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# Pentecost Sunday - Year C 15th May 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Feast of Pentecost - an Experience called Spirit. John 14:15-26.

Pentecost is a feast which celebrates the continual presence of Jesus the Christ in the life of the Church. It also celebrates the birth of the Church which is led by the Spirit of Jesus. The giving of the Holy Spirit by Jesus is narrated in a dramatic manner in the first reading of today. Through this narration, a number of points emerge which help us to interpret the meaning of the feast of Pentecost. First, the Spirit is given as promised and on the appointed day, telling us that God is always faithful in His promises. Secondly, the Spirit is given when the disciples are gathered together. So there is no "my Spirit" or "your Spirit". There is no individualism or selfish appropriation; there is only community and unity where the Spirit is gifted with. And the language of the Spirit is not communicated with perfect or heavenly diction, but is the language of particular human groups, spoken in their own dialect and diction. God works in collaboration with real people people who are filled with the Spirit to work on God's behalf in their own world. And it is word of love and mercy and touches the very core of one's being, transforms, and motivates one to action. Finally, it is very clear that it is 'another Paraclete' (Jesus is the first one) and will not have a different mission or orientation but will continue the same mission and orientation of Jesus the Christ. And this Paraclete will exhort and encourage and comfort and console and will be the guiding light and the pushing force that renew the Church and the world.

The mystic and poet Gerard Manley Hopkins was a man who knew a lot about being worthless. As a priest and as a teacher, his superiors found his works inadequate and unprofessional, and they kept transferring him. He wrote in a sermon that Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, is not just a comforter, but is like a spur to a horse, digging in its sides, go on, go on. Or like the clapping of hands to a speaker, spurring him on - keep going, very good. Then Hopkins finishes: "At Cricket, when one of the batsmen at the wicket has made a hit and wants to score a run, and the other doubts, hangs back, how eagerly the first one will cry, "Come on, come on". The Holy Spirit is just that, something that cheers the spirit of an individual, all zealous that he should do something. Come on, come on, The Spirit says." So, we are led to do the work of Jesus, work of God by the Paraclete.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings

Pentecost Sunday

Year C

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17 Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son or daughter of God.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Readings for next Sunday (The Most Holy Trinity)

Proverbs 8:22-31 Ro

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

IN (	OUR PARISI	H THIS COMING WEEK:	Year Of Mercy Pentecost	
MON	16th May	8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group 10.30am Funeral Service for Colin Garner	"Mary is the Mother of God who	
TUE	17th May	8.00am Mass with children	forgives, who bestows forgiveness, and so we can rightly call	
WED	18th May	Sorry: No Mass today	we can rightly can	
THU	19th May		her Mother of forgiveness"	
FRI	20th May	9,00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Pope Francis, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, 1 January 2016	
SAT	21st May	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	mound of God, I duriday 2010	
			Project Compassion receipts	
SUN 22nd May		The Most Holy Trinity 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	are available for collection this weekend from the back table.	

Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Saturday 14th May after the 6pm Mass.



Please note there will be no cuppa after Mass next weekend due to the Confirmation Program Workshop for the children after Mass.

Sacramental Program: The children are being formally enrolled at Masses this weekend. They will begin their instruction classes next weekend. Please continue to pray for the children and their families on this

important part of their faith journey.

National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies: During May all Catholic churches and Mass centres in Australia are undertaking a simple head count at all Masses for Census data. Communion Ministers and Readers: Please indicate on the green form any changes or dates you will be unavailable during the next roster which begins on 4th June and will run to the end of August. Last weekend to advise changes please! Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday. Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. (Parents are welcome to attend with their child.) Share the Dignity: Thanks to all who donated

sanitary items to help homeless and at risk women. Across the Archdiocese we collected 1690 sanitary items, \$1652 in money and 6 full boxes of toiletries. All of this will go to people very much in need. The Archdiocese has committed to running another donation campaign in August.

Date Claimer: St Peter's School 40th Anniversary Celebrations will take place on Sunday 12th June beginning with 9am Mass and followed by a BBQ and bush dance. See the poster on the noticeboard or pick up a flyer on the back table.

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Training Workshop is being held at St Paul's, Woodridge on Sat 21st May from 9.30am to 12 noon. Any parishioners who work or volunteer with children or vulnerable adults and have not yet attended a training session, should make this a priority.

Note: there will be no Mass this Wednesday morning

The Annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, May 29th this year will start at St Stephen's Cathedral at 2pm and go through the streets of Brisbane City. All are invited to be part of this great event and demonstration of our Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. More info on the noticeboard. The parishioners of St Peter's will carpool at St Peter's at 12.30pm to drive to Eight Mile Plains Bus Station to get into Edward St. City and walk down to St Stephen's Cathedral. All Welcome. Call 0407 178 280 for further Information From the Australian Catholic Bishop' Office: On Friday 8th April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website. The printed book form of Amoris Laetitia is now available for purchase from St Paul's Book Centre for \$12.95

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2017. Still only \$65. Now as well as the traditional book you can choose a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.

