



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.” - Jn 16:13

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### FOCUS by Fr Andrew Hogan

The Holy Spirit is the protagonist, the principal agent of the Church's mission. This mission continues, and in the course of history, unfolds the mission of Christ who was sent to evangelise the poor. Not only is the Holy Spirit the protagonist and beginning of evangelisation, the Holy Spirit is in fact the 'goal' of evangelisation and He alone, 'stirs up the new creation', of which evangelisation is to be the result.

It is in the prompting of the Spirit that we are awoken. It is in the movement of the Spirit that we are moved. It is in the love of the Spirit borne of the Father and Son that we are called to commune with and come to know God.

In his general audience, 13 May 1998, leading up to the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, Pope John Paul II traced the movement of the Spirit throughout salvation history to illustrate His gradual revelation throughout history and the role of His prompting in the evangelising work of God's people and the Church. He concludes by stating, "*The Biblical concept of ruach, indicate a supremely active, powerful and irresistible energy: the Spirit of the Lord, we read in Isaiah, 'is like an overflowing stream'. Therefore, when the Father intervenes with his Spirit, chaos is transformed into cosmos, the world comes alive and history is set in motion.*"

Evangelii Nuntiandi VII considers explicitly the role of the Spirit in the work of evangelisation. It states:

- Evangelisation will never be possible without the action of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church
- Techniques of evangelisation are good, but even the most advanced ones could not replace the gentle prompting of the Spirit
- If the Spirit has a pre-eminent place in the whole life of the Church, it is in her evangelising mission that he is most active
- It must be said that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelisation: it is he who impels each individual to proclaim the Gospel, and it is he who in the depths of consciences causes the word of salvation to be accepted and understood.
- But it can equally be said that he is the goal of evangelisation: he alone stirs up the new creation the new humanity of which evangelisation is to be the result ...

The Spirit and the mission of the Church are synonymous. Just as the Church is inseparable and unidentifiable except if done so in relation to its evangelising mission, so to the mission cannot be separated from the action and movement of the Spirit. It is the Spirit alone, who stirs up and initiates evangelisation and it is the Spirit alone that leads us and sets the course of the mission.

The Holy Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with humanity (CCC). The breath of God that brought all creation into 'existence, continues to move and breathe and sanctify us, so that, in its fullness, God's kingdom will reign.



## The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

### Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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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 Bargara

## OTHER CONTACTS

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**Ozcare:** 1800 692 273

**Towards Healing:** 1800 337 928

## AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick  
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666  
& follow the prompts.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!" We only know that the wind exists because of what it does. A gentle breeze felt on our face or watching a tree swaying or swirling snowflakes all prove the existence of "something" causing these things to happen. But, apart from its effects, we cannot see the origin or substance of wind. The Holy Spirit is the wind of God. Watching an early Church emerge, people coming to believe, disciples of Jesus change the way they live and conduct their affairs-all give witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Observing the courage and conviction of those who have found faith, working for justice, feeding the poor, seeing how wounds are healed-all point to something greater than ourselves working and living among us. How do our lives give witness to the Spirit?

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

On this Pentecost Sunday, if you come to Mass at my parish you will see a sea of red all around. The choir, the lectors, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the people in the pews, and of course the celebrant and our deacon, will all be wearing red. We are one of those parishes that strive to reflect the colour of the liturgy in our dress. It can be a sight to see.

What we put on our bodies serves only as a reminder of what is really important during these liturgical celebrations. At Pentecost, it was the Spirit of God that filled those in the first Christian community. We wear red to call to mind that very Spirit, often depicted as a fire or flame. However, if we just use red as a reminder of the power of the Spirit without letting it change us, then our actions become merely sentimental.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of the Church. God touches us and enters into us in a profound way, just like in that upper room at Pentecost. That first powerful movement of the Spirit led to a Church that grew and flourished and remains alive today. What is the movement of the Spirit within calling you to do today? Do we allow God to move us and do great things through us? Red is a bold colour to wear at any time. But our actions should be even bolder.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS -

## LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

On the anniversary of 'Laudato Si' this Thursday we are reminded of Pope Francis' challenge to protect our common home which includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development. (#13)

*We can all ask ourselves 'Am I responding to this challenge?'*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Newly Baptised:** Claire D'Albret.

