



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

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

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St Mel's Parish is a Child Safe community.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Pentecost Sunday

28 May 2023

Readings for
this week:



Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Readings for
next Sunday:



Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18



Liturgical Jottings Pentecost

This feast that marks the end of the great fifty days of rejoicing of Easter. Its name is derived from the Greek "*Pentecoste*" – fifty days" and in turn from the Hebrew "*Shabuoth* or *Chavuot*", the feast of weeks. In one way we can say it is the first of the Christian feasts because it pre-dates Christ.

Pentecost/Chavout was a feast of thanksgiving for the wheat harvest and in time came the feast of the celebration of the covenants given to Noah and Abraham and then to Moses at the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Christians celebrate the feast as the giving or descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples (Acts 2:1-14). From Ascension to Pentecost the Collect Prayers give a particular emphasis on the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings renewal, gifts, unity and leads us to truth and eternal life.

Looking at the Readings

"O breathe on me, breath of God, Fill me with life a-new" is a classical hymn written by Edwin Hatch in 1878 and published in 321 hymn books. Each verse begins with the same words: "Breathe on me, breath of God. The breath of God is heard at the dawn of creation (Gen 1:2; 2:7), it enlivens the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision (Ezek 37:9-10 – the vigil of Pentecost third reading) and Jesus breathes on the apostles to receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22, Gospel) The breath of God is life-giving, renewing and it symbolises the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost commemorates the marvellous acts of God from creation, resurrection of Christ, the inauguration of the new covenant and the birth of the Church.

The liturgy of Pentecost transcends time by constantly making present the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit and the graces of the mystery on each one of us. The readings of the Liturgy of the Word are very familiar to us. May we hear them anew and let the words refresh us in our faith and actions.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Quote for the Day

Let us not doubt that when on Pentecost the Holy Spirit filled the Lord's disciples, he was not giving his gift for the first time but was rather extending a gift already given. The patriarchs, the prophets, the priests, and all the saints of earlier times were nourished by the same sanctifying spirit. No sacrament was ever instituted, no mystery ever celebrated, that did not involve his grace. The power of his gifts had ever been the same, though the gifts had not previously been given in so great a measure. Leo the Great, Sermon 76

Pope Francis Pentecost Homily 2022

Holy Spirit invites us to forget ourselves and to open our hearts to all. In that way, he makes the Church grow young. We need to remember this: the Spirit rejuvenates the Church. The Church cannot be "programmed" nor are efforts at "modernization" enough: The Spirit liberates us from obsession with emergencies. He beckons us to walk his paths, ever ancient and ever new, the paths of witness, poverty and mission, and in this way, he sets us free from ourselves and sends us forth into the world.

On the Lighter Side

Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us.

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

A Happy PENTECOST SUNDAY to all.... Yes, Happy because Pentecost marks the birth of the Church coming into its own existence!!! So, it's kind of a birthday moment. Speaking of coming into existence we have several candidates presenting themselves this Sunday for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Meaning they take their place among us as newly initiated members of our Church and Parish life. In particular, as a Church and faith community we welcome the candidate's parents and families to our 11.30 am Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass.

How does Pentecost align our faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The Scriptural readings are ones we should expect. Each brings out a key feature of the early church's sense of being a community created, enlivened, and equipped by the spirit of God. From ancient times, Pentecost was a Jewish feast, one celebrating 50 days since Easter, when Israel gathered to give thanks to God for the gift of the land and its produce, a harvest festival.

In our time we come to see the variety of languages revealed through the first Pentecost. Today here at St. Mel's we are fortunate to be in a variety of cultures and languages expressing our uniqueness in this community of faith. Pentecost is the empowerment of the spirit coming to us from the original event where tongues of fire as dramatic as it sounds, rested on each gathered for this experience.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, writing on this says, "As risen Lord he breathes the Spirit upon the disciples, communicating through them to the church the capacity to reconcile in God's name". In our time and place we are the custodians of living with reconciliation in and through our faith and life through the Holy Spirit who animates our hopes as God's spirit filled people through Pentecost.

GSWNS 2023 (GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER)

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat".

Inspired by the words of Jesus, we begin again to provide a Hot meal for the Homeless over winter. The night for St Mel's and SSCC (South Shepparton Community Church) will be each Friday. Meals will be served around 5:45pm at the Pavilion near the Skate board rink at Victoria Park Lake. We are looking for volunteers to help with catering: hot soup, bread roll, hot main meal, and something for sweets to take home. If you can help any Friday during Winter starting June 2, please contact Maree McKenna on 0409 956 464 or granmacs11@gmail.com.) All donations will be gratefully accepted. Each Church group has been given Woolworths vouchers so please feel free to ask Maree to reimburse you.

Thank you to Sr Pam for drawing our attention to this service being provided.





Tuesday 13 June 2023, 1pm
Kyabram Sports and Entertainment Centre
Featuring Grade 5 and 6 students from
Sacred Heart PS Tatura; St Luke's PS Shepparton;
St Joseph's PS Nagambie; St Mel's PS Shepparton and St John's PS Euroa
**This is a FREE event for all families and friends
of our school communities.**
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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.

