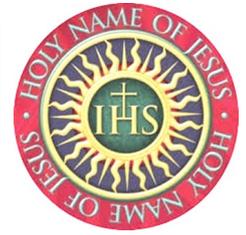




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SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022,

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and followers of Jesus in Jerusalem.

It represents the birth of the Church.

It has been said that the world was set on fire at Pentecost and it is truly a blessing when we allow this fire to infiltrate our hearts and make a difference in the way we care for each other and for the most vulnerable in our community.

Today the Holy Spirit calls on us all to "Create a New Heart", as our hymn goes. We are challenged to "Open our eyes to your call" as we engage in the real and practical mission of spreading the love of God wherever we find ourselves.

The Holy Spirit is present in our acts of compassion. For example, in the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in our Community Kitchen and in the countless other ways we serve the disadvantaged in our world.

These works of caring reinforce the central message of Easter – that darkness and despair have been defeated and continue to be overcome as followers of Christ spread the love of God by serving the needy.

"Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth Your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth."

Submitted by Greg Byrne.



Parish Timetable

Mon 6 JUN	12pm Community Kitchen
Tue 7 JUN	9.30am Christian Meditation 12pm Community Kitchen
Wed 8 JUN	11am Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 9 JUN	12pm Community Kitchen
Sat 11 JUN	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 12 JUN	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

Parish Notices

- Fr Tony Brady will preside at Mass on 11th June.
- Fr Anthony Coloma will preside at Mass on 12th June.
- **Planned Giving Envelopes** for the 22/23 financial year are available for collection from inside the church. Please don't start using your envelopes until the 1st July.
- Be aware of **scam emails** from people pretending to be Fr Peter. These people can be very crafty with their wording but you will know that it's a scam if they ask you for money or gift cards.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

Please contact the parish office by phone/email or write your name on the form in the church if you require a tax receipt for your planned giving donations. Please only request a receipt if you need it for tax purposes. If you don't need one for tax purposes but are curious about how much you have given throughout the financial year you can request a planned giving report instead. **The due date to request a tax receipt by is June 30th. After that date you will not be able to receive a tax receipt.**

Thank you for your generous donations towards the **Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea**. A total of **\$2,397** was raised by the Catholic Parish Of Forster-Tuncurry.

“We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.”
(Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Vespers of Pentecost)

Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop

Shepherding God
you reveal your way of unfailing love
in the image of the Good Shepherd
who seeks the lost,
shows compassion
knows and is known by the sheep
and lays down his life for them.
We your people of Maitland-Newcastle
are without a bishop to shepherd us.
We ask that your Holy Spirit
who moves through this great south land,
inspire the choice of our new Bishop,
empower his 'yes'
and open our hearts in hospitality and love.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help **pray for us**
Mary MacKillop of the Cross **pray for us.**

Community Care Pantry

The Forster-Tuncurry Community Kitchen serves hot meals to the community on Mon, Tue, Wed and Thu between 12pm-1pm. In addition to this service we also give out food parcels to families and individuals in need of pantry items to cook at home. We welcome long life food donations to help us make up these food parcels. Some of the items that we accept are:

- Long life milk
- Cereal
- Tins of Corned beef, spam or tinned ham
- Tuna
- Spaghetti / pasta / rice
- Tins of tomatoes / tomato paste
- Pasta sauces
- Sachets / Cans of soup / casserole
- Tea, coffee, sugar
- Tins of corn, baby potatoes, peas, beans, carrots, beetroot
- Tins of fruit
- 2 minute noodles / crackers

If you would like to make a donation of long life food items, they can be dropped into the parish office or placed in the food bins outside the church. We also have donation envelopes for the community kitchen available in the church and office for anyone wanting to make a cash donation.

