



## A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS

The Time of Easter culminates in today's celebration of Pentecost, centred on the death and Resurrection of Jesus. This Solemnity inspires us to remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room (cf. Acts 2:1-11). On that day the history of holy Christianity began, because the Holy Spirit is the source of holiness, which is not the privilege of the few, but the vocation of all. Indeed, through Baptism, we are all called to participate in the same divine life of Christ and, with Confirmation, to become his witnesses in the world. "The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people" (Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, n. 6). God "does not make people holy and save them merely as individuals, without bond or link between one another. Rather has it pleased Him to bring people together as one people, a people which acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness." (Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, n. 9).

From [www.faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://www.faithcircles.dow.org.au)

### Stories of your time in isolation

**Thanks for sending in your stories—please keep them coming!**

Over the next few weeks we're continuing to print your stories whilst in isolation, eg:

**Has this time helped your prayer life; How have you been keeping in touch with others;  
How have your groups been going—have you used Zoom or Messenger for your meetings;  
Funny stories; Have you had any special celebrations during this time;  
Have you grown spirituality; Any challenges you may have faced;  
Any stories you would like to share.**

Please keep your stories to a small paragraph, about 100 words, and we will publish in the bulletin over the coming weeks.

First names would be great but if you would prefer to be anonymous, that's ok.

Please pass this information onto other parishioners.

Your stories can be emailed to us or you could drop them into the parish office mailslot.

**We look forward to hearing about your feelings and experiences during these times.**

What's  
Your Story?

**Have you checked out the new  
Parish Website yet?**

[www.sheppartoncatholic.org.au](http://www.sheppartoncatholic.org.au)

There is much information and you can also  
view the weekly bulletin.

Try viewing it from your mobile phone.

There is also a link to our Facebook page —  
see spiritual and newsy posts from Fr Joe,  
Kathy Hunt and Anthony Kilmartin.

Still a 'work in progress' so take a look and let us  
know your ideas—we're open to suggestions!



### St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

Offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Application Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html> The closing date for entries is Friday 31 July 2020.

### Plenary Council Update

The first session of the Plenary Council has now been postponed until October 2021, in Adelaide. However, the work of preparation continues! A detailed summary of Sandhurst Diocese response to the first stage of Plenary preparation has been written by Ruth Lawlor and Fr Brian Boyle and is available on the diocesan website ([www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)) under the "news" heading. Please access and enjoy. A diocesan gathering on the Plenary scheduled for June 13 will now be postponed also until later this year.

WELCOME TO

# ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH



St Brendan's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Pentecost Sunday

31 May 2020



Readings for  
this week:

Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13  
John 20:19-23



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Liturgical Language III

From the Protestant Reformation and the Counter Reformation. Latin was used in the Catholic West, in Eastern Churches various ancient and local languages were used in the liturgy. A few exceptions were in some Eastern European nations and in the New World, e.g. Mexico and China where local languages were approved and adopted. But after Pius V Roman Missal was promulgation in 1570 these exceptions were suppressed for about 200 years. With Vatican Council II the vernacular languages were re-introduced and after 40-50 years many indigenous languages were approved. Pope Francis approved the Mayan language Missal in 2013.

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### Looking at the Readings

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

### New Feast: Mary, Mother of the Church

Is celebrated as a Memorial on the day after Pentecost. The Pope wishes to promote this devotion to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful."

### Pope Francis Pentecost Homily

In the age of the computer, distances are increasing: the more we use the social media, the less social we are becoming. We need the Spirit of unity to regenerate us as Church, as God's People and as a human family. 9 June 2019

### On the Lighter Side

A frugal parishioner walked into the house panting and almost exhausted. "What happened, honey?" inquired his wife. He replied: "After the parish finance meeting on saving resources I decided to run home behind the bus and save the \$2.50 fare." "That wasn't very bright," replied his flustered wife. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save \$15?"







## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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*Christ in community...the  
heart of our faith*

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**Recently Deceased:** Ida Landini (Laura O'Sullivan's Mother), Caterina Cirillo, Mary Kavanagh (Selina Quilty's sister-in-law).