**Newly Initiated:** Patrick Jay and Jai Madden.

**Newly Married:** Kimberley Cole and Jason Hawe.

**Recently Deceased:** Rita Spiteri (Malta); Doris Robb; Ada Russell; Charlie Baker (Castlemaine - Victoria); Thomas "Dessie" Doherty; Dolly Everett and Lorna Gibbs.



## NOTICES

**Celebration of Sacraments:** this Sunday during the 5.30pm Mass two young people will be baptised, confirmed and receive holy communion for the first time. They will be initiated into the life of the Church. Please keep them and all our children preparing for sacraments in your prayers.

**First Holy Communion:** Next weekend the Children will be receiving their first Holy Communion after a long journey of preparation. We ask that you keep them and their families in prayer and welcome them into our faith communities after Mass.

**Bundaberg Passionist Family Group ~ Mackillop Family Group:** invites you to join them for Lunch at the Bucca Hotel Sunday, 20 May 2018 at 12noon. For more information, contact Geraldine ~ 0413 671 641.

**Maytime Morning Tea, Fashion Parade & Mini Cent Sale:** hosted by the Friends of Carinity Kepnock Grove Auxiliary is being held Tuesday, 22 May 2018 at 9.30am in the Kepnock Grove Community Centre. Admission: \$5. For bookings, contact Casimir ~ 4151 4888 or Lyn ~ 4151 6724.

**Shalom College Lingiari House Mass:** 11.25am Friday, 25 May 2018 in the Loyola Chapel at Shalom College. All welcome.

**Rosters:** are being prepared for July, August & September. It is extremely important that you ring the Parish Office **before Friday, 25 May 2018** if you need to make changes to your Ministry &/or your contact, or if you will be away for an *extended* period of time during these three (3) months. ***No changes can be made to the Rosters after 25 May 2018.***

**Christian Unity Prayer Group:** Thursday, 31 May 2018 at 10.00am in the Novakoski Centre followed by fellowship.

**Emily's Voice Fundraising & Celebration Dinner:** is being held at Rowers on the River on Saturday, 9 June 2018 at 6.30pm. Tickets: \$55 RSVP by Friday, 1 June 2018. Please see the Church Noticeboards for more information. All welcome.

**Relay for Life High Tea:** from 10.30am Saturday, 14 July 2018 in St Patrick's Hall. Tickets are \$30/person & will be available from the Parish Office from Monday, 4 June 2018. (Tables of 10 available). Donations towards the High Tea's Continuous Raffle would be greatly appreciated - Thank you.

**Relay for Life 2018:** is being held from 2.00pm Saturday, 11 August to 8.00am Sunday, 12 August 2018 at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Early Bird Registration is \$20 for Parishioners who register & pay before Friday, 25 May 2018. Registration will be \$30 after this date. To Register as member of the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Relay for Life Team please visit the Cancer Council Office at 41 Woongarra Street, (diagonally across from the Parish Office) or for more information contact Denise at the Parish Office on telephone no. 4151 6666.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Luncheon:** will be held on Saturday, 25 August 2018 from 11am at the Bundaberg RSL. More information will be available at a later date.

