



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

Pentecost Sunday

31 May 2020

FOCUS by Joe McCorley

WHY PENTECOST?

They were terrified! Mary, and the followers of Jesus huddled together in fear in the Upper Room! "Listen! Is that the Roman soldiers banging the walls downstairs? Have they come to torture and crucify us, as they had done to Jesus?"

It was about 50 days since the Resurrection. Jesus had told them to wait in the city, until the power from above comes down upon them.

Suddenly, an extremely powerful gust of wind filled the Upper Room! Then Tongues of Fire, swirled around the room, until they separated and rested on the head of each person.

They screamed! "What is happening?" They began to pray! All of a sudden, they realised they were no longer afraid! It was that moment of Pentecost! The Holy Spirit came upon them! They began to smile. They felt a new power within them! They felt courageous! They were inspired!

Led by Peter, they raced downstairs. People from every country in the world had gathered. Peter began to speak the message of Jesus. The people heard it in their own language. About 3000 people were baptised that day! We celebrate Pentecost as the Birthday of the Christian Church.

"THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!"

All of Pentecost is hidden in this one line, "THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." The Holy Spirit is the LOVE of GOD! Within the TRINITY, the Spirit is the flame of Love going from Father to Son and from Son to Father. Indeed, The Holy Spirit calls each one of us to join in this great relationship of God's Love.

On that first day of Pentecost a new Church came alive! The followers of Jesus had an overwhelming experience of being LOVED by GOD. They became a new people, full of courage, ready to fearlessly follow Jesus!

We have been locked in our homes by the Corona Virus for more than 50 days! As followers of Jesus, can we emerge on this day of Pentecost, FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, with the courage to revitalise our Church?

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL FEEDBACK FROM MAY 2020 MEETING:

- The Parish Stewardship Council meeting for this month was again held online via Zoom. Starting with prayers on those affected by Coronavirus and also remembering fire victims, farmers and the St Mary's community.
- The latest COVID-19 restrictions concerning the re-opening of our churches were discussed and how this could be well managed in our Parish. More information can be found on the parish website, Facebook and bulletin.
- Information regarding the new project from the Parish Planning Group was updated - more information to come. Parish finances and the air-conditioning for Holy Rosary Church were also discussed.
- Our Parish Mass is streamed live from Shalom Catholic College on Sundays at 9:00am, and also our weekday Masses from the Parish Office Chapel are streamed live on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00am.
- The Parish Team continues to contact parishioners during these restrictive times, so please remember to contact the Parish Office if you would like a regular call from a team member.
- Youth Co-ordinators Liz and Maddie have been very busy with renovating the Youth Centre in readiness for the Young Adults Group to meet in person again under the COVID-19 regulations.
- Our Parish Stewardship Council members each shared their experiences and the impact of these restrictive times. It was acknowledged that we have an extraordinary Parish Team who work above and beyond during this COVID-19.
- If you have any suggestions, concerns or helpful information for the Parish Stewardship Council, please feel free to contact the Parish Office and speak with a team member.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

Rev Gasper Peruvellil
Associate Pastor

Mrs Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-ordinator

Mrs Denise Tuzes
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mrs Marcia Sharp
Visitation Co-ordinator

Ms Elizabeth Kelly
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Ms Maddison Devine
Assistant Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Parish Safeguarding Representative

Mr Norm Whyte
Business Manager

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Administration & Finance
Co-ordinator

Mrs Raquel Arriola
Reception

SCHOOLS

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sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au
Ph: 4151 4771

St Mary's Catholic Primary
Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt
stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au
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St Patrick's Catholic Primary
Principal: Mr Mark Fox
saintpatricks.qld.edu.au
Ph: 4152 1380

Shalom College
Principal: Mr Dan McMahon
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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
22 Barolin St (Cnr Barolin &
Woongarra Sts)

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers St

St James' Church
38 See St Barga

OTHER CONTACTS

Diocesan Safeguarding
Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080

The Diocese of Rockhampton
Response Line: 1800 830 113

Centacare: 1300 523 985

St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455

Ozcare: 1800 692 273

Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

ST. PATRICK'S: We anticipate that, by Friday 5 June, tradesmen will be finished work on the 2 front garden beds and completed the repair work on the damaged brickwork at the front of the church. Then we need to clean and sanitise the interior of the church, as well as prepare a group of volunteers who will assist with upholding the current level of compliance requirements of the COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, we are planning to re-open St. Pat's church with a Mass for the gazetted maximum of 20 people at 9.00 AM on Monday 15 June, provided we have sufficient volunteers.

