



Christ the King Church

# ST MEL'S PARISH

*" BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."*

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## Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 5 June 2022

Readings for this week:



Acts 2:1-11  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 14:15-16,23-26  
or John 20:19-23

Readings for next Sunday:



Proverbs 8:22-31  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Symbols of Pentecost

Our churches and schools are often decorated by banners and signs depicting the events and elements of the Holy Spirit coming amongst the believers at Pentecost: wind, tongues of flame, fire in a brazier, water, images of a dove, Mary and the disciples in the room. Hymns both ancient: "Veni Creator Spiritus" and modern: "Pentecost Oh Pentecost" may be sung.

#### Pastoral Notes: Ordo 2022

Pentecost Sunday is the last day of the Easter Season concluding after Evening Prayer II.

The Easter (Paschal) Candle is lit at all Masses. Following evening prayer II, it is given a place of honour in the Baptistry.

The dismissal with the double Alleluia is used.

The Sequence before the Gospel Acclamation may be sung.

### Looking at the Readings

The major feasts of the Church's liturgical year are: Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Epiphany, Annunciation, Saints Peter & Paul. The Gospels of the day relate the events: resurrection, birth, adoration by the wise men, the Gabriel's message to Mary, except Pentecost. It is the First Reading at the Pentecost Mass of the Day that relates the event on the descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-11). The Gospel is a passage from the Farewell Discourse of Christ before his death. Yet both reveal some of the Pentecost mystery: Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide the early Church and to witness and remind the disciples of Christ's teachings. In hearing the familiar story of Pentecost let us not get lulled into complacency for every element carries great importance: place, time, people, weather, language.

**Place:** Jerusalem: the City of prophets, kings and martyrs: where Jesus ended his ministry and the church begun.

**Time:** The day of commemoration God's deliverance and covenant with Moses at Mt Sinai, the week of weeks; the fiftieth day of Easter

**People:** Apostles, Mary and other women, Jesus' relatives and other disciples and later people from all corners of the Jewish Diaspora

**Weather and Language:** a loud wind, tongues of fire that gave energy and the gifts of tongue to proclaim the Good News of salvation

The Easter-Pentecost mystery begins a new day of creation, the eighth day of Creation, the first day of the new week. The Story of Creation in Genesis is completed: the Spirit that breathed over the waters to give life now breathes over the people to give new life: Our response is: "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth" Ps 103:30

### The Saints on Pentecost

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 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." St Paul 1 Corinthians 12:3-7

### Prayer of the Day

Love descending today, Come stir up the secret waters of our baptism, which from the death of Jesus Christ makes us rise up in his life: all is love in Love itself. *P. de la Tour du Pin*

### On the Lighter Side

Did you know the Apostles drove a Honda? "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one accord."



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*St Mel's Parish Is...*

**"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."**

## [REFLECTION FROM FR PETER](#)

With the Plenary Council about to convene for the second session ( July 4-8) and we through the universal Church this Sunday celebrating PENTECOST, it's a hopeful sign the HOLY SPIRIT will animate the Plenary Council in deliberating a future for the Church in this land. One of the hopes the Holy Spirit brings is the 'Spirit being an effective sign of all truth'. Our continuing hope as a Church born out of Pentecost will create new vision and purpose for the Church through the Plenary Council.

The Holy Spirit does bring about renewal. To RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH is one of the purposes why our Christian faith living seeks of our personal renewal through the GIFTS the Holy Spirit brings. Jesus saw this in the beginning of his public ministry being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. The closest we experience from this is through the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. The Sacrament preparing the newly initiated in taking their place in the Church and her community.

As the Rite of Confirmation says ...”Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit” is very invitational for us. In light of this and all Pentecost Sunday gives we can ask ourselves.....

What is one gift of the Holy Spirit I want to see in my life presently?

When I'm drawn to the Pentecost event I see this as a 'PEAK EXPERIENCE' for the Church. Peak experiences are the Wonder and Awe moments taking us out of ourselves, or to take our breath away! Moments of insight bringing effect and where God is relational. One important part of a peak experience is it creates a deep sense of belonging. This may be in our own humanity, how we see creation and the land we walk upon.

May Pentecost fill you with a deeper sense of belonging within our community of faith and where God's gifts are close with you.



### ST MEL'S WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our WNS has begun. We are short of overnight volunteers and bus drivers. It requires HUGE generosity. If you know anyone who could help, please contact Melanie (0417 217 213).

Thanks to those already rostered. Thank you for food donations and financial assistance.

Please contact Maree (0409 956 464). Thanks (Sr Pam).

