



Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

St. Mel's Parish

BULLETIN

Focus on the Readings

The first reading on Pentecost Sunday each year gives account of the Holy Spirit coming down the Apostles, Mary and the other disciples (Acts 2:1-11). They were gathered on the festival of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover. It commemorates Moses receiving from God the Ten Commandments. Now it is the new Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ who promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and lead them to the complete truth (John 16:13, part of the Gospel for the day).

Pentecost Poem (the Sequence)

There are four sequences in the current Roman Lectionary. The present Pentecost sequence "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" dates back to the late 12th century and was translated in the 1960's, it contains 10 verses and is said or sung after the second reading at Mass.

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Quote of the Day

Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now. *Henri Nouwen*
Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians
Blessed Virgin Mary, under this title, is the National co-Patroness of Australia celebrated this year on Friday 24 May.

On the Lighter Side

The Lectionary has a line above the second reading of Pentecost Sunday cycles B and C that reads: "Ad libitum". The reader exclaims: "That's great, I can just ad lib St Paul and leave out all those nasty words! Not so, Ad Lib means the celebrant/homilist may choose Cycle A or B readings.



Liturgical Jottings Canonicity, Authenticity and Inspiration I

The 73 books in our Bible form the canon of the sacred scriptures. The "canonicity" of a text, or of a book of the Bible, means that it belongs to the canon (the received corpus) of Scripture. This "canonicity" is not tied to its "authenticity," which means that it is attributed to a particular author for example Isaiah or St Paul, but it is accepted by the Church as inspired Scripture. There are anonymous books in the Bible that are attributed to such and such an author: e.g., the Book of Proverbs, supposedly written by Solomon. One can dispute the authenticity of a particular Letter. e.g., the Second Letter of St Peter. Today, it is nowhere suggested-not even in the title in official liturgical books-that the Letter to the Hebrews was written by Paul as was thought for centuries.

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To be continued next week.



This Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

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



Weekly Reflection

The Church's Mission of Unity and Reconciliation

The significance of Pentecost in the Christian tradition is profound and multifaceted. The dual meaning of Pentecost for the ancient Jews, as the celebration of the first fruits of the harvest and the giving of the Law to Moses, holds rich symbolism for the role of the Church and the work of the Holy Spirit in the world.

Pentecost, occurring 50 days after the Passover, marked the offering of the first fruits of the spring grain harvest to God in the Temple. This act of offering symbolized the beginning of a new covenant and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, in this context, is depicted as the first fruit of the harvest of the New Covenant, signifying a new and redeemed life of grace. This life, initiated by the Holy Spirit on earth, is destined for fulfillment in heaven.

Additionally, Pentecost commemorated God giving the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, providing guidance for the liberated Israelites as they embarked on a new chapter of their existence. In a similar vein, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church serves as a unifying force, binding the faithful together in the New Covenant. The Church, as the body of Christ, is entrusted with the mission of fostering unity and reconciliation among all people, transcending linguistic and cultural barriers.

The imagery of the Apostles speaking in different languages to the diverse crowd in Jerusalem illustrates the universal nature of the Church's message. This inclusivity signifies the Church's mission to reach out to people of all nations and backgrounds, emphasizing the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the instruction for the Apostles to forgive sins reflects the Church's role in promoting reconciliation and healing in a world marred by sin and division.

In essence, the celebration of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit highlight the Church's sacred duty to work towards reuniting humanity, which has been fractured by the consequences of sin. As members of the Church, we are called to embody the spirit of unity, forgiveness, and reconciliation, mirroring the profound mission set forth by the events of Pentecost.

In our modern world, marked by increasing polarization and discord, the message of Pentecost serves as a poignant reminder of the Church's enduring mission to be a beacon of unity and reconciliation. As we reflect on the significance of Pentecost, may we be inspired to actively contribute to the Church's mission of fostering unity and healing in a divided world.