St. Patrick's church now provides extra Masses which were previously conducted at St. Mary's church before the fire. Also, St. Pat's will become the sole operating church in Bundaberg city while air conditioning and solar panels are being installed at Holy Rosary – anticipated to be between June to September. Therefore, to maximise the functionality of St. Pat's, some outside seating and shade sails are being considered. We will post these details on the parish website as soon as they become available. Your input is requested.

HOLY ROSARY: We anticipate that we will receive approval within the next 2 weeks from the Bundaberg Regional Council to proceed with the installation of the solar panels and the air conditioning. Assuming that we receive this approval, we will then commence peripheral work in relation to these 2 major installation projects. At a point in time within the next 8 weeks, Holy Rosary will need to close to allow this installation work to continue. In the meantime, we will re-open Holy Rosary with a Mass for the gazetted maximum of 20 people at 6.00 PM on Saturday 13 June, provided we have sufficient volunteers.

ST. JAMES': As a trial in preparation for the re-opening of St. Pat's and Holy Rosary, we will re-open St. James' church with a Mass for the gazetted maximum of 10 people at 9.00 AM on Tuesday 2 June, provided we have sufficient volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS: Maintaining health and well-being is our prime concern, as is avoiding a major fine if we were to breach the COVID-19 regulations. Therefore we need trained supervisory volunteers to ensure that no more than the allowed number of people participate in the Masses, and that the social distancing and sanitisation protocols are being maintained. Volunteers for St. James' will undergo training at 8.30 AM on Tuesday 2 June at St. James'.

Volunteers for St. Patrick's and for Holy Rosary have been trained, however more volunteers are needed. Please advise the parish office if you can help, so that we can continue to offer open churches, and abide by the current restrictions. Our current sacristan volunteers and those who assist with music, singing, reading, and special ministers of communion are also required.

CHURCH CLEANING: We now need to re-commence the cleaning and sanitising of our churches, in line with COVID-19 requirements. Please contact the parish office to confirm if you are on a current cleaning roster, or if you want to be included on the new rosters. Because we need more volunteer cleaners for our churches, it would be most appreciated if those who were on the St. Mary's cleaning rosters would nominate for the cleaning of Holy Rosary and/or St. Patrick's.

RESTRICTED NUMBERS OF ATTENDEES AT MASSES: Commencing Monday 8 June, please email to sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au or phone the parish office on 4151 6666 to advise of your desire to attend any of these newly scheduled Masses. Once the available places have been filled, you will be offered a place at the next Mass, and we will register your acceptance.

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Visitation

The opening of our churches for visitation is subject to State Health Department limitations and requirements. To ensure we comply with government regulations we require volunteer assistance.

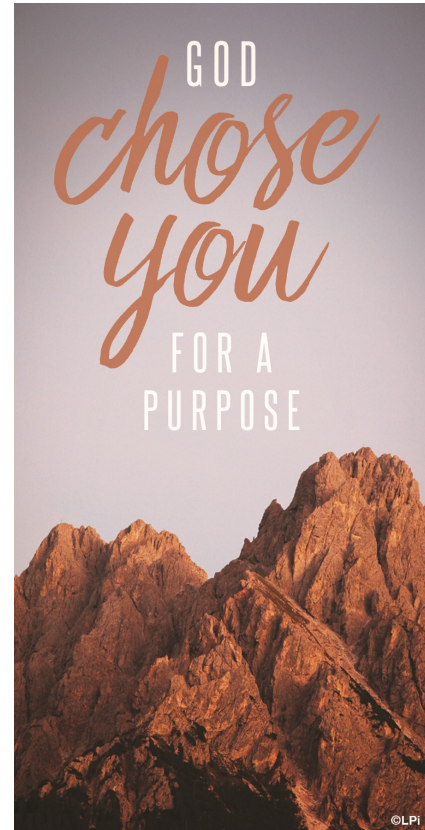
If you can assist please contact the parish office. We are hoping our churches will be able to be opened daily 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

