St Brigid's Parish
Stuart - Wulguru - Woodstock

Pentecost Sunday Year C — 8 June 2025

Acts of the Apostles 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 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.'

Psalm

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

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)

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.)

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.)

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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. 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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Luke 24:46-53

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.'

Reflection

In our age of increasing division and discord we should learn to trust that the Holy Spirit can bring us together. The Holy Spirit, Pope Francis once quipped, 'knows how to bridge distances.' Explaining that the Holy Spirit 'connects the teaching of Jesus with every time and every person,' Francis reminds us that 'Christ's words are not a memory.' Rather, through the Holy Spirit, they 'come alive today!' Using Scripture as an example, Francis points out that the Holy Spirit 'speaks to us and guides us in the present.' Hearing today's Gospel proclaimed, for instance, means being called to renew our trust in Christ in the here and now. We have the Holy Spirit with us, after all! 'The Holy Spirit does not fear the passing of the centuries,' Francis says. Indeed, it is we who get caught in the past. 'We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith,' he suggests, when we fail to recognise that the Holy Spirit 'makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.' As the late Pope put it, 'the Holy Spirit does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.' Alleluia to that! In our age of increasing division and discord we should learn to trust that the Holy Spirit can bring us together. The Holy Spirit, Pope Francis once quipped, 'knows how to bridge distances.' Explaining that the Holy

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**On behalf of St Brigid's Parish, our Parish Priest and Parishioners,
We welcome any new members to be part of our community.
"All Members are a gift from God", so a very warm "Welcome" to you,**

Parish Notices and Events

Planned Giving Envelopes

It would be appreciated if those with envelopes number 5, 25 & 36 could contact the parish office so that your contact details can be recorded together with your generous contributions.

Mass Intentions for the Deceased

We will begin including the names of all the faithful departed for whom Mass Intentions are requested (e.g. at Easter, or a birthday, or Mothers Day) in our Newsletter.

Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available at the Entry to the Church. You can also request a Mass by visiting stbrigids.au/masses.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is in Melbourne, from 30 November to 2 December 2025, and the Townsville Diocese is taking a group! From 28 November to 5 December, it will be a week of prayer, formation, fun, community, exploration, retreats, and experiencing ACYF with thousands of other young Catholics from across Australia. Invitations are open to 14 - 24 year olds, young adult mentors, and youth leaders (current or potential).

Townsville Catholic Charismatic Renewal

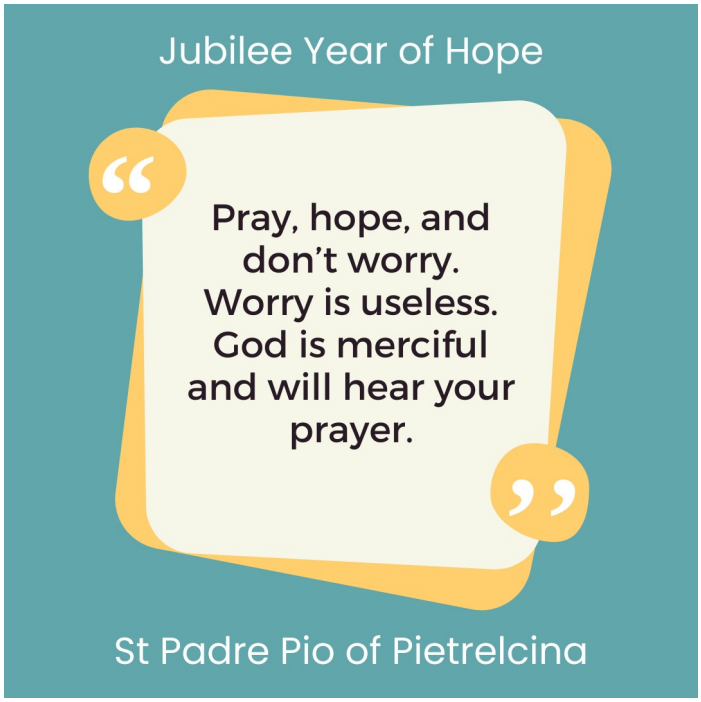
is pleased to invite you to the events facilitated by Fr Steve Fletcher MGL from Melbourne in June for Ministry, Prayer and Healing Service. Fr Steve has a passion to see the church alive in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit and the call of Jesus to make disciples of all nations. Contact Rosalie on 0400 708 327 for more information

Date and time:

Sunday 22 June @ 6.30pm, Praise & Worship Ryan Community Centre, Morindo Drive, Kirwan

Monday 23 June 6.30pm—Healing Service
St Teresa's Church, 58 Lonerganne St, Garbutt

Tuesday 24 June @ 10.00am, Ladies Morning
St Teresa's Church, 59 Lonerganne St, Garbutt



Clergy Foundation Appeal

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The Clergy Foundation remains important in providing for the needs of our retired priests – suitable accommodation, comprehensive health care and just caring for them at this stage in their lives. With your help, we will continue to look after retired priests into the future. Donations over $2 are tax-deductible. Please consider donating before the end of this financial year by using the QR code or taking an envelope at the back of the church..

