



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY Year C

Welcome to the Parish

4th / 5th June 2022

AS THE FATHER SENT ME SO I SEND YOU

and he breathed on them

by: Fr Peter Tonti
Parish Priest



Tuesday night's Confirmation group

This week seventy children have been confirmed in our parish and have been sent on mission.

Confirmation is a gift of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of strengthening us (*Confirmare: to make strong*). We are made strong in our relationship with Jesus Christ so we can defend and spread our faith in him to all people. We are called to listen to Jesus deeply in our heart. We listen as a friend experiencing God's Holy Spirit and then we can go and do God's will, as we are called to do, today.

Confirmation is a Sacrament for our time particularly where faith in God is under constant attack or treated as irrelevant. Where being Catholic, particularly for the young, is a serious challenge. Try saying you are Catholic on social media today and see what happens.

The purpose of the Sacrament is not a private spiritual gift to say "look at me" but a strengthening as a member of Christ's Church to do God's will. We give

thanks that these children have said "Yes" to Jesus. The seven gifts they receive date all the way back to the great prophet Isaiah and the original gifts of the Messiah (Isaiah 11). The Gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding. The Gifts of Counsel, and Piety. The Gifts of Fear of the Lord and Fortitude.

If you are going to defend your faith and live it with conviction you will obviously need Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding. This means more than just knowing technical definitions but learning to seek and understand the world through the eyes of God. Would you listen to a doctor who failed medical school or take your car to an incompetent mechanic? If we are searching for faith then we should pray regularly, read our Scriptures, learn our tradition, participate in the Eucharist and listen to the many and venturous stories of those who have lived their lives in faith. *Continued next page....*

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

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Administration & Finance Co-ordinator

Mrs Marcia Sharp
Visitation Co-ordinator

Miss Elizabeth Kelly
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Reception

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Presly Varghese
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Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Street

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Focus Continued:

Fortitude and Counsel are obviously required in today's world where we face opposition from the numerous forms of media, some workplace and school environments through to the many social gatherings. Are we prepared to defend our "Mother Church"?

Piety is not about some fluffy, fuzzy religious practices but a deep commitment to duty. One does what he or she is supposed to do. We are called to worship God. Fear of the Lord is not being afraid of God but the deep abiding respect for the primacy of God and the goodness and dignity of all God's creation.

Praise of God is essential and then people will see who you are and your obvious priorities in life. They will see you are filled with God's Spirit and then they too will seek God's Grace.

Our world today cries out in a loud voice for identity. We find our identity through our mission in life. When we know what God wants us to do. When we hear and respond to God's call. Recall your Confirmation name and join in the mission of those who have gone before us in faith. The long, deep and rich tradition of meaning and purpose. Know their stories and continue with our own.

As adults we are called to teach the young ones to pray and to participate with them in the experience of the Eucharist. Provide them with the environment where they can be proud to explore their vocation in life. And where the little whispering breath of God's Spirit, that Elijah heard all those years ago, can also enter their young hearts (1Kings 19). Then their eyes and ears will be open to the knowledge, understanding and wisdom of God and they too can live Christ's Mission of raising up, healing and reconciling people in God's Spirit of Love.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday and Thursday with Bishop Michael. This is an exciting and memorable time in their young lives and we wish them well on the life journey ahead.

With the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide them, their families and sponsors to support them, and the example of this faith community, understanding their role as Jesus' disciples in today's world will be made clearer, we hope.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be received by 70 children over the next two weekends, completing their initiation into the life of the Church. We pray that the seed planted in childhood will be nourished regularly by the Sacrament of Eucharist and grow to maturity over time. Thank you to the parents, sponsors, and Sacramental Team members who have brought them to this moment.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: We wish to thank all those involved in the Memorial Service last week. Your help contributed to a beautiful night of prayer and remembrance for those whom have been called home to our Lord. We would especially like to thank Michael Brown from Browns Funerals for supplying the roses for the service.

BUNDABERG CWL: Meeting in the Community Centre on **Tuesday June 7th at 12:00 noon** Bring your lunch and a cup please. All are welcome to attend. For further information contact Maureen 4152 1263.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: The "Life in the Spirit" Seminar concludes this Sunday at the Parish Office Conference Room 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Prayer groups are held at the Parish Office Chapel on **Tuesday** each week, from **10:00am to 10:30am** and on **Fridays** from **11:30am to 12:00pm**. New members are welcome, no experience is required. Contact Joe McCorley 0418 727 845

BLANKET BUDDIES: Meet weekly on **Wednesday** at Novakoski Centre. **9:00am to 12:00 noon**.

DIOCESAN RETREAT DATE CLAIMER: Pope Francis has encouraged all dioceses to host a local celebration of the World Meeting of Families this year. Our diocese is pleased to be hosting a weekend retreat on the **24th - 26th of June at Coolwaters Discovery Park, Yeppoon**. This event is open to everyone, and we would love for you to join us. Please save the date for now, registration details TBA



PENTECOST



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Married: Samantha and Adam Parker.

Recently Deceased: Merv McGrane, Rolando Masil (Philippines), Annette Sutton, Roslyn Lythall, Vince Corbin (Rockhampton), Alison Bartolo (Mackay).

LITURGIES

Monday 6 June 2022

**The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 7 June 2022

9.00am St James' - LWC
Followed by Rosary and
Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 8 June 2022

8.00am Shalom- Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 9 June 2022

St Ephrem

6.30am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 10 June 2022

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 11 June 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

**12 June 2022
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

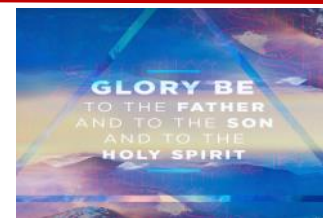
Prov 8: 22-31

Second Reading

Rom: 5:1-5

Gospel

John 16:12-15



PRAYER GROUPS

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Takes place every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month **7.00pm** in the Novakoski Centre.

Monthly prayer groups will be advertised in the bulletin the week prior

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abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the **Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:**

Response Line: 1800 830 113
(free call)

Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net

Diocesan website for more information:

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Catholic Care: 1300 523 985

St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666

& follow the prompts

GOSPEL REFLECTION

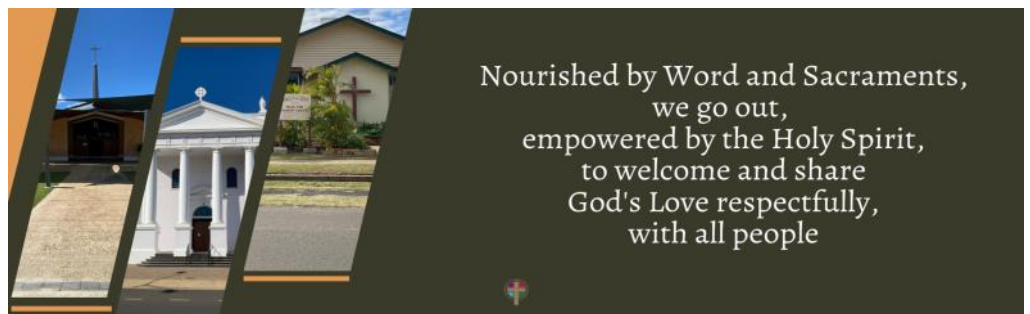


Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. *"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."* (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day. ©LPI



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