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## PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

### From Bishop Kennedy:

Last week the government announced further easing of restrictions from 1 June. I regret to say that churches and other places of worship have not been included in the next round of relaxations which sees cafes, restaurants, clubs and pubs allowed to admit up to 50 patrons to their venues along with the reopening of museums, galleries, libraries and zoos. The Church, in its representations with Government ministers, has made it clear that we are not asking for special treatment, we are asking for equal treatment.

The Archdiocese of Sydney have launched a petition <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/petition/> and I would encourage you to share this link amongst your people in the various ways that you communicate with them.

Sick calls as usual. Please call 67221103 OR 0428126703 if you would like Fr James to come for confession, communion etc. He is free to do this now with the easing of the restrictions in NSW allowing more visitors.

**Baptisms (10 people), Weddings (10 people) by appointment with Fr James**

**Funerals 20 people are now allowed indoors and 30 outdoors.**

**OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:**  
 We as a PARISH, try to live out our  
**VISION:** To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.  
**MISSION:** To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory, special intention of Bob McGuire, Michael Turner.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
 Baby Isabel Akhil, All those with the Corona Virus, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Debrah Brown, (sister of Margaret Jones) Kerrie O'Keeffe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan **the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries**  
 Sue Spackman, Stephano Banchong, Sam Asara, Murray Marshall, Patricia Durkin, Yvonne Hawkins, Sr Theresa Noon, Cleo Campagner, Nolene Lane, John Harmon (brother of the Harmon family) Gail King, Teresa (Clancy) Conroy, Fr Bernie Melville, Pat Stewart, Sr Anne O'Brien rsm (aunt of Shayne O'Brien) Eileen O'Brien, Sr M. Bernard Morton, Phil John Moore, Alan Matthews, Thomas Hanley, Mary Robbins, John Lennon, Veronica Hutchins, **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord ..... May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**  
 O Mary you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and feasting after this time of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

## MAY 31, 2020—PENTECOST SUNDAY / YEAR A

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
 My dearest Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament .  
 I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot, at this moment, receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

From Friday 15 May, restrictions have been eased and we can now have 10 people at Mass. If you attend on weekdays, this will fulfil your obligation. Please ring or email the office on 67221103 or [inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au) to book in

**Mass Schedule June 1—14**

**Weekdays 9am Rosary. 9.30am Mass**  
**This Week: Anointing Mass on Wednesday. Benediction on Friday.**

Saturday 6/6	Confessions 8am – 9am Mass 9am Tingha Mass 4pm Inverell Mass 5.30 pm
Sunday 7/6	Inverell Mass 9am and 5.00pm Ashford Mass 11am
Saturday 13/6	Confessions 8am – 9am Mass 9am Tingha Mass 4pm Inverell Mass 5.30 pm
Sunday 14/6	Inverell Mass 9am and 5.00pm Bundarra Mass 11am

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**  
 Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle 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.  
 O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**PRAYER OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
 O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.  
 We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.  
 We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.  
 We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.  
 We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.  
 Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH**  
 Those who contribute by envelope and would like to convert to direct debit are invited to come during office hours to fill in their forms (social distancing will be observed). If you would like to continue with your envelopes, please leave at the presbytery. If possible leave in office hours. Alternatively you may like to make the transfers yourself: Please make sure you put your name in the reference section  
 First Collection: Presbytery for priest upkeep  
 BSB 082105 A/C 001023550  
 Second Collection: Church for running costs  
 BSB 082105 A/C 001001010  
 We are sure that you will understand that normal running expenses will have to be met and ask for you usual generous support.  
 Thank you to those who have responded already. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

■ **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

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Reflections on the Gospel



PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

31 MAY 2020

### RECONCILING SPIRIT

Today's rich array of scriptural readings brings out the Church's sense of being a community equipped by the Spirit to take up the mission of Jesus.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, locates the imparting of the Spirit on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, a pilgrimage feast celebrated fifty days after Passover.

In biblical tradition, wind and fire signal the presence and power of God, as when Israel stood before God at Mount Sinai. What is described here seems to be a central fiery mass from which distinct 'tongues' ('as if of fire': not real fire!) separate off and come to rest on individuals.

The sense is that the Spirit, which rested solely upon Jesus during his own life, is now, as he promised (Luke 24:49), being distributed among those who are to carry on his mission – in first instance to Israel, eventually 'to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8).

The variety of people who hear and understand the testimony of the apostles in their own language foreshadows this worldwide mission. In many languages the Church will communicate the single message of God's reconciling love.

The Gospel (John 20:19-23) associates the gift of the Spirit more closely with the resurrection. On Easter Sunday evening the risen Lord breathes out upon his disciples the Spirit that will empower them to take up the mission that he has received from the Father. Central to this will be passing on the reconciliation ('whose sins you shall forgive ...') that he, as Lamb of God (1:29), has brought into the world.

### 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.'

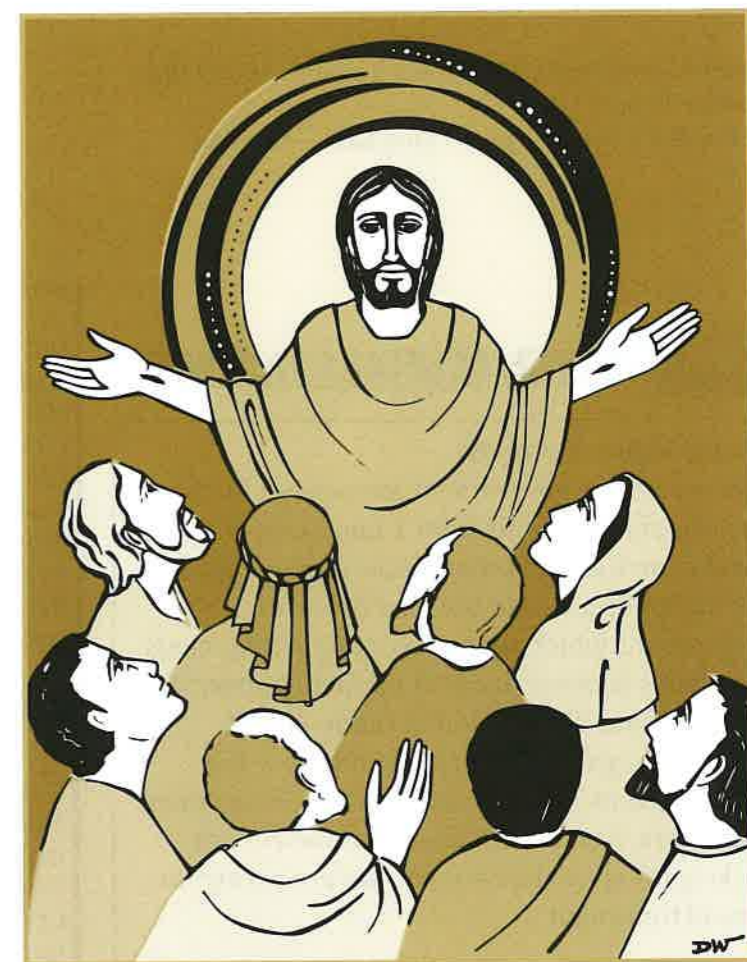
■ **The word of the Lord.**

### 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

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*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.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**