



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Pentecost Sunday Year A – 31 May 2020

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost and on this day, we solemnly commemorate that great event when Jesus fulfils his promise of sending the Holy Spirit upon his timid disciples, who gathered behind the closed doors of the Cenacle in Jerusalem.

The feast of Pentecost is the culmination of the Paschal mystery and it marks the end of the Easter season. The Easter candle, which has been burning since Easter to remind us of the light that has come into the world, will be set aside.

The Gospel message on this weekend tells us that Jesus breathed on the community of his disciples. The community is the proper receiver of the spirit of Jesus. The report of the Pentecostal event in the first reading amplifies this act of Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit on his disciples. No one outside this community was given the spirit and everyone in the community received the spirit. The Spirit is a gift to the community and so no one can say, you can have your spirit and I mine. Only within the framework of the believing community each member receives the Spirit.

So what is Pentecost all about? One of the major things it about is, of course, the Holy Spirit. We often pray – *“Come Holy Spirit! Fill the Hearts of your Faithful”*. As Christians, we are called to be the Followers and Disciples of Christ. When we received Baptism we received the gift of faith and by our confirmation, like the disciples at Pentecost, we too received the Holy Spirit.

Now is the time of the Holy Spirit. He is at work in the world in and through us. Let us co-operate with Him by opening our minds and hearts to Him. Then we can speak out to others about the wonderful and mighty works God has done in and for us so that they, too, will accept Jesus as Lord of their hearts.

On this day of Pentecost let us ask God to send His Spirit into our hearts. Filled with that Spirit, may we each individually make our contribution to the community to which we belong. And, as a

community, may we give clear and unmistakable witness to the Truth and Love of God, revealed to us in Jesus our Lord.

“Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love. AMEN.”

Fr. Joseph Kanatt MCBS
Parish Priest

FIRST READING: (Acts 2:1-11) 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 come 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 the 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: (Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

GOSPEL: (John 29:19-23)

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 I am 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.’



WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday Mass (FOR 10 PEOPLE ONLY) Booking via Parish Office.

Brighton

Monday: 8am

Thursday: 8am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 8am

Thursday: 5.30pm

Friday: 8am

PRIVATE PRAYER

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 10am-12pm

LIMITED TO 10 with social distancing protocols to be observed.

Contact details (for contact tracing if required) are to be provided at the door.



From 30 May

From 11:30am: Booking via Parish Office only.

Only one penitent is to be in the church at a time.

Others are asked to wait outside (observing social distancing protocols) until previous penitent leaves the church.

Penance is unable to be offered by penitents in the church following Reconciliation.

NO WALK INS TO MASS OR RECONCILIATION ARE PERMITTED. THANK YOU.



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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be temporarily changing opening days. The Secretary will be working on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and the Finance Officer will be working on Thursdays. The Parish Office will be closed on Mondays and Wednesdays. We appreciate your understanding during this time.

CHURCH LIMITED OPENING: We are able to open the Churches for Reconciliation and Mass for a limited number of parishioners and attendance is by booking only. Bookings for Reconciliation and Masses up to and including Tuesday morning Mass are to be finalised through the Parish Office by 2pm each Friday. The Reconciliation and Masses available are:

Mass - Brighton

Monday – 8am, Thursday – 8am, Sat - 5pm, Sunday 7am

Mass - Sandgate

Tuesday – 8am, Thurs – 5.30pm, Friday – 8am, Sunday 9am (Live Stream)

Reconciliation – Sandgate

Saturday – 11.30am

A dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass has been set aside for some time. Parishioners are encouraged to book into any one of the above mentioned celebrations.

RECONCILIATION/MASS BOOKINGS: To make a booking for either Reconciliation or Mass, parishioners are asked to provide the following details either by email or phone (including leaving message on answering machine) to the Parish Office:

- Name of all attendees & Phone Contact Details;
- Preferred Mass (weekday or weekend);
- Preferred location (Brighton or Sandgate)

Once a spot is finalised, your booking will be confirmed by phone or email. Thankyou for your consideration.

COLLECTIONS: Planned Giving envelopes/Loose Collections are gratefully received at these Masses via the locked Votive Stand in each church. This is cleared weekly.

SUNDAY MASS: Mass will continue to be live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9am. Following this Mass, a link will be uploaded to the parish website and emailed to parishioners who are on the newsletter distribution list. This way we can provide the Mass link for those who do not have a Facebook account and wish to watch the Mass at a later time.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PRIVATE PRAYER: Sacred Heart Church will be opened for private prayer between 10am – 12pm each Sunday. During this time, only 10 people will be able to enter the Church in designated seating for a minimum period of 15 minutes. **There is no need to pre-book for private prayer in the Church.** To satisfy the requirements set by the Archdiocese, everyone will be required to provide their name and contact details upon entry. Numbers and timing will be monitored by rostered volunteers (Marshalls). We trust that all parishioners will work together to provide this wonderful opportunity for many in our parish community.

PRIVATE PRAYER MARSHALLS: Do you have an hour to spare between 10am & 12pm each Sunday? If so, would you be available to assist with marshalling duties for private prayer at Sacred Heart Church? If so, could you please leave your contact details with the Parish Office.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS: Over the past few weeks, it has become apparent that there are a number of parishioners who have out-of-date contact details or would like to receive the newsletter weekly but have not provided their email address for the distribution list. We encourage all parishioners to check their details to allow the Parish Office to provide all current information in a timely manner.

PLANNED GIVING: Thank you to all parishioners who are continuing to support the parish through the planned giving program either via direct debit, credit card, envelopes or donations via the parish locked letterbox. Donations may also be made on-line via the parish website sandgatebrightoncatholic.org.au under the Giving/Policy tab. All contributions, especially during this time, are greatly appreciated.

VOCATION VIEW: "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active, if we utilise them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.

ST KIERAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: is now interviewing for Prep 2021. We encourage all families interested in joining our great school community to contact the School Office on phone 3269 5989 as limited spaces are available. If you are looking for quality, inclusive education, your child's future starts here. Unlock their potential.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY: The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

Here, at Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish, we are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Your assistance to ensure all in our community are protected is greatly appreciated.

