



The Voice

8th June 2014

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

Psalter Week 3

EASTERTIME

Pentecost

OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

- **Recently deceased:**
Bill Lamont, Patrick Byrne, Letecia Jaramillo, Sylvia O'Keefe, Ivan Roger.
- **Anniversaries:**
Sr. Isabel Westcott, r.g.s. Shirley Murray, Margaret Juratovich, Anne Rosemary Wilson.
- **Remembrances:**
Molly Molloy.
- **And the sick:**
Vince Ashby, Lola Proctor, Alan Harland, Beryl Allen, Therese Payne, Hanaa El Khatib, Mary Leger, Wanda Grima, Anne Singleton, Louise Dunn, Beverley Purser, Grace McNeany, Silvana Anzalone, Grace Williams, Cissy Tuilekutu, John Osborne Irene Beck.

Pentecost and Eastertide—same season, different names: *Pentecost* (from the Greek for “fifty”) refers to the length of the season, fifty days; *Eastertide* refers to the origin of the season in the Resurrection.

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the last of the fifty days, when we wind up, as it were, our experience and celebration of the Resurrection.

The image to your left sums it up: we celebrate the Lord's rising, his ascension to the Father and his sending of the Spirit.

We spell this out in separate feasts, but they really are one mystery. We saw, for example, Jesus give the Spirit to the Apostles on the Octave Day of Easter, and last Sunday we saw how that sending depends on the Lord's going to his Father's side.

That is why it is the appropriate time of the year for initiation. Initiation, as we know, consists of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and first communion, whether received in the one ceremony (as is the case with adults and children of catechetical age), or spaced out over the first years of a Christian's life.

And so we have seen many celebrations of First Communion over this period.

First Communion is not a private celebration, and children should not be segregated in a separate Mass to which only they and their relatives are invited; First Communion is a parish celebration, for this is the first of what (we hope) will be many communions within the parish community. It is a chance for the Parish to welcome children to the Lord's Table, and to assure them and their families that there will always be a place for them here.

Of course, there will always be those who want to take us back to private First Communions, but I am sure that most parishioners support their celebration within the parish community.

This, of course, entails an obligation—not only to make our young parishioners welcome on the occasion itself, but to continue to make young people welcome on every occasion. Sometimes they are noisy and disturb our prayerfulness; sometimes they are distracted and distract us. Our attitude, however, should be to remember that that we were that age once, and charitably to support parents who do their duty of bringing up their children to love the Mass. The Spirit would not have it otherwise.

FR JOHN HILL, P.P.

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

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

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL.

Around the Parish

Fr Hill's 50th Anniversary of Ordination – Luncheon on Sunday, 20 July 2014. Woy Woy Leagues Club from 12.30pm. 3 course meal—Adults \$35 (children's meal available \$12). Please phone Parish Office to book—Tables of 6, 8 or 10 available. Money required by Friday 4 July.

Fr Hill will be celebrating Mass at 9:15am on the day with a morning tea afterwards for those unable to attend the luncheon.

Public Holiday - Our Queen's Birthday, Monday 9th June:

Morning Mass will be at 9.00am followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Parish office is closed.

St. Vincent de Paul Cash Appeal: A *leaving* collection will be carried out at all Masses this weekend. The Society assists many people on the Peninsula. If you would like to learn more about our work or join as a volunteer contact Peter Smith on 0425 358 376. Such work offers the opportunity to develop your own Spirituality and bring the love of God to others.

EConference – Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St. Peter this Wednesday, 11th June. 10am-3pm in the Leo Mahon room. A rich array of topics will be discussed, including leadership, women, ecumenism, evangelization and much more. Those attending please write your name

on the sheet in gathering area for catering purposes. Information: <http://goo.gl/ANbn8g> or www.bbi.catholic.edu.au

Bus Trip: Budgewoi Barbecue Picnic. Wed. 25th June. 10.30am pick up. Cost \$15. Contact Susie Casey 4344 1742 / 0403 417 639.

Bus Trip 11th June second trip to Wyong Creek chocolate and cheese shop and bakery lunch at club bus \$10 seats still available contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639/434 41742.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion numbers need bolstering: Are you perhaps a young retiree with newly acquired time on your hands and looking for a fulfilling way of living our faith? Our parish has a small but dedicated band of parishioners who regularly take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick, home bound and hospitalized members of our faith. They bring the comfort of Our Lord to those in poor health but sadly their numbers are dwindling. Bob Williams (EM Co-ordinator) is keen to explain the finer points required of an Extra-ordinary Minister and asks to register you expression of interest with the parish office. Please remember, *the greater the number willing to take on a little will lighten the load for all.*

Urgent – Volunteer Drivers for parish bus needed to join a roster

transporting parishioners to and from Mass on weekends. Must have an LR license. Please contact parish office 4341 1073 if you can help.

