



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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# The Living Word

**Pentecost Sunday, Year A**

**24 May 2026**

## First Reading Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

## 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.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. *(R.)*
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. *(R.)*
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful*

*and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 20:19-23

*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,  
they are retained.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our St Mary's volunteers.

Your generosity, support and willingness to give your time

make a meaningful difference to our community each and every day, and your efforts never go unnoticed.

The wonderful response to the Winter Meals initiative this week is a true reflection of the kindness, compassion and spirit of the St Mary's community.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers and contributes so generously.

**National** 18-24 MAY 2026  
**Volunteer**  
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER **Week**

### St Mary's Winter Meals 2026

Thank you for your wonderful response to participate in the **Winter Meals Project, 2026**.

The meals and soup that participants will prepare for homeless people and those in need, will be distributed from Mooroopna Community Centre (MEAC) each week.

The roster has been sent to those involved and I now have the containers.

I need to know who will prepare soup from each group

I will get containers to you before your rostered date, hopefully over the next 2 weeks.

Cathie McMaster  
0434 343 327



### **Save the date!**

**Installation Mass:**

***Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ***

**Thursday 30 July at 11am**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo**

**All welcome**

### **ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO**

**"Reaching out to each other  
- growing together in love"**

**St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years**

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**

**Sunday 10.30am**

#### **RECONCILIATION**

**10:30am to 11:15am Saturday**

#### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

<b>Mon 25/5</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tues 26/5</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Tues 26/5</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Wed 27/5</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Thurs 28/5</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Fri 29/5</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10am</b>

#### **EASY WORSHIP**

**Sat 23 May:** Sarah Richards  
**Sun 24 May:** Sarah Richards

**Sat 30 May:** Imelda  
**Sun 31 May:** AM Carroll

#### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST**

*'Pentecost'*

Be refreshed in the Holy Spirit Charismatic Mass celebrated by Fr Arun Korlakan  
Spiritual Chaplain CCR Sandhurst

**Saturday 23rd May 2026**

9.30am Cuppa,

10.00am-3.30pm at St Brendan's Knight St, Shepparton

In the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

*An offering will be taken up on  
the day*

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**The Grade 2 students led the Pentecost Prayer at the Assembly on earlier this week.**

## ***St Mary's Primary School*** **IMPORTANT DATES**

**12th June** - Whole School Mass of Compassion - Feast of the Sacred Heart in the Marian Centre at **10am**.

Grade 4 - 6: Sacrament of First Eucharist and Confirmation

**Sunday 16th August** – Candidates presented at Sunday Mass

**Sunday 11th October** - Celebration of First Eucharist and Confirmation at mass.

## **2026 National Count of Attendance**

Our parish is participating in the 2026 National Count of Attendance, conducted by the National Centre for Pastoral Research on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The counts for Weeks 1, 2 and 3 have now been completed, and this weekend marks Week 4. Only attendance numbers are being recorded, and all people present at Mass are included in the count.

**Weekend 4 (23–24 May):** Count by age groups (0–17, 18–29, 30–49, 50–69, and 70+)

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this important national survey and appreciate your patience while the counting is carried out. Thank you.

## **Men's Group Breakfast**

**Friday 30 May at 7:30AM St Mary's Mooroopna**

**Come along for a great morning of friendship, conversation, and community**

## **Morning Tea**

**St Mary's Mooroopna will be having morning tea after Sunday morning Mass on the first Sunday of every month.**

***Starting on Sunday 7 June.***

## **Congratulations Maree!**

Earlier this week, Maree Williams was recognised as one of the deserving nominees at the Greater Shepparton City Council Volunteer Recognition Awards.

We extend our sincere thanks to Maree for her many years of dedicated and passionate support of the St Mary's community. Her generosity, commitment and care have made a lasting impact on both our parish and school communities.

Congratulations, Maree, and thank you for all that you continue to do for St Mary's.



## **Stories from the Sandpiper e-News**

The stories of Indonesian-born Sr Hartini, Fr Addin and Fr Adi (pictured left), reveal how growing up Catholic in the world's largest Muslim nation fostered a deep respect for faith, community and coexistence. Despite Catholics making up only a small minority in Indonesia, all three describe a culture where religion is openly valued and different faiths often coexist within families and communities, shaped in part by Indonesia's founding philosophy of Pancasila. Their own families converted to Catholicism within recent generations, often through personal relationships and missionary influence, and they recall strong community participation in worship and a natural openness to spiritual life. Arriving in Australia, they were struck by the more secular culture and quieter style of worship, yet they also recognised a deep personal faith and spiritual hunger among Australians. Together, their experiences highlight both the diversity and universality of the Catholic Church, showing how faith can unite people across cultures, nations and traditions.





Readings  
for  
this week:

Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13  
John 20:19-23

Readings  
for  
next week:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2  
Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18

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### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR .....

**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Dennis Corboy, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Logan Clarke-Lines, Margaret Campbell, Luigina Cecchin

**Recently Deceased:** Carolyn Purcell, Barbara Whyte

**Anniversaries:** Joe Brock, Pat Treacy

**ALTAR HELPERS** Sat 23 May: not required

Sat 30 May: Liz Donnelly

**BINGO 30 May:** Tom Dumaresq, Francesca, Emma Difiede, Alex Ransom, Sarah and Gwen Ransom

23rd & 24th May	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Mavis Murphy	Mary Coad	Miriam Hogarty	Gwen & Alex Ransom
10.30 am	Maree Williams	Liam Cowan	Angela Iacono	TBA
30th & 31st May				
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Cathie McMaster	Inez Raleigh	Raymond Family
10.30 am	Sheila Griffin	Marie O'Meara	Marg Lee	TBA