For volunteer opportunities, contact Michelle Robinson: 0447 184 917

Saints and Feasts

5th June. Pentecost Sunday. This, the 'fiftieth day,' concludes the season of Easter, the continuous single festival of the risen Christ. Pentecost, the Jewish feast of harvest, which also commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses, was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. The event has been celebrated on this day at least since the third century. The joy of Pentecost is that the risen Christ breathes upon the Church and says, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

5th June. St Boniface, bishop & martyr. Was born at Crediton in Devon (England) in about 673. As a child he entered a Benedictine community and in 716 set out for his first missionary expedition to Frisia. This was unsuccessful but he returned two years later, with papal approval, and evangelised much of southern Germany. He was eventually named Archbishop of Mainz. In his seventies he embarked on a new missionary enterprise in Holland but was martyred at Dokkum in Frisia and is buried at the monastery he had founded in Fulda Germany.

6th June. St Norbert of Xanten, (born c. 1080, Xanten, German) in the 12th century in the French region of Premontre, St Norbert founded a religious Order known as the Praemonstratensians or the Norbertines. This was a monumental task: combating rampant heresies—particularly regarding the Blessed Sacrament, revitalising many of the faithful who had grown indifferent and dissolute, plus effecting peace and reconciliation among enemies. Even with the aid of a goodly number of men who joined his Order, he realised that nothing could be effectively done without God's power. Finding this help especially in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he and his

Norbertines praised God for success in converting heretics, reconciling numerous enemies, and rebuilding faith in indifferent believers. Reluctantly, Norbert became archbishop of Magdeburg in central Germany, a territory half pagan and half Christian. In this position he zealously and courageously continued his work for the Church until his death on June 6, 1134.

6th June. St Marcellin Champagnat, religious. (20 May 1789 – 6 June 1840) was born in Rozet, village of Marlies, near St. Etienne (Loire), France. He was the founder of the Marist Brothers, a religious congregation of men in the Roman Catholic Church devoted to the Virgin Mary and dedicated to education. Champagnat was ordained as a priest in 1816, and was part of a group led by Jean-Claude Colin which founded the Society of Mary, a separate religious congregation to the Marist Brothers teaching order Marcellin founded later. After a long and painful illness, Champagnat died of cancer on 6 June 1840, aged 51.

11th June. St Barnabas, apostle. was a Jew from the island of Cyprus. He was an apostle, although not one of the Twelve. It was Barnabas who introduced St Paul to the other apostles. Paul later joined Barnabas who had been sent to Antioch to lead the growing Christian community there. Together, Barnabas and Paul set out on the first missionary journey which began in Cyprus, but later they split up after an argument over their companion Mark (the author of the Gospel) who had returned to Jerusalem. Barnabas returned to Cyprus where he established the church and where he was also later martyred around the year 61AD.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS – 5 Jun 22

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding the vulnerable within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to the **2022 National Reconciliation Week theme: 'Be Brave, Make Change.'** This is a challenge to all of us to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians. This is a challenge to all Australians – individuals, families, communities, organisations and governments. Change begins with brave actions in your daily life – where you live, work, play and socialise. Take these actions with you every day of the year, not just during *National Reconciliation Week*.

National Reconciliation Week is intended to celebrate indigenous history and culture in Australia and to foster reconciliation, discussion and activities. It started in 1993 (The International Year of Indigenous Peoples) as the *Week of Prayer for Reconciliation* by Australia's major faith communities, developing into National Reconciliation Week in 1996. The start and end dates for this week, 27 May and 3 June, were chosen for their historical significance:

- **27 May 1967** On this day, Australia's most successful referendum saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.
- **3 June 1992** On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

Some of the following ideas, however small, may challenge us to be more accepting:

- Acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders during meetings and gatherings.
- Be aware of racism as, even subconsciously, people may have a bias against the indigenous members of our community. This bias can include negative media reports.
- Challenging our leaders to take action on justice. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are proportionally the most incarcerated people in the world.
- Supporting the teaching of indigenous history, current affairs and culture in our education systems.
- Supporting our first nations people as contractors, suppliers and producers.
- Purchasing art works and other items from business conducted by indigenous people.
- Encourage the use and preservation of local indigenous dialects.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently deceased: Luke Shortt

Anniversaries: Raymond Joseph Chaffen.

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ:

Michael Meyer, Imogen Ralph, Joe Camilleri & Gerard Cross

People will remain on the prayers for the sick for 4 weeks. You can resubmit names as needed.



