



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR C)

9 JUNE 2019

FoCuS by Anne Sheehan



PENTECOST

Pentecost comes from the Greek work (*Pentēkostē*) meaning "fiftieth". It comes fifty days after the Passover and is also referred to as the Festival of Weeks in Judaism. It was a harvest festival, an important day in the Hebrew calendar. This Jewish festival took on a new significance for the young Christian church by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles as they gathered to celebrate the Pentecost festival. This Pentecost which was fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus would change the apostles' lives forever, so much so that Pentecost is sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the Church".

The Easter season concludes on Pentecost Sunday. It has been fifty days since Resurrection Sunday. For fifty days we have been reminded of our baptismal call to discipleship. We have been blessed by water each Sunday as the song, River of Glory, has been sung, not because "it's a nice thing to do" but to remind us that baptism is more than the water. For fifty days we have listened to the post-resurrection accounts of Jesus and his apostles guiding us on the path of discipleship. We have heard words such as obey, love, listen, witness, teach, peace, Holy Spirit, new heaven, new earth, shepherd, follow, feed my sheep, signs and wonders, and so on.

Guiding us through this season (and beyond) has been the Risen Jesus, or Christ, our Light. Hence the Paschal Candle has taken a prominent position near the place of proclamation, the ambo. Not to be daunted by the challenges of discipleship, we who are baptised and have received the Light of Christ, can take courage that we do not do mission on our own. After all, as Jesus promised, "*the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*" (Jn 14: 27) That same Spirit came down at Pentecost.

After today we pack away the large baptismal font in Holy Rosary, the large cross draped in white, the music to River of Glory (Yes, secretly, it will be good to pack that song away for another year!), the Alleluias in our hymns and songs (yes, there's been one, if not two songs, every Sunday since Easter) and the paschal candle is moved to its new position beside the font. The white and gold colours will soon be replaced by the green of Ordinary Time, but that's OK, because now we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are a passionate people, renewed and refreshed by water and Word, ready to try again being disciples of Christ in a world that hungers for love.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP

Parish Priest

Rev Jomon Poothara

Associate Pastor

Rev Ronaldo Rodriguez SVD

Associate Pastor

Mrs Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-ordinator

Mrs Denise Tuzes

Visitation & Bereavement Co-ordinator

Ms Anne Carlsen

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Mr Norm Whyte

Business Manager

Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Administration & Finance Co-ordinator

Mrs Raquel Arriola

Reception

Bundaberg NET

Youth Ministry

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Principal: Mrs Kaye Beston

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St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt

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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Principal: Mr Mark Fox

saintpatricks.qld.edu.au

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Shalom College

Principal: Mr Dan McMahon

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Sts

St Patrick's Church

16 Powers St

St Mary's Church

Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

St James' Church

38 See St Bargara

OTHER CONTACTS

Diocesan Safeguarding

Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080

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Response Line: 1800 830 113

Centacare: 1300 523 985

St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455

Ozcare: 1800 692 273

Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I am a sports fan, and perhaps you are one, too. I don't follow all sports, but those that I do follow usually involve a team. There is something about a team of individuals coming together for the goal of victory that is compelling. A team is only as good as the sum of all its players. If you have all the right talent at the right positions, great things can happen. What is hard for a fan to watch is a team that has great talent but fails to achieve its goals because some players choose not to give their all to the team. Selfishness, apathy, or immaturity keep some from giving fully of themselves. The hopes and dreams of a team and fan base are dashed even though they had all they needed to be the best.

A parish is a lot like a team. Those in a parish community work together to achieve goals that ultimately lead others to Christ. We come together to give of ourselves to advance the mission of the parish. When we all are committed to fully giving our gifts and talents, fulfilling our position in the Body of Christ, then our hopes and dreams of transforming the world around us can become reality.

However, when we sit out on the sidelines, we hurt our team. When we hold back and choose not to give of ourselves, we diminish what is truly possible for our parish community. I believe God always provides our parishes with what they need to be fruitful and vibrant. His gifts to us exist in each other. If you think your parish could be so much more, than perhaps this week you should call your pastor or other pastoral leader and say, "Put me in coach!"

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATO SI"

Some forms of pollution are part of people's daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. People take sick, for example, from breathing high levels of smoke from fuels used in cooking or heating. There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agrotoxins in general. Technology, which, linked to business interests, is presented as the only way of solving these problems, in fact proves incapable of seeing the mysterious network of relations between things and so sometimes solves one problem only to create others.

