



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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St Patrick's Church
16 Powers St

St Mary's Church
Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

St James' Church
38 See St Barga

AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

FOCUS by Cathryn King

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed in Australia near Pentecost, a symbolic date for the unity of the Church. This year the focus of the Prayer for Christian Unity will be a united liturgy at 11.00 am in Christ Church, Anglican Church, on Monday, June 5. The theme for 2017 is *Reconciliation – the Love of Christ Compels Us* (cf. 2Corinthians 5: 14 – 20). The material was prepared by the Churches of Germany.

In *Seeds of Unity* (from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Bishops Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Relations), we read:

We would like to see a renewed dedication to the Prayer for Unity. We will also wish to gather together with other Christians at every opportunity for the express purpose of praying for our own present unity in Christ to be strengthened and brought to deeper and more visible expression The act of separated Christians praying together is already a visible sign of our unity in Christ.

Pope Francis in conversation during a meeting with people in Tbilisi, Georgia, gave a description of ecumenism, *Friendship. Walk together, pray for each other, and do works of charity together when you can.* (Catholic Leader, October 9, 2016. p17).

Could you spare some of your time to pray this liturgy on June 5 with other members of the Christian Churches of Bundaberg? May the Holy Spirit show all Christians the way to make this work and prayer a visible sign of our unity in Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY

As we gather on this very beautiful feast of Pentecost we are reminded that God has not abandoned us but has left us the gift of the Holy Spirit as an advocate and guide. Negotiating our lives and living the Gospel can sometimes be difficult tasks. We are not always sure how to act or where to turn. We stand a better chance of obtaining greater clarity and focus and discerning what direction to take when we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have been given.

STEWARDSHIP

Every year I think it is important to really celebrate what God has given to us, the Church, on the feast of Pentecost. The generosity of God knows no limits and the Holy Spirit is alive. It's just that the gifts from this celebration need to be used or the celebration will be hollow. The gifts are free to us even though they are priceless. It would be poor stewardship to toss them in the garage with all those toys that time forgot.

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

World Environment Day is Monday 5th June. This year's theme is *Connecting People to Nature*. Pope Francis reminds us that "as part of the universe, called into being by one Father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds." (Laudato Si 89)

*Each of us is called to live mindful of our responsibility to all of God's creation
which might mean lifestyle changes.*

LITURGIES

9th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 5 June

St Boniface

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 6 June

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 7 June

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 8 June

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 9 June

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

2.30pm Pioneer Home

- Mass with Anointing

Saturday 10 June

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

11 June 2017

**The Most Holy Trinity
Ordinary Time**

Year A (I) Psalter Week 2

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

11.00am Carinity

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Exodus 34: 4 - 6, 8 - 9

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13

Gospel

John 3: 16 - 18

NOTICES & EVENTS

Second Collection: This weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses for the **Rockhampton Clergy Support Foundation Appeal**. Envelopes are available from the front door of all Churches.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (28 May - 4 June 2017). An Ecumenical Service to celebrate the week of Prayer will be held Monday, 5 June 2017 at 11am in the Anglican Christ Church (Woongarra Street).

Catholic Women's League Aust. Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser: will be held on Tuesday, 6 June 2017 at 11.30am at Café 1928 in the Botanical Gardens. Bring a Friend. Cost: \$5. Proceeds to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation. Raffle prizes welcome. RSVP to Maureen - 4152 1263 by Monday, 5 June 2017. All welcome.

Bundaberg Orpheus Singers & Youth Orchestra Concert: Sunday, 11 June 2017 at 2pm in the Shalom Performing Arts Centre. Admission: \$20/Adult and \$15/Seniors & Students. Includes. Home-made Afternoon Tea / Coffee.

Bundaberg CWLA Younger Group: will meet again for dinner at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 at Sabrosa Steak House. Please contact Maureen on 4152 1263 by Tuesday, 13th, if you'd like to come along.

Bundaberg Passionist Family Group Hot Pot Dinner Night: the MacKillop Family Group will be hosting the Dinner Night at St Patrick's Hall on Saturday, 17 June 2017 after 6pm Mass. For more information, contact Helen on 0490 361 406.

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass: Thursday, 22 June 2017 at 6pm in Holy Rosary Catholic Church. (Please note change of date & time).

School Chaplaincy Breakfast w/- Guest Speaker Shane Webcke: join fellow parishioners at a table to support the *Mayoral School Chaplaincy Support Breakfast* on Friday, 23 June 2017 from 6.30am - 8.30am in the Bundaberg Civic Centre. Tickets are \$35 & available from the Parish Office.

The Divine Dance of Trinity ~ "There's a Party Going On & You're All Invited": presented by Joe McCorley, Friday 23 June 2017 in the Parish Office. Beginning with a Cuppa at 10am for a 10:30am start. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 21 June 2017. For more information, please contact Denise Tuzes.