Pentecost Sunday Year C

Sunday 05 Jun 2022

Priest: Sisters and brothers, with the Holy Spirit as our gift, let us bring our prayers before God.

1. Reader: That the Holy Church all over the world will be united as one in the spirit of peace.
In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. Reader: That leaders of nations will experience the Spirit of truth and fight for justice for all people. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. Reader: That those who do not know God will come to know Christ through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. Reader: That through the forgiveness of sins, our parish community will renew the earth and reach out to all in need. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. Reader: That the sick will be comforted through the Spirit of healing, especially all those in our parish bulletin. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. Reader: That through the Holy Spirit, those who have died will be sent to the Lord Most High, especially Luke Shortt who died recently and Raymond Joseph Chaffen whose anniversary occurs at this time. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God our Father, we are made one in the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and by the fire that is kindled in our hearts, help us to live as Christians united in holiness, forgiveness and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Prayer For Those Unable To Receive Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Sunday 05 Jun 2022
Pentecost Sunday Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

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

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 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.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance
give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which
endure;

Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful
guest,

Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and
will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts de-
scend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

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

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.'

Communion Antiphon

Acts 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia .

Readings for Next Week 11/12 June

First Reading

Prv 8:22-31 Wisdom is begotten of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2 (R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Rom 5:1-5 We boast of our hope and afflictions.

Gospel Acclamation

See *Apoc 1:8* Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 16:12-15 The Spirit will guide the Apostles to all truth.

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. either:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.** or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **And with your spirit.** or:

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. either:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.** or:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.** or:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

P: Lord, have mercy or: **P:** Kyrie, eleison.

R: Lord, have mercy or: **R:** Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:

P: Christ have mercy or: **P:** Christe, eleison.

R: Christ have mercy or: **R:** Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

P: Lord, have mercy or: **P:** Kyrie, eleison.

R: Lord, have mercy or: **R:** Kyrie, eleison.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Kyrie follows, unless it has occurred in the Penitential Act. either:

P: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy. **R:** Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

or:

P: Kyrie, eleison.

R: Kyrie, eleison.

P: Christe, eleison.

R: Christe, eleison.

P: Kyrie, eleison.

R: Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria (when said)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray. At the end of the Collect, the people acclaim: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the end of the reading:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

At the Gospel:

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come

again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow) born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren ... the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

At the end of the prayer, the people acclaim:
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith. either:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. or:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Through him, and with him, ... for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles...

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (X2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray. At the end of the prayer, the people acclaim:
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

either:

Go forth, the Mass is ended. or:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. or:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your Life. or:

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Brendan Byrne SJ

The scriptural readings for today's great feast are basically the ones we would expect. Each brings out a key feature of the early Church's sense of being a community created, enlivened and equipped for ministry by the Spirit of God. It is Luke, of course, who has most memorably depicted the imparting of the Spirit upon the Church and located it on the Jewish feast of Pentecost. This feast, as its name in Greek indicates, took place fifty days (seven weeks) after Passover and involved a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to give thanks for the completion of the grain harvest and to celebrate the gift of the land.

This theme of gathering is taken up in the **First Reading**, Acts 2:1-11, which lists at the end people from many regions who hear the testimony of the Spirit-filled apostles each in their own language. The reference is primarily to pilgrims from the Jewish diaspora but, almost certainly, Luke means us to find here a foretaste of the universal mission of the Church. The renewed 'Israel' is now being empowered and equipped for its mission to be a 'light for the revelation of the nations' (Luke 2:32), overcoming the dispersal and disunity of humankind as symbolised by the episode of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9). The Church will speak in many languages but communicate through each the same essential message: 'the marvels of God'.