*St Teresa of Avila reminds us that "Christ has no hands but yours...."*



### POPE FRANCIS ACCEPTS COPY OF ULURU STATEMENT



Pope Francis has accepted the gift in St Peter's square in Rome. Gweagal woman, Theresa Ardler, presented a copy of the Uluru statement to the Pope during a recent 15minute meeting ahead of Reconciliation week. Last week Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, committed to a referendum on the Uluru statement and leaders from nine faiths, including the Catholic Church, formally endorsed the statement, calling for a "voice" – a representative body that can help shape policy directed at First Nations People – to be enshrined in Australia's constitution.

**St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.**



### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

**Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.  
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.  
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.  
Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.**

**St. Augustine**

### **FROM THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF OUR PARISH OWNED**

**BLOCKS** Our committee welcomed Mr. Cameron Fraser to our third meeting for the year last Wednesday evening. It's been suggested by Cameron to gather a financial report from where we stand as a Parish from the Chancery, and from this information where best we go to an eventual outcome of sale, or other possible developments. This is a very gradual and deliberate process. Our next meeting is for Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ST. MEL'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Will meet this Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Gathering room at the Parish House.

**VISIT OF BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY TO THE PARISH** Bishop Shane will be coming to St Mel's Parish on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> for a Parish visitation. It is anticipated Bishop Shane will lead the 9:30am and 5pm Masses. More information to come.

**CALLING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS** We are back to our normal mass routine since we had COVID restrictions and are now planning our new roster for commentators, readers and Eucharist ministers. We would like to include more volunteers, especially at our 5pm mass. If you are interested and willing to support these ministries, please email [sheppartonsouth@cdos.org.au](mailto:sheppartonsouth@cdos.org.au) or call the office on 03 5831 2194 as soon as possible to be included in our next roster starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Thank you to those who are already on our roster volunteering in these ministries.

**A NEW WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH** The quest machines have been installed in the Narthex. The process is easy to follow, simply tap the prompts and present your card to make a donation. The amounts will be counted towards our loose collection, this is separate from our planned giving program. Any queries, please phone the office. Thank you for your generosity.



### **I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE BANNING ANYONE FROM THE EUCHARIST**

I received this article, title above, from a long time Parishioner here at St Mel's and found this a good read and thought it may be of interest to some of you also. I will share this article over the next few weeks in the bulletin. Below is part one:

John Whitney, S.J. May 31, 2022 American Magazine.

#### ***I love the Eucharist.***

Indeed, there is no time in my day when I feel more myself than when I am celebrating, with a community of faith, the mystery of love given to us on the altar. At this table, the spirit of God fulfills the promise of Christ by transforming the gifts of field and vine into the body and blood of the Lord. Here bread and wine—gifts freely given to us, which we now return in offering—become the presence of God. This occurs not through the power of the priest nor through the merit of those present, but through the fidelity of Christ, who constantly responds to the faith of the people of God with incarnate love. Here the gift of the Spirit is offered to us through this living memorial of Christ's death and resurrection.

In such an exchange, the priest's role is that of minister—servant of the one who prepares the feast, and spokesperson for the church who gathers to receive it. This communion with God is not magic. The words of institution and consecration are not incantations that force God to act. Rather, it is a miracle, a free action of God, beyond anything nature can achieve or human beings can rightfully expect. Of all the sacraments, the Eucharist is the most treasured, because in its simplicity it proclaims all that is accomplished through the incarnation: the welcome of the stranger, the healing of the sinful, the inclusion of the alienated, the sanctification of the people of God through constant and irrevocable communion in Christ. These are not things that we accomplish or earn, but things that God accomplishes in us and for us, whenever we stand hungry at the altar, whenever we open our hearts and hands to receive God's gift.

(To be continued...)

Fr Peter

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2022

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Proverbs*

*Wisdom was born before the earth was made.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm - O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

*Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### Weekday Masses this coming week

6th June to 12th June 2022

Monday 6th June - No Mass

Tuesday 7th June - 9:15am

Wednesday 8th June - 9:15am

Thursday 9th June - 9:15am

Friday 10th June - 9:15am

Saturday 11th June - 9:00am

Sunday 12th June - 9:30am & 5:00pm



### READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday 12th June 2022

9:30am - Sev Cortese (Commentator) Nora McCarthy (L1)  
Denis Muto (L2)

9:30am- Special Ministers: Connie Zito &  
Gita Kelleher

5:00pm - Paul Bertoli (Commentator) Dom Poppa (Lector)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Rosana Legalo & Lin Waite

Recently deceased: Fr Gerald Dullard OSA

Anniversaries: Jim Stacey, Geoff Oliver, Cliff Ash,  
Gary Cammerford, Marjorie Cammerford, Catena  
Cari