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

This Wednesday 12th June is World Day Against Child Labour. The theme for this year is '*Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams.*' Today 152 million children are still in child labour. Child labour occurs in every sector, seven out of ten is in agriculture. These children do not go to school and have little or no time to play. Many do not receive proper nutrition or care. They are denied the chance to be children. *We can add our voice to the worldwide movement against child labour, buy products ethically sourced, especially chocolate.* (www.un.org/childlabourday)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Gary William Smith, Joan Bridget Vincent, Terry Boyle, Eileen Chalmers, Jan Heaton (Perth), Edna Blake

NOTICES

OFFICE CLOSURE MONDAY 10 JUNE The Parish Office will be closed while Safeguarding training takes place from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on Monday, **10th June**

BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER SET: The CWL Younger Set will meet for dinner on Tuesday, **11th June** at Sabrosa Steakhouse at 6.30. If any younger ladies would like to join us, you would be very welcome. *For further information or to book, please phone Maureen before Tuesday lunchtime 4152 1263*

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

by Fr John Daly

Why do Catholics say the Creed together each Sunday and on major feast days?

- Where have the credal formulas come from?
- What beliefs are listed in the Creeds?

Thursday, **13th June** 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Parish Conference Room

VISITATION GROUP: A meeting for Visitation volunteers will be held on Thursday, **13th June** 10.00am at the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE: Saturday, **15th June** in the Loyola Centre at Shalom College, beginning with Mass at 9.00am. The conference lunch will be held in the Leprechaun Room, Brothers Club. 12.00 for 12.30 start. Cost of the lunch is \$21.50 to be paid at the Parish Office from May 29th till June 12th, or at the June meeting. *For further information contact Maureen 4152 1263 or Dolour 4160 6094.*

MenALIVE BREAKFAST: Saturday, **22nd June** 7.00am for 7.30am at the parish office. Tea/coffee on arrival. Cost \$10.00. *GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Doyle - Coordinator of NET Team across overseas level. TOPIC: Where are the youth in our church today?* Please phone the parish office if coming to assist our chefs in catering. NET Team and young adults welcome!

RELAY FOR LIFE HIGH TEA: Saturday, **13th July** 2019 10:30am in St Patrick's Hall. Tickets are \$30/person & will be available from the Parish Office from Monday, 3rd June 2018. (Tables of 10 available). Donations towards the High Tea's Continuous Raffle would be greatly appreciated.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Saturday, **10th** - Sunday, **11th August** 2019 at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Registration \$30. If you would like to register as a member of the Bundaberg Catholic Parish Relay for Life Team please visit the Cancer Council Office at 41 Woongarra Street or register online.

REMINDER - NAME BADGE: We encourage all mass attendees to wear name badges. If you need a new badge, please add your name to the list in the church.

RENOVATION WORK ON THE CEMETERY BUILDING: The majority of responses that we received regarding the future of the Cemetery building indicated that we need to preserve this building. Mr. Glen Kerby is co-ordinating tradesmen who have commenced renovation work.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS: If you require a receipt for your Project Compassion contributions please contact the office before the end of June.

DATE CLAIMER:

⇒ Friday, **15 August** 5.30pm Filipino mass to be celebrated by Fr Ronaldo Rodriguez SVD at St Patrick's Catholic Church.

⇒ Saturday, **24th August** for the 17th Bundaberg Ecumenical Luncheon

⇒ Saturday, **31st August** for the St Mary's School Anniversary Fete.

INTRODUCING ANNE CARLSEN - PARISH SAFEGUARDING

REPRESENTATIVE: We welcome Anne to our Parish Staff. Anne has had several years' experience working with Parishes in NSW. Initially, Anne will be ensuring that all Parish volunteers have the Blue Card and/or Police Checks, as specified by the Diocese. Please assist in this process by completing paperwork promptly, so that we meet our **21st July** deadline.

LITURGIES

Monday 10 June 2019

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

2.00pm Fairways Retirement -
Anointing Mass

Tuesday 11 June 2019

St Barnabas, apostle

9.00am St James' - LWC

12.15pm St Mary's - Mass

Wednesday 12 June 2019

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 13 June 2019

St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

6.30am St Mary's - LWC

Friday 14 June 2019

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

2.30pm Pioneer Gardens -
Anointing Mass

7.00pm St Mary's - LWC

Saturday 15 June 2019

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

16 June 2019

The Most Holy TRINITY

Year C (I)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES for next Sunday

First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel

John 16:12-15



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Acts 2:1-11

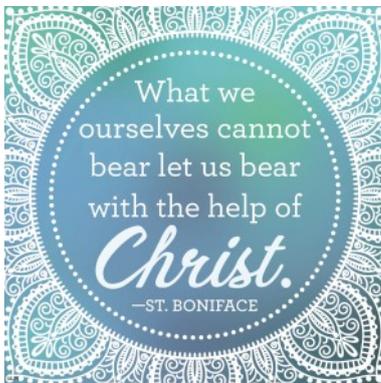
The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles marked the birth of the Church. One of the initial gifts of the Spirit was the overcoming of language barriers. What gifts of the Spirit do you think are most needed today?

Romans 8:8-17

Paul speaks of the unifying force of the Holy Spirit in the life of the community. Where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit's power to unite believers in your faith community?