Vinnies News: 1. "Step Up Loans" a not for profit initiative between Good Shepherd Microfinance and NAB. Loans for people on low incomes who may have difficulty accessing credit from a bank. You can borrow from \$800 -\$3,000 –low interest, no fees and up to 3 years to pay it back. Logan Phone 38084529.

2 This week is **National Volunteer's Week**. Our St. Peter's SVDP Group is looking for new members to join our team. Please contact one of our Vinnies people if you are interested 3. St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Launch is on Sunday, 29 May, after the 9am Mass. It will be held on the grass area in front of the Parish Office, and everyone is invited to come along to lend your support and to enjoy the occasion. We are having a Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee, Music, Dancing, a "Best Scarf" competition, a cake stall and lucky dips, and even a raffle. Parishioners are invited to bake and donate a cake, biscuits etc for the cake stall.

#### See the Noticeboard for more information on the following invitations:

School Open Days: All Hallows: Sunday 29th May 11am. To register please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au

Clairvaux MacKillop College Wed 25th May 6.30pm to 8pm. Contact 3347 9223 or email gomf@cvxmck.edu.au

St Thomas More College, Sunnybank Tuesday 17th May 9.15am & 4.15pm. Register attendance 3323 4600

<u>Centenary School Fete—Sts Peter & Paul Primary</u>
<u>School, Bulimba</u> 10.00am until 8.00pm on Saturday May 21 at the Sts Peter and Paul Primary School, 33 Alexandra Street, Balmoral.

Gregory Terrace Old Boys Assoc Annual Gathering
Fri May 27th 6.30pm. Primary Quad. To book: go to
www.terrace.qld.edu.au, click on About Us / College
Events / GTOBA Annual Reunion.

2016 Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Gathering
Mass at 10 am, Sunday, 12 June 2016, in the Chapel of
the Holy Family, followed by High Tea in The Founders'
Room, St. Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace.
\$20 per head. To book: go to www.terrace.qld.edu.au,
click on About Us, and then click College Events.
Bookings close 8 June.

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care St Dympna's Day Celebrations to be held on Saturday 30th May at St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley commencing with Healing Mass at 10am. Principal concelebrant Bishop Joseph Oudeman. Lunch – Barbeque (no cost) There will be Raffles, a Lucky Wheel and a Cake Stall. All welcome. Free parking is available in the grounds of the Church.

St Benedict's Church East Brisbane will be celebrating its centenary on the 12th August 2017. We would like to invite anyone who has been part of this journey to help us with our celebrations. We are currently searching for photos or any memorabilia from St Benedict's church or the school. If you can assist, please contact Catherine Goldsworthy on 3391 4633.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Colin Garner, Helen Ware, Marby Obeyesekere, Valda Temple, Kevin O'Donohue

<u>Book of Life & Mass Requests:</u> Clara Tronchini, Audrey Wren, Rita van der Haar, Dora Saldanha, Francis Lamberth, Sid Edwards, May Young, Murty King, Bev Handy, Herbert Ruthven, Bryn McGarvey, Colin Towne, Megan Rejfek, Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones, Jeffrey Martin, Carl Becker, Dulcie Johns

<u>Please pray for those who are sick, especially</u> Rod Johnston, Ramona Cruz, Bonnie Dematillar, Ronald Mack, Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, NicolasTendrio, Nora Estanislao, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, Terri Mills, Johnny Summers

Prayer requests should be recorded on the form on the back table of the church nearest to the lectern. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 21st & 22nd May 2016								
Communion			Readers	Altar Servers	Musicians			
Sat 6:00pm	Joseph Dedigamuwa Kevin Healan Jo Cullen	C 1 2	Anthony Della Brooke Della Geoff Hondroudakis	Saidat Samson Nafisa	Carmel			
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew Diane McKeone Del Reynolds	C 1 2	Arthur Leow Lydia Chew Kevin McMahon	Volunteers please	Madden family			
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Anne Fry Rosemary Moore Helen Graczyk	Volunteers please	Liz			

Church Cleaning: 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Michael Porter, Dona Thomas

Children's Liturgy: Christine Allison This week: Linen: Elizabeth Wang Counting: Carl's team

Cuppa: there will be no cuppa next weekend 21st/22nd May due to the Confirmation workshop



Are you new to our Parish? If you've recently joined the Parish, WELCOME!! Please make yourself known to us. We'd like to formally greet you, so please complete a 'New Parishioners Card' at the back of the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob.

#### Parish Ministry Group Co-ordinators

In our parish we have many ways you can be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to speak to one of our Co-ordinators whose numbers is not listed.

Baptism Preparation: Julie Hondroudakis Bereavement Group: Contact the Parish Office Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337

Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent Family Groups: Alan & Kristy Scanlon

Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O'Gorman 3341 3862

Mothers' Pravers: Trish Bakker Music Liturgy Group: Liz Fort

Parish Pastoral Council: Chairperson: Malcolm Carroll Play Group: Kristy Scanlon

RE Teachers in State Schools: Rita Bishop

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)

Social Justice Group: Erika Meerwald

St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference: John Blake

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcaroll580@gmail.com

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