100 Years of The Sacred Heart Church, Ayr:

The Burdekin Catholic Parish invites you all to celebrate 100 years of the Sacred Heart Church in Ayr, presided by Bishop Timothy Harris. Sunday, 27 July, 09:00am followed by celebratory lunch at the Samaritan Centre, St Francis School (across the road from the Church). We kindly ask for a donation for lunch which can be provided on the day. Drink and cent sale tickets will be on sale (cash only). Please RSVP to burdekinparish@tsv.catholic.org.au or phone (07) 47832316 by Sunday, 13 July.

If you have photos, stories, and or any interesting facts you can contribute to their celebration, they will be ever so grateful.

Vocation View

The disciples of Jesus made bold proclamations through the promptings of the Spirit. What is the Spirit prompting you to do? Be courageous and act on it! .

Please keep in your prayers:

Prayers FOR Healing

Neville Nash, May Williamson, Anne-Maree Cashin, Debra Craig, Maureen Milchem, Linda Sibley, Laura Farquhar, Lisa Haines, Michael Robertson, Margaret Catchpole, Judy Coorey, Matilda Lee, Genevieve Cochrane, Amelia Cart, Henri & Hansel Bekiesch, Sandra Eels, Toni Evans, Anne Burgess, and all in need of our prayers.

May the Lord's healing hand rest upon them

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's first reading, we join the Apostles in the Upper Room. These individuals had accompanied Jesus to his death and been witnesses to his resurrection and ascension. Can you imagine the throes of emotion accompanying each experience? Now, they gather together, perhaps discussing what to do next. They wonder where they should go, and who they should listen to, since Jesus was no longer there: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind." In a moment swelling with grace, tongues of fire descended upon each person present, "and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." What might this moment have sounded like? Looked like? Felt like? The Apostles were weary and grieving, but Jesus made a promise he intended to keep — that he would send an advocate in his name to teach them everything. That same Spirit now waits to guide and empower us if we are willing to receive him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus' death left his followers grieving and disoriented. They had left everything to follow him. And now, he was gone. What would become of them? Jesus said: "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." On this feast of Pentecost, Jesus' promise is fulfilled. When the Father sent down the Spirit, it was not just for a singular, grand moment in time; the Spirit came for good. In the same way the Apostles were strengthened by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so were we strengthened at our confirmation. We were commissioned, as were they, to live out our faith in the world. When we need strength in this mission, let us remember that the word advocate comes from the Latin word *advocatus*, which means "one who draws near." *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

REFLECT

Read the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* ("Come, Holy Spirit") prayer that we heard before the Gospel today. Each line, laden with powerful imagery, invites us to understand the Spirit more intimately. Reflect on where you experience the Holy Spirit in your life today, and where you long for a greater outpouring of his fire.

Rosters Weekend of 14/15 June		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
	Readers	1. Teresa O'Connor 2. Lauri Adcock	1. Antony Jobby 2. Andrews Jobby
	Special Ministers	Louise Vella-Cox	Mingle & Antony Jobby
		Cleaning Team B	Counting: Cox/Menkens (Next week)
		Children's Liturgy: Dom	

Sunday Masses 14/15 May	
Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am
Woodstock	**Next Mass 22 June**
St Brigid's	**6 July**

Weekdays 12 to 16 May	
Mon	5.30pm Wulguru
Tues	5.30pm Wulguru
Wed	5.30pm Wulguru
Thur	5.30pm Wulguru
Fri	No Mass

Confessions

12pm to 12.15pm Saturday
or by appointment

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Principal: Megan Wuersching

The Pastor's Pen!

It's lovely to be back with you for this Pentecost Sunday. I had a lovely holiday with my mother and a chance before and after to catch up with the rest of my family, who are all in Brisbane

Many of you will have, hopefully, received a letter and a brochure concerning Planned Giving. The last time that the Parish ran a Planned Giving Campaign was in 2019. I am very grateful to all of those who over this past six years have faithfully supported the Parish and its work through regular committed giving. Such committed giving is essential to enabling the parish to budget to meet its expenses.

As well all know, and feel, when we do our weekly shopping and pay our bills, the cost of living has increased significantly over the past several years. The cost of doing business has increased even more. Since 2019, the cost of living has increased by more than 20%.

Thanks to a 50% increase in attendance over the past year and a significant increase in loose giving, we are on target to meet our very cautious budget.

But, the works that we need to undertake over the coming three years do require an extra injection of funds. We also need to keep growing our wonderful parish so as to ensure its financial independence.

I would like to invite you to renew your commitment to the Parish and its ministry over these coming weeks by filling out a pledge card. If you did not receive a letter, there are envelopes available in the pew with brochures and pledge cards inside. These may be returned by mail or in person to the parish office or placed on the offering plate at Mass.

Please keep the children and families who are preparing for the Sacraments in your prayers. The Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on the evening of 16 June.

I have been asked by the Bishop to celebrate Mass at Saints Catholic College, for the residents and Young Adults of the Diocese, next Sunday evening. As a result, there will be no Mass at Woodstock next Sunday.

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Through our Baptism we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Through the love of Jesus Christ, we live and share the Good news with all.