



# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

## Weekly News

*Let Your Light Shine* (Matthew 5:16)

Consecrated to Mary Help of Christians  
(Patroness of Australia) October 2006  
PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A 28 MAY 2023

**TODAY'S READINGS** Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23  
**NEXT WEEK (Trinity Sunday, Year A)** Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13;  
John 3:16-18

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



# A rebirth of faith

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that devout Jews from every nation had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Shavuot which commemorated the most important event in Israel's history, the giving of the *Torah* (the first five books in the Hebrew Bible) to Moses at Mt Sinai.

It was originally a harvest festival when the Jewish people came to Jerusalem to thank God for the fruits of the wheat harvest. It also became known among the Greek speaking Jews as Pentecost as it came fifty days (*pentekoste*) after the feast of Passover. The feast is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name.

For Christians, the feast of Pentecost concludes the Easter season. The fifty days from Jesus' resurrection to Pentecost, are marked in a particular way by the presence of the Holy Spirit who is in fact the ultimate Easter gift. The Creator Spirit constantly brings about new things. Today's readings show us two of these new things. In the first reading, the Spirit makes of the disciples *a new people*; in the Gospel, she creates in the disciples *a new heart*.

In the story of the tower of Babel (Gen 11), one people sharing a common language come together to build a tower to reach to the heavens. God saw their arrogance and confused their language so they could no longer understand one another. On the feast of Pentecost this lack of understanding is overcome by the gift of the Spirit and the pilgrims hear the apostles in their own languages. The Spirit creates a new people and when Peter speaks to them, he invites them to repent and be baptised to receive the Holy Spirit. We then learn that more than three thousand were baptised.

In the gospel, the frightened disciples were hiding from the community for fear of following in the steps of their crucified Lord, but the Spirit empowered them to come forward and bear witness. There is no longer discrimination among Jews or Greeks, slaves, or free persons but we all called to drink of the one Spirit.

Being a new people is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Lord and to take heart that God's Spirit is among us calling us to bear witness through our love of God and commitment to the care of all peoples especially those who experience loneliness, estrangement, marginalisation and adversity.

Our prayer is very much that the Church will experience a new Pentecost in a rebirth of faith in our increasingly secular community, and bear witness as Peter did to the good news of Jesus. Being a community of believers renewed by Word and Sacrament ensures that we as a pilgrim people are able to move forward, actively engaged with the community,

even as we continue to ask what God's Spirit is asking of us in Australia today.

Michael A Kelly CSsR  
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**Wishing Fr Michael a very happy birthday. What a beautiful morning to celebrate after the Feast of Mary Help of Christians**



# PARISH NEWS

## Healing Mass



**HEALING MASS AND ANOINTING**  
**Saturday, 3 June 2023**

Commencing at 10.00 am

**PLEASE NOTE**

**for that Saturday only there will not be a 9am Mass.**

**If you know someone who may like to attend, please let them know this is coming up.**

**CHRISTS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:** will not be meeting this Friday 26/5, but will resume on Friday 2 June at 2pm. Be sure to attend for a scheduled surprise on that day!

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



**The recently deceased:** Brian Garland, Jesusa Macananas, Kevin Shelley, John Payn, **Anniversaries:** Doris Brauer, Denis O'Brien, Ian Young, Edward Rushbrook, Eamon McLaughlin and those occurring at this time

**Also for:** all those whom Masses and prayers here been requested.

**For those who are sick:** Fr Anthony Lemon, Liam Baker, Leon Darmody, Aimee Arun, Margaret Griffiths, Dawn Bennett, John Borger, Desmond Everson, Pat Quinn

**LEGION OF MARY:** Weekly meetings Wednesday 10am in the Parish Fatcher Room. All welcome.

### PASTORAL CORNER:

Jesus promised that he would not leave us orphans, so when he left our world he breathed his own life into us through the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who lives in us, guides and helps us live the gospel.



Today as we celebrate Pentecost let us ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts so that we may be Spirit filled.

*Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate*

### CALL FOR JUNIOR ALTAR SERVERS

Can any children wishing to be junior altar servers please email Kathy at [ktwohill@stjosephs.org.au](mailto:ktwohill@stjosephs.org.au) with your name and preferred Mass time.

A new roster will be coming out shortly. Children must have made their First Holy Communion. This is a beautiful ministry in which the children can be involved.

**PLEASE WELCOME:** as mentioned previously we welcome Fr Steve Dives MSC to our parish in Fr Wilber's absence. Fr Steve will be arriving on Wednesday 31st and will celebrate some of the weekday Masses. We wish Fr Steve an enjoyable stay in our parish.

**MARIAN VALLEY:** Please come and join us for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima & St Anthony on the 13/06/2023. On 24/06/2023 Annual Pilgrimage of the Maltese Community in the Honour of Christ the Redeemer. The bus will be picking up at 8.15am at Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters. Cost for bus \$25.00 return each day. To book phone Xavier 0404 843 260 or Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573, All are welcome.

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

**@6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY**

**@7AM @9AM**

**ST CAMILLUS BILAMBIL**

**9AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

**Monday to Friday**

**9.10AM**

**Saturday 9AM**

**ROSARY**

**Before Mass Monday to Friday**

**Commencing at 8.40am**

**Saturday 8.30am**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 4.30 - 5.30PM**

**and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10am**

**BAPTISM**

**Please contact the parish office  
with any Baptism enquiries.**

**SACRAMENTS AND  
VISITS TO THE SICK**

**Please contact the parish office**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon –Thurs 8.30am to 4pm**

**NEWSLETTERS**

**If you would like to receive the  
weekly news or any upcoming  
events and information via email  
please contact the parish office  
on 0755367522**

**Or email**

**[tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au](mailto:tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au)**

**ROSTERS 3/4 JUNE 2023**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YR A**

**6PM FR MX REGO SM**

Sacristan: Karen Watson

Adult Server: Karen Watson

Liturgy Coordinators: Judith Ranke

Commentator & POF: Judith Ranke

Readers: Irene Antu & Mandy Barone

Communion: Kylie Cane & Judith Ranke

**7am FR STEVE DIVES**

Sacristan: Diane Paynter

Adult Server: Marie Norton

Liturgy Coordinators: Iris Nathan

Commentator: Sally Engle

Readers: Patricia & Paul Bolster

Communion: Gavin Holmes & Iris Nathan

**9am FR MICHAEL BRADY**

Sacristan: Pat Twohill

Adult Server: Beena Kurian

Liturgy Coordinators: Jan Rolph

Commentator: Colleen Blake

Readers: Scott Thomson & Janita Thomson

Communion: Pat Twohill & Sheeja Raj

**9am St Camillus Bilambil: FR MX REGO SM**



**The Catholic Diocese of Lismore  
Safeguarding Office**

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has been abused by someone  
working or ministering within the  
Diocese of Lismore, we ask you  
to contact us. We will listen to  
you respectfully; offer support and discuss options  
you have available to you. To contact the Safe-  
guarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or  
email*

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