

ST PAUL'S NEWS

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WELCOME

At St Paul's "we love because God first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). We believe in the inherent goodness of all people - that the divine dwells at the heart of all living things. We believe the whole world is sacred and so we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong. St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

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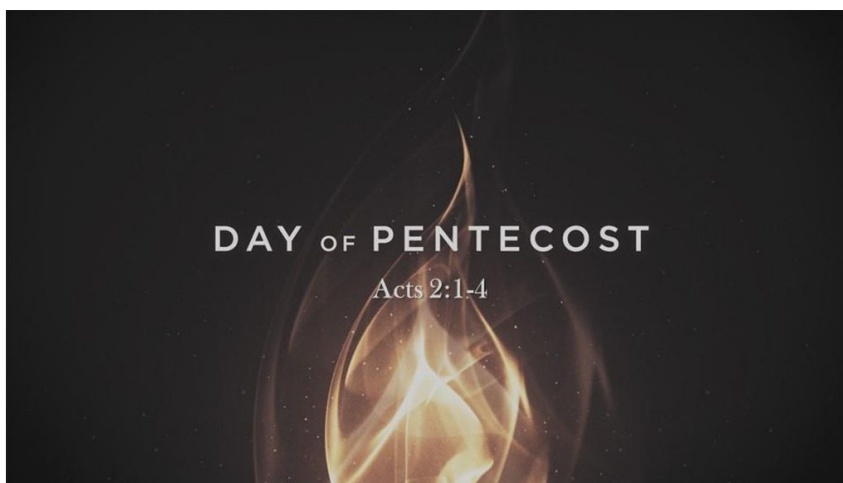
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Pastoral Message

We are about to embark on the Season of Pentecost! Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June. Since it was always 50 days after Firstfruits, and since 50 days equals seven weeks, it always came a "week of weeks" later on. Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks.

While originally a Jewish festival, Pentecost became for Christians that moment when God sent the Holy Spirit and it filled the Church and added 3000 believers to the Jesus movement (Acts. 2). It is this same Holy Spirit that surrounds, indwells and calls us to be God's people today - the same Holy Spirit that holds as one the people of God, is called down upon a believer in the sacraments of baptism and ordination and breathes life anew into us every time we call upon it in faith, hope and love.

May the Holy Spirit continue to uphold and encourage you.



June Readings & Services

Sunday Holy Communion 8.30am
 Sunday Lota House 10.30am
 Tuesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

Sunday 5th - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21
 Ps. 104.26-36
 Romans 8.14-17
 John 14.8-17

Sunday 12th - Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31
 Ps. 8
 Romans 5.1-5
 John 16.12-15

Sunday 19th - Pentecost 2

1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a
 Ps. 42
 Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29
 Luke 8.26-39

Sunday 26th - Patronal Festival

Acts 12.1-11
 Ps. 87
 2 Tim. 4.6-8, 17-18
 John 21.15-22

This June we also celebrate Trinity Sunday and a shared patronal festival with St Peter's, Wynnum. The trinity has much to teach us about relationship, love and the oneness of God and God's creation. But more on that on June 12.

A patronal festival is an annual opportunity to gather and give thanks for the patron saint of a faith community. How blessed we are, particularly at this time in the life of the church, to have St Paul as our patron saint. A trailblazer, missionary, active in the world who created new expressions of community against great odds after being transformed by a personal encounter with the risen Lord Jesus! How apt, don't you think, for our Parish of Manly to honour such a person as we too have become trailblazers, people of faith and courage, leading the way in new expressions of faith community. It might not always be easy, but by the power of the Holy Spirit we are always faithful here at the edge of the sea!

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

June Ministry & Notices

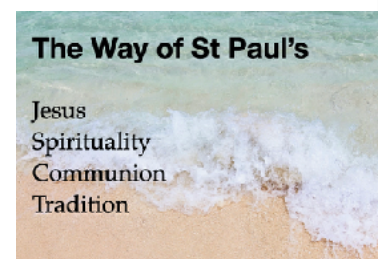
6th Parish Council 7.15pm
 11th Cursillo 10am speak with Jen
 16th Tatters & Chatters Craft Group 9.30am
 21st Mother's Union Eucharist & Meeting 9.30am in Church
 24th-26th Diocesan Synod
 26th St Paul's & St Peter's Shared Patronal 8.30am at St Paul's

For Our Prayers

Please hold in prayer those who are unwell at this time or have asked for our prayers: David, Nancy, Veronica, Michael C, Gloria, Graham, Michael N, Gerald, Annie, Marie, Barry, Eddie, Joan, Shirley G, Glen, Shirley & Gordon, Shirley, Yvonne, Gayle & Lowie, Harline, Peter and Jean, David and Jody, Bev and Bruce and Alison.

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