There is a play in the account upon the several senses of the word 'tongue' (Greek glossa). While in Greek, as in English, it also means 'language', it has here the metaphorical sense of 'tongues of flame'. There are biblical (OT) precedents for the sense of God's presence and power being communicated by manifestations of fire – notably when Israel stood before God at the foot of Mount Sinai (Exod 19:18; 24:17). Here the appearance of fire seems to come from some central source, from which distinct 'tongues' separate off and come to rest upon individuals. The empowering Spirit, which rested solely upon Jesus during his own life (Luke 4:14, 17-19), has now, in accordance with his promise (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8a), been distributed among those chosen to carry on his mission – to Israel in first instance and ultimately 'to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8b).

The **Second Reading**, Romans 8:8-17, speaks of Christian experience of the Spirit in a more inward, personal way. Paul's language of 'flesh' and 'spirit' needs careful handling. Living 'according to the flesh' does not have primarily a sensual, let alone sexual, connotation; nor should the phrase be taken in a way that suggests that life in the body is the problem. To live 'according to the flesh' means to live selfishly – to place self and the concerns of self at the centre of existence. To live 'according to the Spirit' is to allow the utterly unselfish love of Christ – who 'gave himself up for us' (Gal 1:4) – to take over one's life and set it on the path to sharing God's eternal life. For Paul the Spirit is nothing other than the continuing influence in human lives of the transforming power of the risen Lord.

Secondly, the Spirit communicates to believers a sense of the intimacy with God that is theirs as sons and daughters in union with Christ. In a way for which as yet no strict parallel has been found in the Judaism of his time, Jesus seems to have addressed God as 'Abba' – the informal address to the male parent in Aramaic (= 'Dad'). This made such an impression upon the early disciples that even when they moved into Greek-speaking milieus, they retained the original Aramaic. More striking still, they found that the Spirit was impelling them to address God in the same familiar terms (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6) – a sure testimony that they now shared the intimacy and closeness of Jesus' relationship to God. The upshot is the banishment of fear and the hope of sharing Christ's risen life. The introduction to the Our Father in our Eucharistic liturgy retains the wonder of this: 'We dare to say (Latin: *audemus dicere*) "Our Father"'.

The **Gospel** – from John 20:19-23 – in accord with what seems to have been the earlier Christian tradition (see 1 Cor 15:45), locates the imparting of the Spirit more immediately with the resurrection and exaltation of the Lord. So it is on the evening of 'the first day of the week' (i.e., Easter Sunday) that Jesus appears to the disciples, makes clear his identity, and imparts to them the 'Peace' that overcomes their fear. Then he imparts the Spirit to empower them to take up the mission that he himself has received from the Father. Essentially, it is a mission of reconciliation. He has died as the 'Lamb who takes away the sins of the Lord' (1:29, 36; 19:36). From now on that capacity to reconcile in God's name is in their hands.

**POPE FRANCIS
REGINA CAELI
Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 29 May 2022**

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

Today in Italy and in many countries the Ascension of the Lord, that is, his return to the Father, is celebrated. In the Liturgy, the Gospel according to Luke narrates the final apparition of the Risen Christ to the disciples (cf. 24:46-53). The earthly life of Jesus culminates precisely with the Ascension, which we also profess in the Creed: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father". What does this event mean? How should we interpret it? To answer this question, let us focus on two actions that Jesus performs before ascending into Heaven: first, he announces the gift of the Spirit – he announces the gift of the Spirit – and then he blesses the disciples. He announces the gift of the Spirit, and he blesses.

First of all, Jesus says to his friends: "I send the promise of my Father upon you" (v. 49). He is talking about the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, he who will accompany them, guide them, support them in their mission, defend them in spiritual battles. And so, we understand something important: Jesus is not abandoning the disciples. He ascends to Heaven, but he does not leave them alone. Rather, precisely by ascending towards the Father, he ensures the effusion of the Holy Spirit, of his Spirit. On another occasion he had said: "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counsellor – that is, the Spirit – will not come to you" (Jn 16:7). In this too, we see Jesus' love for us: his is a presence that does not want to limit our freedom. On the contrary, he leaves space to us, because true love always generates a closeness that does not stifle, is not possessive, is close but not possessive; on the contrary, true love which makes us protagonists. And in this way, Christ reassures, "I will go to the Father, and you will be clothed with power from on high: I will send you my Spirit and with his strength, you will continue my work in the world!" (cf. Lk 24:49). And so, ascending to Heaven, instead of remaining beside a few people with his body, Jesus becomes close to all with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in us, beyond the barriers of time and space, to make us his witnesses in the world.