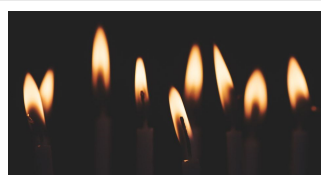
**Anniversaries:** Catherine Naughton, Cliff Ash.

*Fr Joe will pray intentions at Mass - please phone or email your intention to the parish office.*



*May is the month  
of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

We are in the midst of  
**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK**  
with the theme **IN THIS TOGETHER** (words now resonating in ways not foreseen when announced last year, but reminding us whether in crisis or in reconciliation we are all #InThisTogether) a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures & achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/> For the Church, it's a time to reflect on how we can become "more fully the Church Jesus wants us to be" (Pope JP II 1986). In the lead-up to the Plenary, NATSICC has developed guidelines for embracing Aboriginal peoples in the life of the Church <http://www.natsicc.org.au/assets/eatsicc> [May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum when Australians voted to remove discriminatory clauses in the Constitution. June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision recognizing Aboriginal peoples' rights over their lands.]



### HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION?

You are now able to access videos of three talks on Scripture in the Catholic Tradition given by Fr Brian Boyle in March 2020 at the Sandhurst Diocese website and Youtube channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCspalz5eJB47CWuu46kvRqw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCspalz5eJB47CWuu46kvRqw)

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you to the volunteers in the Parish who have been delivering NEW ENVELOPE PACKS to our planned givers in the last couple of days.

Six (6) monthly Statements have been enclosed with your envelopes. If you have any queries on these statements please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office. Remember you are welcome to place your planned giving envelopes into the MAIL SLOT in the wall at the front of the Parish Offices *at any time*.

Take care and stay well.  
With God's blessings.  
*Fr Joe Taylor*

### SERRA CLUB Friday 5th June, 2020

The Serra Club will have Mass this coming 1st Friday June 5th at 7pm in the church. We will have Mass only and will be following all Covid-19 requirements and as such we will not be having any cuppa or gathering afterwards.

### Something to Think About

There are two powerful symbols associated with Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the form of fire and wind. Close your eyes and imagine what it was like on that first Pentecost day. Hear the sound of wind and imagine the lights and warmth of fire. Be still and try to feel the presence of God within you at this moment.  
*From Liturgy Brisbane*



*Whilst we are opening our church for prayer and mass in a very limited and controlled way, we also must be very aware that anyone over 70, or those whose health is at risk, are advised to remain home for their safety.*

### RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING EASED

From 11.59pm on 31 May restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies will be eased.

- ⇒ **Places of worship** can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to **20 people** in a single undivided indoor space, subject to the four square metre rule **plus** the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony.
- ⇒ **Weddings - 20 people** in addition to the celebrant and couple being married can attend a wedding.
- ⇒ **Funerals - 50 people** can attend a funeral in addition to the officiant and funeral staff, subject to the four square metre rule.

*Refer [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-restrictions-covid-19](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-restrictions-covid-19) for more information*

### UPDATE ON MASS TIMES and QUIET PRAYER TIME

**9.15am WEEKDAY Masses - every day EXCEPT Mondays**

**4.00pm - 5pm ONLY for PRAYER TIME on WEEKDAYS only**

**WEEKEND MASSES - 6pm Saturday; 8am Sunday and 11am Sunday**

Given the slight increase in numbers allowed to partake in our Liturgies and the way in which we need to continue to practice social distancing, the Marian Chapel will be too small a space for us all to fit. We ask everyone to come into the BODY OF THE CHURCH when coming for Mass or Prayer Time.

The MARIAN CHAPEL will be closed until further notice.

Please enter and leave via the west side (Piety Stall side) ONLY. Thank you!

### MOVING FORWARD - (20 people limitation as at 1st June 2020)

WEEK DAY MASSES - please continue to ring the Parish Office to book in to come and join us.

WEEKEND MASSES - SHOULD be booked on our newly created TryBooking site

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJTDL>

(If you would like assistance with this please call the Parish Office on 5821 2633)

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We are very grateful to our USHERS and CLEANERS who have so willingly come forward to assist with the regulations that have to be met. Thank you for your support!

*Fr Joe Taylor*