

## **PENTECOST - YEAR B**

**31st May 2009**

### **GOSPEL: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

My friends, today is Pentecost, the day we remember the promise of the risen Jesus to send us the Holy Spirit and rejoice in His coming on our Lady and the apostles.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday 1st June	Justin, martyr
Wednesday 3rd June	Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs
Friday 5th June	Boniface, bishop, martyr
1st Friday	Sacred Heart
Saturday 6th June, 1st Saturday,	Fatima

### **WIND AND FIRE**

Today we celebrate the birthday of the church, when the Holy Spirit was sent down upon the community of believers.

Birthdays usually mean gifts. Ours is the gift of faith, which comes wrapped in the bright red love of the Holy Spirit which we receive in the sacrament of Confirmation.

The colour of the Mass vestments is red which symbolises the love of the Holy Spirit. It also represents the tongues of fire on the heads of the believers when they were anointed with great power. This can be our reminder that in the Sacrament of Confirmation, we received the fire of God's love.

One function of the Spirit will be "to guide you to all truth" (v. 13). Implied in the wording of this promise is the idea that, just like a horse can be led to water but cannot be made to drink, the disciples of Jesus are not coerced. Respectful of human free will, the Spirit chides and guides but does not force. When the truth is revealed through the gift of the Spirit, it is important for the believer to recognise and appropriate that truth, freely and fully. In specifying that the Spirit will lead Jesus' followers to the truth, St John is referring not to a cumulative process whereby the deposit of the faith grows, but to the integrity and wholeness of the truth in every generation of every age.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Georgina Nelson, Allan Goddard, Ann Twomey, Mat Talbot, Fr Peter Thompson Cm, Brian Scanlan, Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan

McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Glica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Fay Langfield, Sheila Smith, Harold Dean, Paul Moate, Mona Quinlan, Mary Vonthein, Wilma Pernal, Kathleen Gleeson and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Angela Gomes, Patricia McCormack, Ben Phillips and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones who have died.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

Recently we welcomed into God's church the following newly baptised:

**RHYS FINNIMORE**

**JENNA AHMAT**

**ARCHIE HARRAPCHARLIE PLUNKETT**

**CAYLIN MCINERNEY**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **ALBURY PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

At St Patrick's Church, Albury from 6.00pm Friday 5th June to 9.00am Saturday 6th June.

*Will you not watch one hour with me?*

#### **WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATION**

The Catholic Women's League is affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation. WUCWO is a Public International Association of the Faithful and has Consultative Status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe. We will be having a Mass at 10.30am on 16th June at St Patrick's Church, and a light luncheon afterwards in the supper Room.

All parishioners welcome. Please reply to the luncheon to Helen Sandral (02) 6023 6110 or [helensandral@bigpond.com](mailto:helensandral@bigpond.com)

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 8th June.

#### **MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK**

At St Patrick's Church this Thursday 4th June at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

## **MARY'S JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Mary's Junior League will meet this Wednesday 3rd June from 3.30pm-5.00pm

## **WINTER BUSH DANCE SATURDAY**

A Bush Dance for the whole family will be held at Livingston's, Holy Spirit Hall on Saturday 13th June. Come dressed in your flannies and boots and don't forget your Akubra! Time: 7.30pm-11.00pm. Tickets \$10.00 each, youth under 16yrs gold coin donation. Money raised will go toward Catholic youth work in the Albury area.

A light supper and refreshments will be provided. BYO drinks. This is a family friendly event for people of all ages. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. For more information see noticeboard or contact Miriam on 0438 484 000.

## **ICON OF OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM COMING TO ALBURY 3RD JUNE**

Albury has the great privilege of hosting the Icon of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom at St Patrick's Church, Smollett Street, on the evening of Wednesday 3rd June. To celebrate the Icon's visit, parishioners from all parishes in the area are invited to come pray with and for the young people in our Diocese at a Mass organised by the young adults at 7.00pm. A free BBQ for all young adults 18-35yrs will follow the Mass. For more information see notice board or contact Miriam on 0438 484 000.

## **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR 18-35YRS**

A weekly discussion group for 18-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email [mizmim@gmail.com](mailto:mizmim@gmail.com) , John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY 31ST MAY**

To celebrate Pentecost, a free sausage sizzle will follow the 10.30am Mass. All are invited to come along. Free balloons for children.

## **HOLY HOUR, EXPOSITION WITH ROSARY AND BENEDICTION**

Wednesday 3rd June from 5.30-6.30pm in St Patrick's Church - prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

## **HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS**

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants prayer group will be witnessing to life at the local abortion clinic on Thursday 4th June, 18th June and 2nd July after the 10.30am Mass in St Patrick's. Please join us in prayer for as long as you are able.

## **INVITATION**

The Parish of Lavington invites all parishioners to a Mass celebrating Fr Patrick O'Connell's 60th Anniversary of Priesthood on Friday 5th June at 12.00 noon in Holy Spirit Church.

## **SNIPPET**

The history of salvation begins with the choice of a man, Abraham, and a people, Israel, but its scope is universal, the salvation of all peoples.

(Benedict XVI)