Straight afterwards – it is the second action – Christ raises his hands and blesses the apostles (cf. v. 50). It is a priestly gesture. God, since the times of Aaron, had entrusted to priests the task of blessing the people (cf. Nm 6:36). The Gospel wants to tell us that Jesus is the great priest of our life. Jesus ascends to the Father to intercede on our behalf, to present our humanity to him. Thus, before the eyes of the Father, with the humanity of Jesus, there are and always will be our lives, our hopes, our wounds. So, as he makes his "exodus" to Heaven, Christ "makes way" for us, he goes to prepare a place for us and, from this time forth, he intercedes for us, so that we may always be accompanied and blessed by the Father.

Brothers and sisters, let us think today of the gift of the Spirit we have received from Jesus to be witnesses of the Gospel. Let us ask ourselves if we really are; and also, if we are capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them. And then: do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives? Or do we serve others for our own interests? Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!

Now let us pray to Our Lady, blessed among women, who, filled with the Holy Spirit, always prays and intercedes for us.

After the Regina Caeli, the Holy Father continued:

Yesterday, in Modena, Don Luigi Lenzini was beatified. He was a martyr to the faith, killed in 1945 for indicating Christian values as the high road of life, in the climate of hatred and conflict at that time. May this priest, a shepherd after the heart of Christ and a messenger of truth and justice, help us from Heaven to bear witness to the Gospel with charity and frankness. Let us applaud the new Blessed!

Today is World Social Communications Day, on the theme Listening with the ear of the heart. Knowing how to listen, besides being the first gesture of charity, is also the first indispensable ingredient of dialogue and good communication: knowing how to listen, to let others say everything, not to cut them off halfway, knowing how to listen with the ears and with the heart. I hope that everyone may grow in this capacity to listen with the heart.

Today is National Relief Day in Italy. Let us remember that "patients are always more important than their diseases", patients are always more important than their diseases, and "even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness" (Message for World Day of the Sick 2022).

The day after tomorrow, last day of the month of May, liturgical feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 18.00 in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major we will pray the Rosary for Peace, linked up with various shrines in many countries. I invite the faithful, families and communities to join in with this invocation, to obtain from God, by the intercession of the Queen of Peace, the gift that the world awaits.

I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims. In particular, I greet the faithful from the Netherlands, Spain and Australia. I greet the parish of San Roberto Bellarmino, which concludes the jubilee year for 400 years since the death of Saint Robert Bellarmine. I greet the Polish – there are always many Polish pilgrims! – with a blessing for those in their homeland who are participating in the major pilgrimage to the Marian shrine of Piekary Śląskie. I greet the pupils of the San Vincenzo school in Olbia and the candidates for Confirmation from Luras.

(Continued) On Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 August a meeting will be held of all the cardinals to reflect on the new Apostolic Constitution Praedicate evangelium, and on Saturday 27 August, I will hold a Consistory for the creation of new cardinals. Here are the names of the new cardinals:

1. Archbishop Arthur Roche – prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments;
2. Archbishop Lazzaro You Heung-sik – prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy;
3. Archbishop Fernando Vérgez Alzaga L.C. – president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State, and president of the Governorate of Vatican City State;
4. Archbishop Jean-Marc Aveline – metropolitan of Marseille, France;
5. Bishop Peter Ebere Okpaleke of Ekwulobia, Nigeria.
6. Archbishop Leonardo Ulrich Steiner, O.F.M., of Manaus, Brazil;
7. Archbishop Filipe Neri António Sebastião do Rosário Ferrão of Goa and Damão, India;
8. Bishop Robert Walter McElroy of San Diego, United States of America;
9. Archbishop Virgilio Do Carmo Da Silva, S.D.B., of Dili, East Timor;
10. Bishop Oscar Cantoni of Como, Italia;

