



To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

23 MAY 2021  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
YEAR B



**Entrance Antiphon**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**First Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30  
(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading** from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to John 20: 19-23

**Communion Antiphon**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

**NEXT WEEK**  
30 MAY 2021  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
YEAR B

**First:** Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

**Responsorial Psalm**

32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12  
(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Second:** Rom 8:14-17

**Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.



In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh. Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.

*by Richard Leonard*

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## Mass times

Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am
Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
Reconciliation: by appointment	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

## Rosters

30 May 2021	6pm	9.30am	5pm
<b>Monitor</b>	Suzanne & Russel Binny	Chris & Margaret Pew	Terry & Maree Reilly
	Myra Cortez	Allan & Anita Roma	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Ryan Potter	Orly Simbul	Robert Selvaraj
<b>Reader</b>	Michael Binny	Allan Roma	Gloria Divinagracia
<b>Counting</b>	Christine Bath, Nellie Byrne	<b>Flowers</b>	Patricia Wicks
<b>Vacuuming</b>	Lorraine Bryant, Jackie Plasto	<b>Foyer</b>	Orly Simbul
<b>Refreshments</b>	20 June at 10.30am		

## Prayer intentions

**For the sick & homebound:** Elizabeth Moore, Nelia Balingit, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Gabriel Gonzales, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gribbons, Jenny Bishop, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Claude Fricot, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Mary & Reg Gardner, Doris Wahhab, John Kajdrys, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Ofilia Mawson, Mary & Frances Raithi, Marie Atkins, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aguirre, Joan Wilson

*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Chris McDowell, Anne Brandl, Eduvigis Reyes,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Hilda Young, Dolores Sitjar, Anthony Binny,  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.*



- Game 1 on Wednesday June 9
- Game 2 on Sunday, June 27
- Game 3 on Wednesday July 14
- Come along and watch the game at the parish.
- BYO refreshments.

**YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH**

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

# Bulletin Notices

**First Holy Communion will be celebrated at all Masses on the weekend of 6 June.** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare. Last weekend prayer cards were offered for parishioners to take home and pray for a specific child.

*Dear Jesus, we pray that these children will come to feel your loving presence in a very special way on their First Holy Communion Day. May they come to love you with their whole heart in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and always try to follow in your footsteps. May their lives be blessed with many graces and lasting happiness. Amen.*

**The property meeting has been rescheduled till Wednesday 2 June at 7.30pm** and all are most welcome to attend the meeting.

**The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus.** The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via *The Chosen app download*

**Cursillo 3 day weekend July 1-4** Ladies, are you ready to step back out into life with your Faith community, following the forced Covid hibernation. Join us for a Cursillo 3 day weekend July 1-4 at Hartzler Park, Bowral. Share your stories; increase the depth of your faith; listen to talks from our Spiritual Advisor and lay women; daily Mass. For further info please contact Denise D'Amore 0438254139.

**National Families Week Webinar Series** To celebrate National Families Week, CatholicCare are running a Five-part webinar series to help you grow as a family and get the most out of family life. Topic covered: Family Resilience, Family Values, Family Connection, Family Self Care and Family Mindfulness. Webinars run between Monday 17 to Friday 22 May, 10am-10:30am each day. Visit the events calendar of the CatholicCare website for more information and to register: <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/>

**MenALIVE Men's Weekend** Rediscover God's Presence and Purpose for your Life **12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) Port Kembla** The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men

from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. Register via brochure or online [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events): Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078.

**Invitation - Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Foundational Unit** Are you interested in growing in knowledge, understanding, and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care? The CPE Foundational Unit will be conducted on two consecutive days per month from 13th July 2021 to 30th March 2022. Please contact Carmen Karauda at [ckarauda@gmail.com](mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com) or phone: 0419 430 676 for more info and/or application form. Applications are now open. Please apply early. Applications close 25th June 2021.

**LAUDATO SI WEEK 16-25 May 2021:** is a Vatican-sponsored event that unites Catholics across the globe in celebrating the encyclical that has spurred prayer and action for our common home since its release in 2015. It is the crowning event of the Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year begun in 2020, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. The theme for this weeklong celebration is, "*For we know that things can change*" (*Laudato Si'* 13). As Pope Francis said on Earth Day, "When this destruction of nature is triggered, it is very difficult to stop it. But we are still in time. And we will be more resilient if we work together instead of doing it alone."

**The Journey' Podcast** On the Journey this week: Bishop Brian Mascord says the Pentecost story is one of many languages, most of which were not spoken. Mother Hilda says that God turns up every Sunday at our local church and asks will you meet him? Plus, some marriage tips, having a spirit of radical hospitality, grasping the many languages of faith and great Holy Spirit music! The Journey available as a podcast at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

**LIVE Local** Attention High School students! LIVE Local is a deanery youth group ran by CYMW in the Macarthur Region at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Campbelltown every Friday night! 7pm-9pm during school terms. *Expect?* Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit [@live.local.cymw](https://www.instagram.com/live.local.cymw) on Instagram

## For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.



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*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation. For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