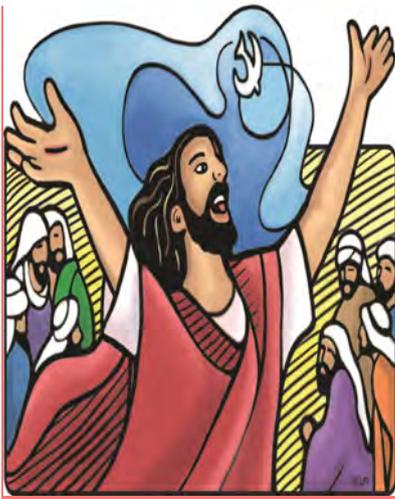
2017/2018 Parish Planned Giving Envelopes: will soon be available. To save the Parish the expense of postage, it would be appreciated if you could write your name & your preferred Church for collection of envelopes on the List provided at the front door of each Church or contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666 or sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au. Thank you.

15th Bundaberg Ecumenical Luncheon (Helping the Homeless): Saturday, 26 August 2017 at Shalom College from 11am - 3pm. Honoured Guest Speaker: Moira Kelly (*International Humanitarian & Global Peacemaker*). Tickets available at the Parish Office & Bundaberg Broadcasters or via www.bundabergtickets.com.au. Cost: \$55/person (or \$35 for Aged Pensioners & Students). For more information please contact the Parish Office - 4151 6666 or Cristel - 0408 228 187.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Kevin Swift; Leah 'Jill' Morpeth; Betty Thomas; Con Kabel (Highfields); Lynette MacNaught (Brisbane); Peter Kajewski (Glass House Mountains); John Deldot (Townsville); Don Ferguson.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

John 20:19-23

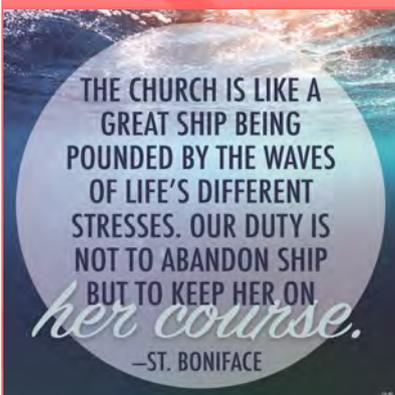
The resurrected Christ empowered the apostles with the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel reading, how does Jesus connect this gift with the forgiveness of sins?

Acts 2:1-11

Luke presents the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the apostles as "tongues as of fire." Why do you think the Spirit was made manifest this way?

1 Corinthians 12:3-7 12-13

Paul was concerned about divisions among the community members in Corinth. In the reading, how does Paul use the gifts of the Holy Spirit as a means to unite the Corinthians?



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

The liturgies of the Easter season bring home to us the work of the Holy Spirit in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. Our New Testament readings have made frequent mention of the Holy Spirit, looking forward to the coming of the Spirit as its final culmination.

Luke's account of the coming of the Spirit upon the apostles associates this coming with the 'day of Pentecost', a Jewish festival celebrated fifty days after Passover - a harvest festival that later became a celebration of the giving of the Law to Moses. The basis of Luke's vivid dramatisation may well have been the fact that, on this popular festival, the apostles - still uncertain how to undertake the enormous mission they had been given - joined the pilgrims crowding Jerusalem, and for the first time found the courage to proclaim their faith in the Risen Lord. In the joy and success they found on this occasion, they recognised the 'baptism with the Holy Spirit' they had been promised. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke tells the story of the Church of the beginnings using a device in use at the time by writers of popular history - taking important events in the history they are presenting, and dramatising them in a way that brings out their far-reaching significance. Thus, in Luke's account, what begins as an event on one room of the city - 'a noise that filled the whole house', 'something that seemed like tongues of fire', the apostles 'speaking in foreign languages' - suddenly involves the whole crowded city, as faith in the Risen Lord is preached 'to devout men from every nation under heaven'. As Luke's dramatisation continues in the passage that follows our reading, Peter's preaching leads to the baptising of three thousand people - a number designed to bring out the momentous nature of what is taking place, and the universal mission that will flow from it, rather than giving a precise historical detail. As we know, Luke is writing a sequel to his gospel: the story of the Holy Spirit's life-giving guidance of the early Church. In later ages, our instinct has been sound, in celebrating Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.

The other readings point to other dimensions of the workings of the Spirit in our lives. Our life in Christ is filled, from beginning to end, with God's generous gifts. And all of these gifts come from 'one and the same Spirit' - from our faith in Christ as our 'Lord and God', to the Individual contributions we are able to make to the life of our community.

In John's gospel, as we are reminded in today's reading, the Spirit was given on the evening of Resurrection Day itself. 'Peace be with you', Jesus repeats, and 'breathing on them' he says, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. John's gospel reminds us that if the Spirit is responsible for the great things in which God is present in the life of the Church, the Spirit is also evident in our personal lives, in the true 'peace' and contentment that comes to those who give themselves generously to the Lord. In John's gospel, Jesus, at the Last Supper, associates the gift of the Spirit he promises with a peace that is his special gift: 'My own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give this is my gift to you' (Jn 14:27).

How varied are the gifts of the Spirit. In this era of change and renewal, let us become more aware of our dependence upon them.

John Thornhill sm

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