

# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

## 23rd May 2021 - Pentecost Sunday

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Terry McGinnis; Fr Peter Liu; Gayus Donohue

**Deceased:** Percy & Imelda Hurry; Terry Fitzpatrick; Kai Fitzpatrick

**Anniversary:** Barry Donnelly; Max Callaghan; Alex Bradley; Stuart Moore; Claude Perry; Philip Robertson; Richard Burraston; Lyle Press; James Neylon; Gladys Bannigan; Catherine Sewill; Molly Sweep; Samuel Elliott; Barry Hird; Leonard Conroy; Bette Welland; Marie Perry; George Bonnell; Alice Flasyth; Petronella Vereyken; Kevin Conroy; Robert Robertson; Doug Plevy; Bob Robertson; Robert Klein; Johannes Vereyken; Graham Porter; Sr. Marie Aquinas McNamara; Shirley McCulloch; Anne Gosman; Sybil Neylon; Bernard Perkins; Kathleen Lowe; Ann Viney; James Lawson; Stella Nemes; Betty Costigan; Norman Mason  
*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.*  
*And for those who are ill:*

D. Dillon; Michael Hausfeld; Sister Pat Bartley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Sailer; Ria Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godder; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigg; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greenlee; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday No Mass at Quirindi  
Monday 9.30am - Werris Creek  
Tuesday No Mass at Quirindi  
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek  
Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek  
Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

#### Weekend Masses:

**Saturday:** Vigil Masses  
5.00pm - Quirindi  
6.30pm - Werris Creek  
**Sunday:** 8.00am - Willow Tree  
9.30am - Quirindi

#### Caroona: Last Sunday of the Month

**Baptism:** At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

**Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.**

### Coming Events

Mon 24 No Mass at St Brigid's  
Mon 24 Mass at Werris Creek at 9.30am - Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians  
Mon 24 Mass at Sts Joseph & Mary Cathedral for Catholic Schools Week at 11.00am  
Tues 25 No Mass at St Brigid's  
Tues 25 Catholic Schools' Week Twilight Retreat at 3.30pm - 5.00pm at St Brigid's Church  
Fri 28 St Joseph's School Tour after 9.30am Mass  
Sun 30 Mass at Willow Tree at 7.30am followed by Morning Tea  
Sun 30 Mass at Caroona at 11.15am  
Sun 6 Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass - please join us for a cuppa & Chat

**Catholic Schools' Week Twilight Retreat 2021** You are all warmly invited to attend St Joseph's Twilight Retreat on Tuesday 25th May 2021 from 3.30pm - 5.00pm at St Brigid's Church. Hosted by the Retreat Renewal Team (Catholic Schools Office) Anne Finlayson. Catholic Education Celebrating 200 Years.

**ADIG Parish Distribution 2021** Our Parish will receive \$22,240.00 on 21st May 2021. ADIG thanks you for your support of the Group that gives them the opportunity to make the distribution. For more information on ADIG Contact them today on 1800803194.

**St Joseph's School Tour** - You are all invited to join St Joseph's School on Friday 28th May after 9.30am Mass, for a tour of the school, followed by Morning Tea under the Sails (Weather permitting).

**Saint Michael the Archangel** defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son, in you Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

#### COVID-19 PRAYER - PHILIPPINES & INDIA

Heavenly Father, You are the loving God of all the nations and peoples on this earth. Please look with mercy and compassion on all you have created. Deliver us we pray from the coronavirus and limit its impact on our global world. We pray especially at this time for the nations of the Philippines and India. In your mercy bring a swift end to this crisis. Heal and comfort those who are sick and suffering. Protect and guide the health professionals who are at the front line. We ask that wisdom and courage be given to those who bear responsibility for confronting this challenge. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**National Mass Count** will take place over the first four weekends in May. This is a count attendance of All Masses celebrated in the diocese, including all parishes, non parish centres, hospitals, etc. Last week this weekend

**POPE Francis is urging Catholics to pray their Rosaries through the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.** The movement has the involvement of 30 Marian Shrines from across the world. "The initiative will involve all the shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic." the statement from the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation said. Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on May 1 with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm. Rome-time from the various shrines taking part in the initiative. Pope Francis will also close the marathon on May 31 with another specially-broadcast Rosary. To date, more than three million people have died from COVID-19 with many countries experiencing their worst wave yet.

**RAFFLE:** A \$40.00 Quirindi Pharmacy Voucher. Tickets \$1.00. Thank you to all who have purchased their tickets and continue to do so. Make sure you are in it to have a chance of winning!!! Will be drawn on Sunday 6th June 2021 at Morning Tea. The raffle proceeds will go towards a hand held blower for use in the Parish Grounds.

**Planned Giving \$589.00 + \$25.00 = \$614.00** First Collection \$342.15  
**Collection for India & Philippines \$6,475.80 thank you for your generosity**

### Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings.
5. People from the same household may sit together.
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
7. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL

In 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 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.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE EMPOWERING SPIRIT

If last week spoke of the transition between the time of Jesus' ministry and the time of the Church, then the feast of Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognise that we have also been empowered for mission. It is a reminder that we are not alone and that the Spirit is with us to help us by giving us the means to confront the challenges before us. While there is a sense of transition there is a sense of continuity as well. The Gospel for today shows Jesus' taking great pains to prepare the disciples for the time of the Spirit that will come after his departure. On one level there is loss, and yet they are assured that what the Spirit will bring will be in harmony with what the Father had already entrusted to Jesus, and what Jesus had given them.

A great deal of Paul's energy was taken up with guiding fledgling communities as they learned to give voice, in their daily lives, to the experience of the Spirit. It is an experience that must lead to the bearing of very concrete and tangible fruits; fruits that ripen when we leave behind self-centredness and turn to our brothers and sisters in love. For Paul the gift of the Spirit is not only God's gift to us, it also contains a dimension of responsibility. In a sense, the invitation and challenge of Pentecost are always whether we can learn to speak in the language of love, a love that goes beyond oneself and reaches out to the other.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

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# THE SAVING WORD

23 MAY 2021

## FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*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.’

**The word of the Lord.**

## RESP 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 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

Gal 5: 16-25

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

*The fruit of the Spirit.*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling; jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course.