay dubs the "Age of Opinion". The Spirit of truth will guide the first disciples "into all the truth". The Spirit of truth will continue to guide disciples throughout the ages into a deep understanding of truth. This is the message of the Johannine Jesus for us in our times as much as it was for disciples in the first century of the common era. We too are called to listen, to learn and to remain constant in our commitment to the truth. We know that we are never alone, that the Spirit of truth is the source of our power to testify to the truth. As we pray "Come Holy Spirit" this Pentecost, let us renew our commitment to the pursuit of truth.

Eucharistic Sacramental Program

Presentation Mass Saturday May 18th 5:30, Sunday May 19th 10:30 & 5:00pm

The parish-based preparation course for children (non-Catholic school) continues for children with their parent or guardian at **5:30pm Tuesday 21st May**.

Eucharistic Celebrations 25th/26th May and June 1st/2nd and June 15th/16th

Contact Tony 53 312933 for registrations and details.

PRESENTATION MASS FOR CANDIDATES

LEADER: I now invite the children to come forward to receive a copy of the New Testament which contains the life of Jesus and the Early Church.

LEADER: Please receive God's Word and in your reading and prayer, come to know Jesus who is our Saviour and friend.

LEADER: *(Hands the Word of God to the children).*

LEADER: Parish Community, may you continue to pray for these young children and their families as they shape their lives after the example and love shown by Jesus.

Ballarat Diocesan Committee Catholic Women's League.

An invitation is extended to all to the Diocesan Conference/Reflection Day on Thursday May 23rd in the Mary Glowrey Room with registration at 9.15am.

Conference 10am - 3 pm

including 12.05pm Mass in the Cathedral with the Crowning of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Guest speakers - flyers in Cathedral Porch

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Stalls and Competitions - Cash only

Registration \$20 - cash only. Registration essential and RSVP

to Margaret Rowe by May 20 on 0419 114 436 or margrowe@bigpond.com

or to C Kavanagh at 0401 175 045 annekav1234@gmail.com

St Patrick's Cathedral Finance Committee

Michael Kearney has tendered his resignation as Chair and member of the St Patrick's Cathedral Finance Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael for his generous work and commitment to the role whilst I have been at St Patrick's. God bless you for the future.

I would also like to inform the St Patrick's community that I have asked Pat McOwan to take on the role as Chair of the St Patrick's Finance Committee and Pat has kindly accepted. We look forward to Pat's continued generous presence on our committed Team. Fr Ed

Personal Reflection on Pentecost Sunday Year B

Fiona Bradley

"Come, Holy Spirit, come!" So begins the Sequence we hear at Mass on Pentecost Sunday invoking the Spirit to come upon us and refresh our weary hearts.

A Sequence is a rare occurrence in the liturgy. It is sung routinely only twice a year, on Easter Sunday and on Pentecost Sunday. The Sequence, a special type of hymn, is linked to the Gospel Acclamation of the day and has been in use since the 13th century. It builds upon the verse of the Acclamation and serves to extend the Alleluia. Historically it was sung just before the final Alleluia but in the modern format of the liturgy, the Sequence proceeds the Alleluia thus now provides a moment of contemplative meditation on the mystery of the day (something emphasised by the seated congregation who only stand at the completion of the Sequence to welcome the Gospel.)

In Rome at the Pantheon this moment is marked by the release of thousands of red rose petals scattered from the oculus by some of the city's firemen. The petals symbolise the descent of the Holy Spirit and are rather more gentle and fragrant than the tongues of fire we hear about in the Acts of the Apostles. The contrasting images of the flame and the petals, however, serve the scene well. On the one hand, the Spirit is sent from God to light in us the fire of his love so that we may burn with desire to bear witness to Christ across all the nations and defend the faith in the face of adversity. On the other hand, the gentle flutter of the petals as they fall over the congregation emphasises that the Spirit rains down upon us as a gift which invites communion with God and that it is not forced upon us. We are free to hold out our hand and capture the petals and allow them (the Holy Spirit) to transform us and bind us to Jesus, or we might choose rather to brush them from our heads and shoulders and walk away cold and unchanged.

What is clear from the abundance of petals is that the Spirit falls on every one of us regardless of culture, class, or age. The Holy Spirit is sent to unify the world and tear down barriers between people, binding them by the same profession of the triune God. The Church is a house in which every person can find a place. From her inception the Church speaks all languages and lives among all people in the most diverse social contexts. Pentecost, therefore, brings about unity and understanding where division and alienation dwelt before.

Just as the Apostles were sent out at Pentecost, to take the fire of the Spirit to the far corners of the world, we too are called to go out and proclaim the Good News to all creation. So let us pray together as one voice: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen."

Commissioning of those who have ministries in our Parish: During all Masses over the Pentecost weekend those members of the Cathedral Parish who minister in any way to enhance the life of the parish community will be commissioned. These ministries include Liturgical Ministries as well as ministries such as cleaning, gardening, hospitality, catechists, members of the various committees and prayer groups.

Ignatian Spirituality Reflection Day

"The experience of God is a journey of the heart." An opportunity to stop, rest, refresh and connect with others. Join us for guided prayer, reflection, journaling, sacred listening and spiritual conversation. Sunday 23rd June 10am to 3pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey room.

Lunch provided and free to participants.
Doreen Roache **0417117382 (note error last week)** doreenroache@bigpond.com
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anmaree.sutton@sosj.org.au

National Volunteer Week: May 20-26, 2024

From May 20-26 during National Volunteer Week we have the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for National Volunteer Week is **Something for Everyone**. It is an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering. The Volunteering Australia website has National Volunteer Week resources, certificates of appreciation, volunteer thank you gifts and merchandise available at <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/>

ACU Centre for Liturgy Public Lecture

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is delighted to be offering a new public lecture by Mr Steve Warner, a renowned liturgical musician, composer and choral conductor who will address the topic, "The Ageless Voice of the Young: Fostering Emerging Liturgical Musicians". The lecture will be held online on Monday, May 20, at 10.00am (AEST). Register at <https://shorturl.at/qsCKZ>

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

First Collection - \$ 2572.25

Second Collection - \$ 4154.40

Tap & Go - \$ 571.77

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – 12.05pm

Tuesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Wednesday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Thursday – 7.00am, 12.05pm

Friday - 12.05pm

(Reconciliation at 10.30am until midday)

Saturday - 10.00am

(Reconciliation at 10.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Saturday Morning Prayer 7.30am

Monday-Friday Evening Prayer 5.00pm

Monday/Tuesday

11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday

11.20am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany to St Joseph

6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday

11.15am Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday 11.00am to 12.00pm -

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Prayer

Saturday after 10.00 am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**changes may occur due to Funerals/Liturgical events*

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday

6.00pm Youth Group

Tuesday

5.30pm Eucharistic Preparation

7.00pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday

1.00pm Legion of Mary

Volunteers Expo in Main Hall

Thursday

6.00pm St Patrick's Young Adults