Baptisms: We welcome into our faith community and pray for Austin Pond and William James who were baptized last Sunday.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on our children this Saturday, 14th June. Please keep them in your prayers.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 13/6/14: Christine French, Sally Doyle, Michael French, Linda Potestas.

Children's Liturgy Roster 15/6/14: Geraldine Baxter (L). Christine French (L). Jenny Riddiford (H).

Coffee/Tea/Chat: A group of seniors meet in the Leo Mahon room, 3rd Monday of each month, meeting Monday 16th June, 1.30pm-3pm. If you would like to join us, phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Josephite Associates meeting next Wednesday, 11th June 10am. *Please note* meeting will take place at Anne's, Unit 2, 28 Ocean Beach Rd. Woy Woy as EConference is in the Leo Mahon room. New members welcome. Phone Betty 4341 8849.

Of Grace and Faith Study Group Thursday, 12th June, 11am, Leo Mahon room.

Social Justice

World Environment Day 5 June:

On World Environment Day in 2013, Pope Francis said:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Our Audience today coincides with World Environment Day, and so it is fitting to reflect on our responsibility to cultivate and care for the earth in accordance with God's command (*cf. Gen 2:15*). We are called not only to respect

the natural environment, but also to show respect for, and solidarity with, all the members of our human family.

These two dimensions are closely related; today we are suffering from a crisis which is not only the just management of resources, for the needs of our brothers and sisters living in extreme poverty, and especially for the many children in our world lacking ade-

quate education, health care and nutrition. Consumerism and a 'culture of waste' have led some of us to tolerate the waste of precious resources, including food, while others are literally wasting away from hunger. I ask all of you to reflect on this grave ethical problem in a spirit of solidarity grounded in our common responsibility for the earth and for all our brothers and sisters in the human family.

From the Diocese and beyond

Position Vacant – Youth Communications Project Officer, Diocesan Youth Team – PSU:

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay invites applicants for the role of Youth Communications Project Officer to work as part of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team. As part of this team, the Youth Communications Project Officer will assist the Diocesan Co-ordinator with the development and coordination of all communications from the Youth Team including publications, website, multimedia and promotion of events. For further details

please contact Kelly Paget on 9847 0472 or for an employment package contact Isobel Robertson: isobel.robertson@dbb.org.au.

Torah Study for Christians: Join Rabbi Gad Krebs in exploring the Book of Numbers. Topic: Rebellion and leadership in the wilderness: what are the lessons for today? Wed 25th June. 6pm. Caroline Chisholm Centre. RSVP 9847 0448. registrations@dbb.org.au

Time, Hospitality and Belonging: Towards a Practical Theology of Disability: A free lecture

by Professor John Swinton from University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Tues. 24th June. 6pm for 6.30pm start, 9pm finish. Broken Bay Institute, 423 Pennant Hills Rd. Pennant Hills. Ph: 9847 0031. See notice board for more detail.

Praise and Worship Night: Join young people from across the Diocese to celebrate our faith through music, dance, drama, testimony and preaching. A free BBQ for 7pm-9pm event, Friday 20 June. St. Patrick's Parish, 76 York St. Gosford. RSVP: youthministry@dbb.org.au

Scripture Readings

Bruce Janiga

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Sequence: "Veni, Sancte Spiritus"
Jn 20:19-23

Luke's narration of Pentecost in Acts relates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that the disciples "will be baptised with the holy Spirit" (see 1:5). For Judaism, the feast of Pentecost celebrates the Sinai covenant. In the wilderness, 72 elders were given a share of "the spirit that was on Moses" and "they prophesied" (see Nm 11:24-26). When the Spirit descends on the disciples, they "began to speak in different tongues" (Acts 2:4), so that "devout Jews from every nation" who were in Jerusalem for the feast could understand what they were saying (v 5). The gospel is for all people.

Paul tells the Corinthians that the gifts of the Spirit are many. It is the Spirit that enables us to acknowledge that "Jesus is Lord" (v 3b). Through this Spirit "we were all baptised into one body" (v 13) and have become united with each other in Christ. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts," Paul says, "but the same Spirit" (v 4). We should not boast of our gifts as though they were greater than the gifts of others. The Spirit distributes them "to each person as he wishes" (see v 11), and they contribute to the good of all.