## LITURGIES

### 7th Week of Ordinary Time

#### Monday 21 May 2018

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

#### Tuesday 22 May 2018

9.00am St James - LWC

9.30am Gracehaven

- Mass with Anointing

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

#### Wednesday 23 May 2018

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

#### Thursday 24 May 2018

##### Our Lady, Help of Christians

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

10.00am St Mary's

- Mass with Anointing

#### Friday 25 May 2018

11.25am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

#### Saturday 26 May 2018

##### St Philip Neri

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

27 May 2018

### The Most Holy Trinity Hours of Solemnity, Te Deum

#### Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

#### Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

### Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

### Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20



**SCRIPTURE  
REFLECT & RESPOND**

**Acts 2:1-11**

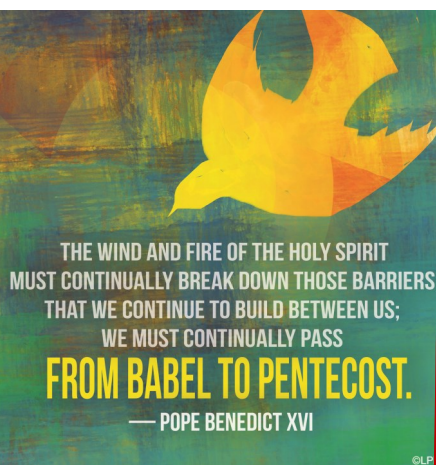
We hear today about the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles and the birth of the Church. What do you think the miracle of Pentecost means for believers today?

**Galatians 5:16-25**

Paul implores the Christians in the region of Galatia to "live by the Spirit." Where do you see your faith community living by the Spirit?

**John 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

Once again this Sunday we hear from Jesus' farewell discourse to the Disciples where Jesus foreshadows the coming of the Holy Spirit. Why do you think Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as our "Advocate" and "the Spirit of truth"?



**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

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

The reading from Acts sets the tone for today's celebration. Luke tells how the Church's universal mission was inaugurated, in the power of the Holy Spirit, as faithful Jews gathered for their Pentecost festival, fifty days after the Passover celebration.

Luke was conscious of his task of telling the world what had really happened – as he makes clear in introducing each of his two works. He faced a great challenge, however, as he set out to describe and interpret the vast complexity of the Church's early development. He met this difficulty by choosing several events that were turning points in the Church's history, and presenting them in a dramatic way that made clear their profound significance – a device used by other writers of the day.

Luke's story of the Church's first Pentecost is an example of this approach. The Church's first courageous witness, and its subsequent announcing of the Good News throughout the known world, was a remarkable fulfilment of the Saviour's promise that he would give his disciples courage and power through the gift of his own Spirit (Mk 13:9-11). The universality of the Church's mission is made clear. The Church's first witness is to 'devout people from every nation' - in the first place to 'Jews', but with the mention of 'proselytes' among the crowd addressed the conversion of the gentiles is also anticipated. In the continuation of our passage, Peter's sermon gives a summary of the Church's early witness.

It is in the power of the Spirit that the Church takes up its mission. Today, before all days, the Church invites us to deepen our faith in the Saviour's gift of his own Spirit. Already in the Old Testament, 'the Spirit of God' was active as a life-giving force at work in creation. Anointed by the Spirit as God's 'Servant', in fulfilment of the prophecies of the Book of Isaiah, Jesus has led us to know the Spirit as a Person sharing the one divine life with the Father and the Son. Today's gospel reading is a meditation upon this shared life, and the way in which those who find faith in Christ are made to share in it. Those who have received the gift of the Spirit can tell the world the 'complete truth' about the Saviour of the world, and can announce 'the things to come', because the mystery of God's final plan for the world has been revealed in the events which took place in Jerusalem at the time of the Passover.

The Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; the Spirit is the very life principle of the Church; the Spirit dwells in each believer as our 'paraclete' – the companion who stands by us in all our trials, providing whatever is needed to survive every trial. We live 'in Christ' because he has given us his own Spirit. Paul's letter to the Galatians contrasts the ugly manifestations of a selfish abuse of our freedom with the 'fruits of the Spirit' which are to be seen in the lives of those who chose to 'belong to Christ Jesus': 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control'. In these things, the Spirit gives us an intimation of 'the things to come', the fullness of God's Kingdom.