Congratulations to those completing their Sacraments of Initiation this weekend



*Connor Barbary
Jack Barbary
Logan Barbary
Stella Campi
Nyah Clarke
Archie Dainton
Janelle Etuale
Jazelle Etuale
Lara Garner
Toby Hawker
Carmelo Iaria
Oliver Kealy
Noah Kemp
Faofao Legalo
Estelle Papallo
Angelina Tassone
Alessandro Turkovic*

Parish Donation Portal now issues Transaction Statements

We're happy to announce that you can now receive your Donation Transaction Statements via email. To request your statement, simply visit our Parish Online Donations Portal and click on the "Request Payment Report" button located at the bottom of the page.

You'll need to provide your email address associated with your Parish Contact Record, as well as the start and end dates of the transaction statement you're requesting. Please note that you can only request one year of transactions at a time.

Once you click the "Send Verification Code" button, a 6-digit code will be sent to your email address. Please enter this code into the Verification Code box provided on the portal.

If our Parish's PACEM Database finds a match of your email address and there are transaction records associated with it, you'll receive an email with a PDF of the Transaction Statement for the requested period. The PDF will include all transactions for any Finance Campaigns you've made payments against.

In case our PACEM database cannot find a match of your email address or if there are no transaction records associated with it, you'll receive a message saying that no transaction was found. We hope this new feature will encourage you to migrate to our online giving campaign.



PARISH ADMINISTRATION
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Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

Come and join us!


9 JUNE 2024

10:00 AM
Holy Mass


11:00 AM
Procession and Distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony

12:00 NOON
Community Lunch at St. Mel's Hall at the Primary School

Please note that while children receive free admission, we kindly request donations from adults at the entrance to help cover the expenses of the day.



St. Anthony



St Mel's Parish
18 Hamilton Street
Shepparton VIC 3630

St. Anthony's Feast

The committee for St. Anthony's Feast this year seeks your assistance for:

- Donations for the purchase of bread to be blest and given out during the Feast
- Donations for Flowers
- For Food Trays of your Home Cooked Specialties to be shared at our community lunch
- For Volunteers to assist in the procession and setting up and cleanup of the Hall

Proceeds of the Feast day will go to the Pool of Funds to secure our Church Cleaning Budget this year!



Shepparton & Nagambie Mass Schedule

St Mel's

SUNDAY

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| St. Mel's | 9:30 am |
| St. Mel's | 5:00 pm |

TUESDAY to SATURDAY

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| St. Mel's | 9:15 am |
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St Malachy's

SUNDAY (1st & 3rd)*

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| St. Malachy's | 09:00 am |
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*2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

CONFESSIONS

St. Mel's: Every Thurs at 8:10 - 9:10 am

BAPTISMS (St Mel's)

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

2 months-notice required

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Parish Priest

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Laudato Si' Week 2024

Beginning on Pentecost Sunday, 19th – 26th May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. Significantly, Pope Francis promulgated Laudato si' in 2015 on the Feast of Pentecost. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological





May Month of Mary


During the whole month of May, there will be flower offerings to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary before the final blessing during all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own flowers for this purpose.

We would like to invite you also to join the rosary following the weekday Masses.

Mass Attendance Counts for 2024 will continue the next two Sundays 19 and 26 May

Happy 50th
Priestly Anniversary
Fr Joe Taylor
18 May 2024




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Commentators/Lectors/Special Ministers

Sunday 26th May

Commentators

9:30am Sev Cortese

5pm Filipino Community

Lectors

9:30am Gabrielle Barrette (L1) Trish Mathisen (L2)

5pm Filipino Community (L1) (L2)

Special Ministers

9:30am Pauline Pettigrew & Sarah Maloney

5pm Lin Waite & Sr Pam Barlow

Next Week's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

Support your Parish!

Help fund our initiatives to move from maintenance to mission!

"Together we do more"

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We ask for your prayers for

Recently Deceased: Mons Frank Hickey
Eternal Repose: Annunziata Grazia Cardillo,
Cecilia Iaria, Francis Murdoch



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**NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**

We are a Safe Church Community.
We promote the safety, wellbeing
and inclusion of all and a zero
tolerance to abuse.

St Mel's Parish Safeguarding officer
is Trish Mathisen. Ph: 0428 213 757

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community
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**St. Mel's Parish,
Shepparton**

**Join us for 9 first Friday Masses
at St. Mel's Parish Church to honour
the Infant Child Jesus starting on
3rd May 2024 at 6:00pm.**

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