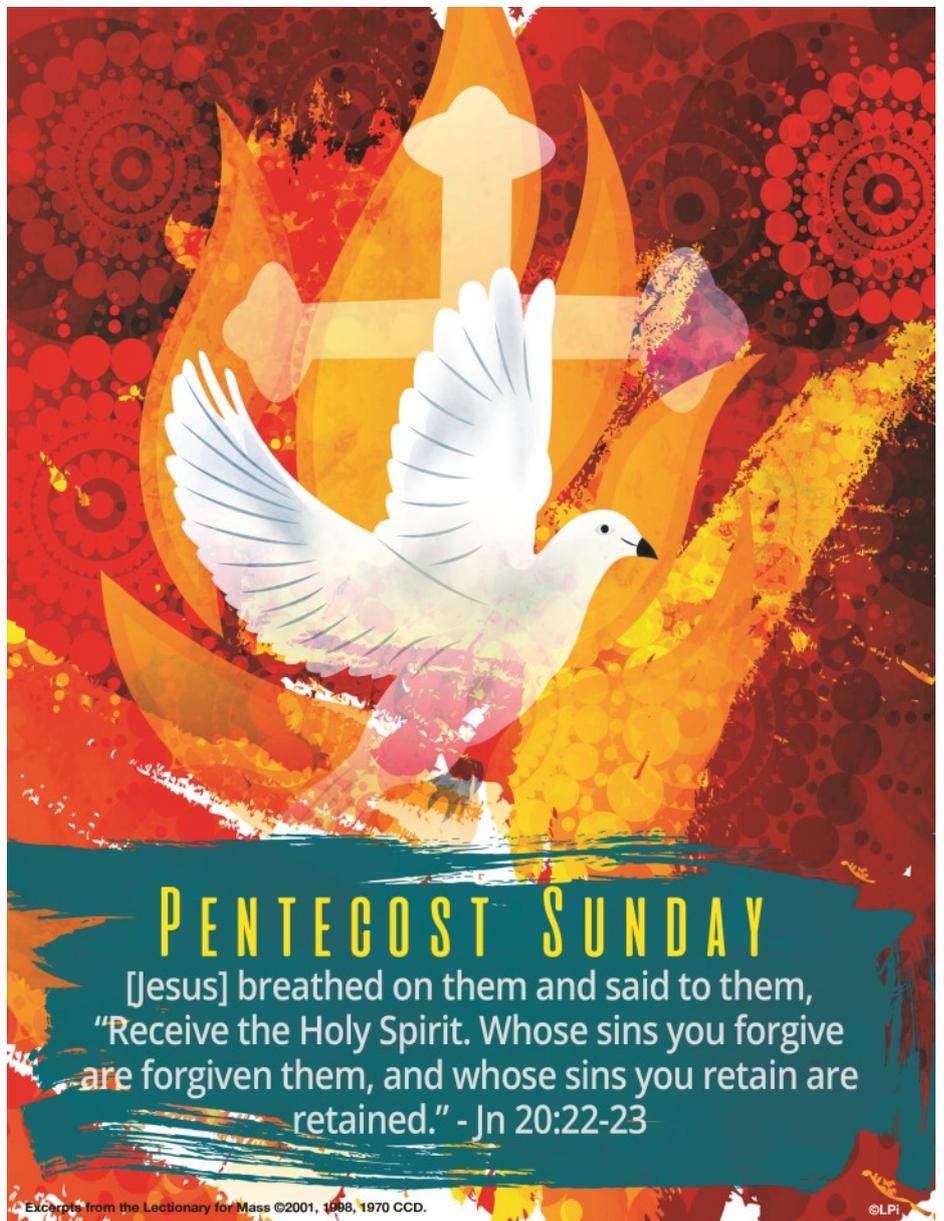
John 14:15-16, 23-26

In his farewell discourse, Jesus spoke to the disciples about the Father sending the Advocate (Holy Spirit) in his name to teach us and remind us of Jesus' words. When do you find yourself thinking about Jesus' words?



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**In relationship with Christ,
empowered by the Holy
Spirit, we serve joyfully as a
people beloved and called
by God.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION

"God is always more." Have you ever heard that? If we truly believe that He is infinite, then this statement is worth exploring. Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power upon the early Church. But Pentecost wasn't the first time the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The Gospel actually occurs chronologically before Pentecost. Soon after the Resurrection, Jesus already "came and stood in their [the disciples'] midst... he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

God is always more. Sometimes we might think the grace of God as one and done. God might break through in people's lives, but it's a one-time event on a retreat or preceding a dramatic conversion of life. But there's always more to come. Even today's Gospel isn't the first time the breath of God stirred. In Genesis, it's God's breath that stirs life into Adam in the garden. Jesus breathes on the Apostles, giving them the Holy Spirit in the quiet and silence. Later, that breath will stir into a "driving wind", and the Spirit will descend with flame? not unlike Moses on Mount Sinai.

God is always more. He has spoken throughout salvation history, and continues to speak into our lives through His Church and through the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts. This Pentecost Sunday, let us come before Him with expectant hearts! Like the disciples in the Gospel and first reading, let us await what "more" God will do.