MASS SCHEDULING

Location	Time	Date	Day	Comments
St. James'	9.00 AM	2 June	Tuesday	Reservation essential
	7.00 AM	7 June	Sunday	Reservation essential
	9.00 AM	9 June	Tuesday	Reservation essential
	7.00 AM	14 June	Sunday	Reservation essential
St. Patrick's	9.00 AM	15 June	Monday	Reservation essential
	5.30 PM	17 June	Wednesday	Reservation essential
	6.30 AM	18 June	Thursday	Reservation essential
	6.00 PM	20 June	Saturday	Reservation essential
Holy Rosary	9.00 AM	22 June	Monday	Reservation essential
	6.00 PM	13 June	Saturday	Reservation essential
	8.00 AM	14 June	Sunday	Reservation essential
	5.30 PM	14 June	Sunday	Reservation essential
Live-streamed Mass	12.15 PM	19 June	Friday	Reservation essential
	8.00 AM	21 June	Sunday	Reservation essential
	5.30 PM	21 June	Sunday	Reservation essential
	10.00 AM	2 June	Tuesday	Via your device
	10.00 AM	5 June	Friday	Via your device
	9.00 AM	7 June	Sunday	Via your device
	10.00 AM	9 June	Tuesday	Via your device
	10.00 AM	12 June	Friday	Via your device
	9.00 AM	14 June	Sunday	Via your device
	10.00 AM	16 June	Tuesday	Via your device
10.00 AM	19 June	Friday	Via your device	
9.00 AM	21 June	Sunday	Via your device	

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Mary Goodwin, Dennis Newman, Joan O'Sullivan, Gregory Oldham, Dennis McCusker (Rockhampton), Val Woodward, Catherine Solano, Carlos Antolin (Philippines)



It is our hope that Mass scheduling will continue at our 3 churches, and will depend on our ability to safely manage the COVID-19 requirements. Live-streaming will also continue as per the above table, however a new schedule will be published by 14 June. We thank you for your understanding in these difficult times. The parish will maintain the highest possible level of communication so that you can continue to be fully informed.

Please be reassured that Bishop Michael's Decree states that, during this time, the faithful are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. Let us pray that restrictions will soon be lifted and we can once again celebrate the fulness of Eucharist together.

Fr. Peter Tonti,
Parish Priest

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

'SALT'

Young Adults

for young adults aged 18-30 years old

on Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

at the Youth Centre

For more information, please contact

Elizabeth Kelly at 0456 635 542

Lighter Side

The Line-up



In heaven, there were two lines. One said "Men who were bossed by their wives," and the other one said, "Men who weren't bossed by their wives."

There was a big line for the first one, but then the man who was checking people's name in the book of life saw one man in the other line. So he told the guys to wait. He asked the man why he was standing in that line.

The man replied, "My wife told me to."



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“Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.” And
when he had said this, he breathed
on them and said to them, “Receive
the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you
forgive are forgiven them, and
whose sins you retain are retained.”

JOHN 20:19-23

SCRIPTURE REFLECT and RESPOND

Acts 2:1-11

The birth of the Church occurs with the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles. Luke presents this as an experience of unity. How do you see your faith community promoting unity of mind and spirit?

1 Corinthians 12:3-7

Paul speaks to the Christians in Corinth of the gifts and benefits of the Holy Spirit for believers. What Spirit-driven gifts do you possess?

John 20:19-23

John tells us how the resurrected Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit directly to the disciples, empowering them to forgive sins. How often do you use the gift of forgiveness?

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into unchartered territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone. ©LPi

Next Sunday...

7 June | SCRIPTURES | The Most Holy TRINITY

First Reading
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel
John 3:16-18