11. Archbishop Anthony Poola of Hyderabad, India;
12. Archbishop Paulo Cezar Costa, metropolitan of the archdiocese of Brasília, Brazil;
13. Bishop Richard Kuuia Baawobr M. Afr., of Wa, Ghana;
14. Archbishop William Goh Seng Chye of Singapore, Singapore;
15. Archbishop Adalberto Martínez Flores, metropolitain of Asunción, Paraguay;
16. Bishop Giorgio Marengo, I.M.C., prefect Apostolic of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Along with the above, I will add to the members of the College of Cardinals:

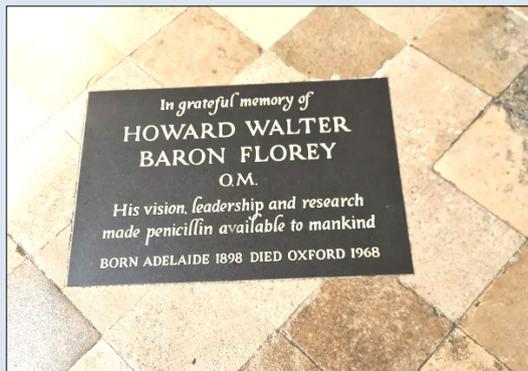
1. Archbishop Jorge Enrique Jiménez Carvajal, emeritus of Cartagena, Colombia;
2. Archbishop Lucas Van Looy, S.D.B., emeritus of Ghent, Belgium;
3. Archbishop Arrigo Miglio, emeritus of Cagliari, Italy;
4. Rev Father Gianfranco Ghirlanda S.J., – professor of theology;
5. Rev Msgr. Fortunato Frezza – canon of Saint Peter.

I wish you a blessed Sunday! Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your meal, and arrivederci.

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FR PETER'S PICTURES FROM HIS FIRST FEW DAYS IN LONDON.



**World Meeting of Families Formation
Events over June online 7.00pm-8.00pm**

8 June- Educating the whole child to support learning and wellbeing- Presented by Renee Tyczynski (Professional Officer [psychologist], Catholic Schools Office)

Learn about how Catholic schools support student wellbeing by ensuring a safe, supported, inclusive environment, where students are engaged in their learning, form positive relationships and develop skills for their future within a faith-based community.

15 June- Social connections and improving senior's wellbeing- Presented by Nicola Rosenthal (Regional Manager, Catholic Healthcare)

Join with us as we explore the importance of social connections, and five keyways seniors can improve their wellbeing. The presentation will also discuss mental illness, grief and loss in later life and which support services are best suited for older Australians.

20 June- Relationships Matter- Presented by Robyn Donnelly Marriage and Relationship Educator- Pastoral Ministries)

The session provides participants with an understanding

of patterns of behaviours that drain our emotional bank accounts and can cause the relationship to go into meltdown or disconnection of the parties. Participants can reflect on 7 areas that create strong sound relationships starting at the foundations this includes research around rituals and shared meaning, so your relationship stays connected to get through areas of disagreements or conflict. **To register go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events**

2022 TWEC Dinner

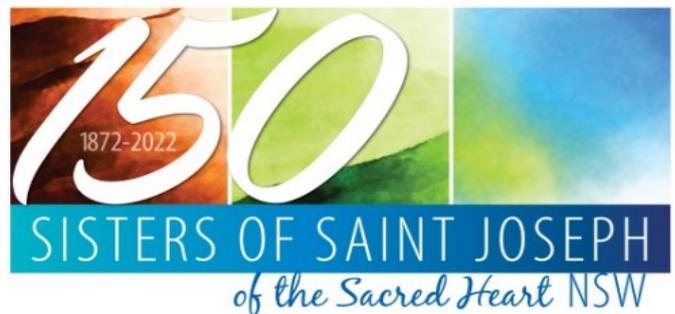
This years dinner will be held Friday 24 June from 6.30pm at the Therry Centre, East Maitland. We invite you to enjoy a meal, share stories of the Josephite spirit within the diocesan community and imagine the next chapter of the Tenison Woods Education Community story together. Seats at the dinner are \$60 per person which includes drinks, canapés, main course and dessert. Tables of 10, small group and individual bookings are welcome. For details and bookings go to <https://2022twec.eventbrite.com.au>. Attendee names and dietary needs can be entered at checkout. For queries please contact Sharon Murphy on 4979 1134 or sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