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THIS MONTH OF MAY For Evangelization for church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

. ***Laudato Si week.*** It is eight years since the launch of Pope Francis 'encyclical on care of the earth as our common home'. There are copies of this in the narthex. As a **CATHOLIC EARTHCARE PARISH**, shown to us by the tree near the carpark, we take our part in promoting ecological conversion through the Laudato Si goals.

. ***National Reconciliation Week.*** From Saturday May 27th to Saturday June 3rd.

CONGRATULATIONS to Frank and Nancy Mammone who are celebrating 50 years of Marriage. May God's blessings be yours in loving ways through your family at this time. And for your granddaughter Sophie who has received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist today during the 9:30am Mass.
Fr Peter



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 Next Sunday, June 4th we will have another opportunity to support Zoe Hamilton in going to WYD in Portugal this August. Following the 9:30am Mass there will be an opportunity to gather for morning tea and purchase sweets. Envelopes are available in the Narthex today for your donations. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

ST ANTHONY FEAST DAY This year is on Tuesday, June 13th. We as a Parish community will celebrate on Sunday, June 11th. Assistance is required to arrange for the statue to be placed in the body of the Church and any other happenings on this day. Please contact the office if you are available to help.

FROM BISHOP SHANE Has written to Parishes informing all regarding the situation of Calvary Hospital in Canberra. Bishop Shane would like all Parishes to be part of a petition in support of Archbishop Prowse of Canberra – Goulburn Archdiocese. You can access the petition by going to (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au>) The hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary serving ACT residents and nearby NSW towns since 1979. The actions of the ACT Government are an abuse of property rights and religious freedom.

REPORT ON LAST YEAR'S ADVENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

This appeal collected \$430,000 across Sandhurst. The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy has used approx. \$250,000 from this appeal. Your contributions are appreciated.
Fr Peter

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA are presenting a series of webinars on **The Voice**: from 4-5pm on **25 May**: *What is The Voice to Parliament all about?* - Professor Melissa Castan, **29 June**: *The Church, Catholic Social Teaching and engagement with First Nations Peoples* - Fr Frank Brennan SJ **27 July**: *First Nations Voices* - A panel of A&TSI Peoples about their views: Uncle Ron Briggs, Auntie Violet Sheriden & Esmail Manahan. \$12/session or \$30 for all 3. More info or to register at [Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country - Catholic Social Services Victoria \(css.org.au\)](https://indigenousvoice.org.au)

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS: SEMESTER

2 2023 Are you interested in studying theology or spiritual leadership in 2023?

Scholarships are available for Sandhurst parishioners to study online post-graduate courses in theology at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. You may study for credit towards a Master's degree/Graduate certificate/Graduate diploma or for audit.

Also available for Semester 2 2023 CPE opportunities in Shepparton and Bendigo.

Please see the notice board for details on course offerings.



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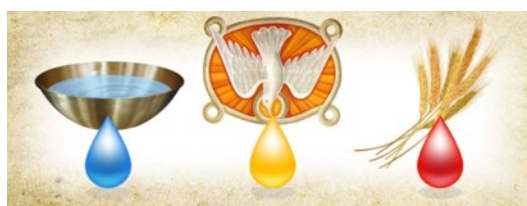
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ST MEL'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CANDIDATES 2023

Today, Sunday May 28th at 11:30am, our Candidates will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. All are welcome to attend.

The Candidates would like to thank Fr Peter, their parents and families, the Parish community and the Sacramental team for all their prayers and support as they journeyed through the program in preparation of today's celebration.

Charlotte Almond, Addyson Almond, Sydney Almond, Nathaniel Beale, Faith Borzillo, Sèamus Burke, Henry Campanelli, Zander Corrigan, Christian Damianopoulos, Avaya De Stefanis, Sophie Haeusler, Antonio Iaria, Ethan Jones, Aidan Jones, Samuel Lagana, Josephine Lelliott, Eleina Mori, Sofia Napier, Charlie Nind, Luke Nolan, Cooper Paine, Xavier Soccio, Lara Stevens, Lara Tedesco and Alice van Maanenbergh.



Weekday Masses this coming week May 29th to June 4th 2023

Monday May 29th - No Mass
Tuesday May 30th - 9:15 am
Wednesday May 31st - 9:15am
Thursday June 1st - 9:15am
Friday June 2nd - 9:15am
Saturday June 3rd - 9am
Sunday June 4th - 9:30am & 5pm



READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER Sunday, June 4th 2023

9:30am - Xavier Tanner (Commentator) Zoe Hamilton (L1)
Melissa Hamilton (L2)
9:30am - Special Ministers: Gita Kelleher & Lucy Ciancio
5:00pm - Tim Kelly (Commentator) Paul Bertoli (Lector)
5:00pm - Special Ministers: Angie Knez & Rosana Legalo

Recently Deceased: Sr Vera Margaret Dullard

Anniversaries: Ong Eng Pia, Vincenzo Campi, Francis Murdoch, Rosa Mercuri, Virginia Callueng, Gary Commerford, Marjorie Commerford, Salvatore & Carmella Gagliardi