

*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of St Mary's Mudgee, St John the Baptist Gulgong, St Dominic's Kandos/ St Malachy's Rylstone.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and pray. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.



## Pentecost Sunday - Year A 31st May 2020

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### Pentecost,

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced

the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

### The Miracle of Language

At the beginning of the Church's life, on this feast of Pentecost, we are also celebrating the birth of a new language, the language of the Holy Spirit of God, the language of the Gospel. Just as the apostles were emboldened to go out from the upper room and to teach all nations, so every generation of the Church's children is given the same grace and the same mandate: *"Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News"*. There is no need to be afraid of the powers of this world. Let your lives be a witness to the love of God.

The new language of the Holy Spirit is also a force for unity among the peoples of the world. This force was clearly demonstrated on the day of Pentecost, when the crowds of people in Jerusalem heard the apostles speaking to them in every language. It was a miracle of understanding. Not only did they understand what the words meant, but they also understood the message for their own lives. For it is our daily life, our human behaviour, that is the most fundamental language of all. Our actions speak louder than our words, and everything we say and do is an act of communication. If our lives are guided by the Spirit, then we are speaking the new language of God, and that language will bring people to unity and peace.

We live today in a world that is still not free from conflict and trouble. Every war represents a failure to communicate, a failure to understand, a failure to reach out in hope to one another. It could well be that we, too, are part of that failure. Am I able to speak to my sisters and brothers? Am I able to speak to my enemies? Am I able to let them speak to me? *Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

## Alleluia!

**FROM THIS MONDAY WE CAN HAVE 50 PEOPLE ATTEND MASS. SOCIAL DISTANCES WILL STILL APPLY.**

**You will no longer be required to book for weekday Mass, however you WILL still be required to book for *MUDGEE WEEKEND MASSES* via the**

**Parish Office so as not to exceed the required numbers.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK IN . Parishioners of Kandos, Rylstone and Gulgong will no longer need to book in for Mass.**

## MASS TIMETABLE

### MONDAY - 1st June

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

### TUESDAY - 2nd June

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

5.30pm Parish Finance Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY - 3rd June

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

11.00am Mass Kandos

### THURSDAY - 4th June

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

### FRIDAY - 5th June

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

### SATURDAY - 6th June

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### SUNDAY: 7th June

**The Most Holy Trinity**

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Live Streamed)

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

**Confession/  
Anointing  
Please ring and  
make an  
appointment, the  
priests are  
available.**

## Word and Faith Group.

On Monday 1st June, a small group will be starting Word and Faith sessions via Zoom.

A Word and Faith group is where a small number of people gather together to read and reflect on the readings for the following Sunday. The group will meet at 7.30pm via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact the Parish Office.

## PLANNED GIVING:

Our grateful thanks to all who have continued to support our parishes during this difficult time. The renewal of our financial support of our Parish (Planned Giving) is coming up.

In this current climate we are encouraging as many people as possible to move to the convenience of Direct Debit, EFT or Credit Card instead of receiving and handing in weekly Planned Giving envelopes.



We would be grateful if you could contact the Parish Office for us to be able to assist you with this transition. If you wish to continue contributing via envelopes that is fine, and we are happy to deliver to your home or alternately you can collect them from the Parish Office. Envelopes will be available to collect from the Parish Office Monday 15th June.

Mudgee Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Closed

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Just a thought .....

**Be an encourager**

**The world has plenty of critics already.**

## Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

**For the recently deceased especially** Kristi Smith, Paul Nguyen (Vietnam, Uncle of Fr Dong), Carol Anderson (Kandos), Dale Johnson (Melbourne).

**We remember the anniversary of** Vin Archer, Robert Reen, Pamela Ruming, Noel Hodges, Tom Deasy, Ian Carter, James Burnett, Sydney Day, Anita Denniss, John Dunnachie.

**We also pray for** Jozef Swientek.

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with those who are sick at this time: Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Betty Rice, Maria Brec, Brain Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

**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.'

**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!

**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.**

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.)**

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.)**

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.)**

**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.'

## Ordinary Time

Following Pentecost Sunday, the liturgical calendar provides a 6-month-long season called *Ordinary Time* (or the *season of Pentecost*). The duration of this season varies from year to year depending on the date of Easter. Though called "Ordinary Time," there is nothing ordinary



(mundane) about this season. The word "ordinary" derives from "ordinal" (as in ordinal numbers) and refers to the lectionary practice of assigning a number to each Sunday during Ordinary Time. The numbers are assigned by counting backwards from the last Sunday of the liturgical year (always designated week 34). Depending on the length of Ordinary Time in a given year, the first Sunday might be identified in the lectionary as, for example, "Proper 6." Why couple "proper" with the number? It identifies the liturgical practices of certain denominations for that Sunday. Differing propers (with options in brackets) do not indicate differing Scripture readings, only differing liturgical aspects otherwise

## Family Prayer - PENTECOST SUNDAY

***"As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit."***

### Something to Think About

There are two powerful symbols associated with Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the form of fire and wind. Close your eyes and imagine what it was like on that first Pentecost day. Hear the sound of wind and imagine the lights and warmth of fire.

Be still and try to feel the presence of God within you at this moment.

### The Story

Pentecost is a special feast for the Church. Pentecost takes its name from the feast the Jews celebrated fifty days after their Passover. In today's gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and commands them to go forth – to go out and spread the good news of Jesus. However, Jesus knows that they will need strength so 'he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

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## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2020

Our theme for #NRW2020 – **In this together** – is now resonating in ways we could not have foreseen when we announced it last year, but it reminds us whether in a crisis or communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.



For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

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## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

[Ex 34:4-6. 8-9](#)

[Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52](#)

[2 Cor 13:11-13](#)

[Jn 3:16-18](#)