**Sesquicentenary of Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart in NSW
(1872-2022)**

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph was founded by Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods in 1866 in Penola, South Australia. Its first ministry was the opening of a school for all the children of that small distant town. The education being offered was an important step in breaking the cycle of poverty that had trapped so many of the children's parents, struggling to make a go of it in the pioneering times of colonial Australia. By the end of that first year there were 4 Sisters. By 1867 there were 10 Sisters and a school in Port Adelaide was opened. The following year, 1868, there were 50 Sisters ministering in 13 different towns in South Australia and responding as the various needs arose. In 1869 the rapid increase continued and the Sisters moved to Brisbane, Queensland.

By 1872 there were 127 Sisters and 3 of them arrived in Bathurst in response to Bishop Matthew Quinn's invitation to again open schools for poor children who were deprived of an education. Bishop Quinn decided that a small village was the place for them to begin. Sisters Teresa MacDonald, Joseph Dwyer and Hyacinth Quinlan, along with an enquirer, Ada Braham, arrived in Queen Charlotte Vale, now Perthville, on 16 July 1872.

The ministry of the Sisters grew and expanded into all 11 Dioceses in NSW. Throughout the journey of these past 150 years, with all its twists and turns, ups and downs, the grace of God has continued to meet the needs of the times through the ministry of the Sisters.



INVITATION

Sister Anne Porter and the NSW Regional Leadership Team extend a warm invitation to attend the Sesquicentenary Mass celebrating 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW since their arrival in Perthville in 1872.

The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 16 July 2022 at 10.30 am in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst. Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna

Following the Mass there will be a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is very welcome - Parishioners, Friends, Companions and all those with a connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

The Perthville Heritage Centre will be open for visitors from 2 pm for the 2.30pm Launch of the audio app of the site.

**RSVP by 13 June 2022 - needed for catering purposes
Please contact Sr Berenice Cornish rsj**

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BAPTISMS

Celebrated most Sundays.
Bookings via the Parish website

MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least 3 months notice. Bookings via the parish website

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Enrolment via the Parish Website

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 02 6554 6401

CATHOLIC CARE

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Feedback, complaints or concerns can be communicated directly to the Parish Office, through our website (Contact Us) or if the concern is relating to the safety of a child, contact the Office of Safeguarding: 02 4979 1390 childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Serving meals to the community from the Parish Hall **Mon Tue, Wed & Thurs 12pm-1pm**

For volunteer opportunities contact Michelle Robinson: 0447 184 917

PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation

Forster Tues 9.30am
Greg 0427 918 568
Hallidays Point Wed 10am
John 0417 249 466

Gardening Group

3rd Monday of the month, 8am
Church grounds.
David Olliffe 0424 369 485

Family and Friends Group

Meets monthly, contact Carol and Terry Pearson on 0408768729.

Singing Practice

Ken Heffernan 02 6554 6401
(see parish timetable)

Holy Hour

Tues 3.30pm in the Church

Finance Council

3rd Wednesday of the month,
5.30pm Meeting Room

Pastoral Council

1st Thursday of the month, 6.00pm
Meeting Room

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help and Rosary

Wed 11.00am in the Church
Shiony 0411 493 086
Novena Benediction on the 1st
Wednesday of the month.

Secular Franciscan Fraternity

4th Sunday of the month 9.30am
Barbara Dolahenty 0408 248 018

The above groups are all subject to Covid-19 restrictions, please enquire before attending.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 5.00pm, Sun. 8.00am & 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

9.00am Saturday and during Holy Hour

YOUTH MASS

3rd Sunday of the month, will resume once restrictions have eased.

AGED CARE MASSES (Subject to change)

GLAICA: **1st Tues 10.30am**
Estia Forster: **3rd Tues 10.00am**



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