For John the gift of the Spirit is given to the disciples on Easter, "on the evening of that first day of the week" (v 19). Jesus appears to his frightened disciples, showing them "his hands and his side" (v 20), revealing the wounds of his passion and confirming his identity. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," he says (v 21). To be sent is to share in the mission of Christ. Breathing on them, he gives them the "Holy Spirit" (v 22) and empowers them to forgive sins. Their fear is transformed into a boldness that enables them to proclaim the gospel. This gift of the Spirit, celebrated on Pentecost, unites us in the life of the Trinity and empowers us to proclaim the good news with our lives as well.

For reflection: Have there been times when I experienced God's Spirit active in my life? What would my life be like without the Holy Spirit?

Most Holy Trinity, June 15

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

Moses' encounter with the Lord on Mount Sinai illustrates the mystery of God. God appears to Moses "in a cloud" (v 5), pronouncing the name "Yahweh," which in our translation is represented by the name "Lord" printed in small capital letters. This ancient name has its roots in the verb "to be" and is considered so sacred by the Jews that they do not even pronounce it today; they use another term in its place. Moss's response to God's revelation is to kneel, bowing "down to the ground" (v 8). This becomes the standard response to the awareness of the divine presence in the biblical world.

Paul concludes his letter to the Corinthians by encouraging them to "live in peace" so that "the God of love and peace will be with you" (v 11). He then provides a blessing, using Trinitarian imagery, praying that "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ / and the love of God [the Father] / and the fellowship of the holy Spirit" (v 13) be present to them. Sharing in the life of the church, he prays that they will share in the grace of God, who has been revealed as three persons.

Jesus' words to Nicodemus in today's Gospel reading are among the most popular of all biblical texts. John 3:16 is often called a mini-Gospel in that it expresses in one verse the core message of Christianity. Like the Israelites with Moses at Mount Sinai, we stand before God as sinners, deserving punishment. But God chooses to love us and forgive us as a sign of his "kindness and fidelity," spoken of in our Exodus passage (v 6). In Jesus, God does more than speak words of kindness; in Jesus, God's goodness is made flesh. By uniting humanity with divinity, God gives us a share in divine life.

For reflection: How have I experienced God's love in my life? How do I approach the idea of God being a mystery? Do I need to understand, or can I accept some things on faith?

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In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries, but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts for the common good?

See 1 Corinthians 12:4



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds); Saturday and Public Holidays 9am; First Friday 4pm (with Anointing of the Sick).

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday after morning Mass; First Friday, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday 11.30am; & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am; 5th Sunday, during 9.15 a.m. Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practising Catholics, at least sixteen years old. If there is at least one godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am; every Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am).

PARISH CHOIR – Practice Wednesday nights in the church, 7 p.m. Enquiries: 4341 3367.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 21a Dul-kara Rd South Woy Woy 2256. p 024341 0884 f 0243 445049.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP For information and events contact Sam French 042 244 9539.

CATHOLICCARE Counselling and Family Relationships 4356 2600

MARY MAC'S PLACE Volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Christine on 4341 0584.

CASH HOUSIE every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30 p.m. and finish 10.20 p.m., cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6.00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990818.

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

Paul Turner

When preparing for their baptism, adults and children of catechetical age participate in a special ceremony called the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer. This event has roots in the earliest days of Christianity. Even St. Augustine (d. 430) wrote about it. Having heard the proclamation of the Creed in the weeks before their baptism, the elect return later to hear the Lord's Prayer.

This prayer especially suits them because of its very first words. Jesus invited his disciples to call God their father. Jesus is the only-begotten Son of God, but all the baptized are children of God by adoption, as St. Paul wrote in Romans 8:14-17 and Galatians 4:5-7. Because of this privilege, we can call God "Father."

Anyone can pray the Lord's Prayer, and many of those preparing for baptism say it every day. However, after baptism, they will be able to pray it with new integrity. One reason catechumens may be dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word is that they do not yet pray the Lord's Prayer with the

same meaning as the baptized children of God.

The Lord's Prayer is usually presented on a weekday during the 5th week of Lent at Mass or during a Liturgy of the Word. Alternatively, it may be presented on Holy Saturday morning. Before the Gospel, the deacon or priest invites the elect forward to stand in front of the ambo. Then the celebrant reads the passage from Matthew's Gospel that contains the Lord's Prayer. The elect hear it not just from the words of the priest but from the word of the Lord.

At the Easter Vigil, shortly after their baptism, they will pray "Our Father" with the rest of the community for the first time as adopted children of God in Christ.

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