



Welcome to Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish

Pentecost Sunday - 31 May 2020

Mass Times This Week

Saturday 6pm Vigil Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday 9am Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday 10:45am The Good Shepherd

Tue 2/06	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy	
Wed 3/06	12 noon	Our Lady of Mercy	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Thu 4/06	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy	With Exposition and Reconciliation
Fri 5/06	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy	St Boniface
Fri 5/06	6.00pm	St James the Less	St Boniface
Sat 6/06	9.30am	Good Shepherd	With Exposition and Reconciliation
Sat 6/06	11.30am	Our Lady's Rosary Garden	

**As the Father sent me, so I send you:
Receive the Holy Spirit**



We are all beggars before God

Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis in his 6th of May General Audience, on the theme of prayer. Taking inspiration from the Gospel episode of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar from Jericho who is able to see again after professing faith in Jesus, Pope Francis reminded us to reach out to God with prayer and to persevere in our journey of faith. He described prayer as “the breath of faith, a cry arising from the hearts of those who trust in God.”

Although Bartimaeus is blind, he is aware that Jesus is approaching and perseveres in calling out, “screaming at the top of his lungs: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” By using the only weapon at his disposal, his voice, and ignoring the many who reproach him telling him to be quiet, he cries out “Son of David”, making a profession of faith in Jesus the Messiah. The blind beggar’s prayer touches God’s heart and Bartimaeus can see again, meaning that “the gates of salvation are opened for him.”

As we continue on our pilgrimage of faith, he continued, may we “always persevere in prayer, especially in our darkest moments, and ask the Lord with confidence: “Jesus have mercy on me. Jesus, have mercy on us!”. “Faith is having two raised hands, a voice that cries out to implore the gift of salvation,” he said, noting that the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that “humility is the foundation of prayer”. Prayer “finds its origin in the earth, from the *humus* – from which the word “humble”, “humility” derives: It comes from our precarious state, from our continual thirst for God.”

“Faith is a cry,” he added; we must not suffocate that cry. “Faith is a protest against a painful condition for which we do not understand the reason. To disbelieve is limiting oneself to endure a situation that we have adapted ourselves to,” becoming accustomed to the evil that oppresses us, while “Faith is the hope of being saved.” “There is a voice in the depths of mankind that prays which is stronger than any argument to the contrary... a voice that flows forth spontaneously without anyone commanding it; a voice that questions the meaning of our journey here below, above all when we find ourselves in darkness.” Pope Francis concluded that these are words “inscribed on all of creation.” “Everything prays and begs so that the mystery of mercy might find its ultimate fulfillment”. It is not only Christians who pray; every man and woman share the desire for salvation: “Man is a beggar before God”.

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Please Pray For...

Sick

Irma Bachmeyer, Christine Beaumont, Theresia Jordans, Ashlee Lloyd, Helen Malin, Helene Meijer, Tanya Millican, David Neville, Michael Porter, Patricia Smyth, Peter Eckert.

Names are kept on the sick list for 4 weeks.

Anniversaries

Daniel Coffey, Maria Egtberts, Stanislaw Faworski, Michael Finn, Jeff Fox, Michael Owen McCarron, Nick Ronan, James Patrick Ryan, Charles Sampath, Robert Skrebels, Richard Thomas, Monica Winter.

Anniversaries from Saturday 30 May to Friday 5 June.

Parish Pastoral Council

Neil McGoran (Chair), Fr Richard Morris (Ex Officio), Fr Ian Wilson (Ex Officio), Gavin McLaughlin (Ex Officio), Stewart Chilcott, Teena Cobiac, Joanna Falkland, Mike Galea, Yesamma Hendry, Sandra Lloyd, Jo Manalo, Michelle Muller, Tung Pham, Jan Sobotta.

Supporting our parish community on our journey of faith.

Parish Finance Council

Tom Hardy (Chair), Father Richard Morris (ex officio), John Barton (Treasurer), Michelle Muller (Secretary), Noel Duffield, Delia Hughes, Martin Kidby, Jim Mann.

For parish property, maintenance and finance matters.

Collections Last Week (Monday to Sunday)

1st Collection (supporting our priests) \$ 120.00

2nd Collection (supporting the parish)

Envelopes and loose plate \$ 210.00

Online and direct debit \$ 905.00

Total second collection \$ 1,115.00

Thank you to those who have contacted us to arrange regular giving in a new way.

Ways to give to the first and second collections:

1. Arrange regular direct debits from your bank account. Please contact the office for BSB and account numbers.
2. Select this link adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation each time you wish to make credit card payments.
3. Contact the office for a 'Direct Debit Request' form. This authorises our financial institution to make direct debits from your account at set intervals.
4. Post cheques to 7 Mann Street, Mount Barker SA 5251.
5. Visit the Parish House with your planned giving envelope

or envelopes marked 'first collection' and 'second collection' and either:

- a. Knock on the front door or office door and hand them to Father Richard or Michelle (Tues - Friday only), or
- b. Post them through the 'messages' slot in the Parish House front door.



Reflection on the Scripture Readings

The liturgies of the Easter season bring home to us the work of the Holy Spirit in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery.

Luke's account of the coming of the Spirit upon the apostles associates it with the 'day of Pentecost', a Jewish festival celebrated fifty days after Passover - a harvest festival that later became a celebration of the giving of the Law to Moses. On this popular festival, the apostles - still uncertain how to undertake the enormous mission they had been given - joined the pilgrims crowding Jerusalem, and for the first time found the courage to proclaim their faith in the Risen Lord. In the joy and success they found on this occasion, they recognised the 'baptism with the Holy Spirit' they had been promised. In Luke's account, what begins as an event in one room of the city - 'a noise that filled the whole house', 'something that seemed like tongues of fire', the apostles 'speaking in foreign languages' - suddenly involves the whole crowded city, as faith in the Risen Lord is preached 'to devout men from every nation under heaven'. In the passage



that follows our reading, Peter's preaching leads to the baptising of three thousand people - a number designed to bring out the momentous nature of what is taking place, and the universal mission that will flow from it, rather than giving a precise historical detail.

The other readings point to other dimensions of the workings of the Spirit in our lives. Our life in Christ is filled, from beginning to end, with God's generous gifts. And all of these gifts come from 'one and the same Spirit' - from our faith in Christ as our 'Lord and God', to the individual contributions we are able to make to the life of our community.

In John's gospel, as we are reminded in today's reading, the Spirit was given on the evening of Resurrection Day itself. 'Peace be with you', Jesus repeats, and 'breathing on them' he says, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. John's gospel reminds us that if the Spirit is responsible for the great things in which God is present in the life of the Church, the Spirit is also evident in our personal lives, in the true peace and contentment that comes to those who give themselves generously to the Lord. Jesus, at the Last Supper, associates the gift of the Spirit he promises with a peace that is his special gift: 'My own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you' (Jn 14:27).

How varied are the gifts of the Spirit. In this era of change and renewal, let us become more aware of our dependence upon them.

John Thornhill SM

Question of the Week

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As I have been sent, even so I send you'. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. (John 20: 21 - 22)

Adults: What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?

Young People: When have you felt the Spirit tug at your conscience or move you to help others?

Children: How would Jesus want you to treat your family and friends this week?

Are we a community of diverse gifts and charisms, each recognised and nurtured in the community, coordinated by our priest and PPC?

Small teams may involve lay leaders, religious, deacons and priests. Team members may take on a variety of roles such as coordinator of the community, manager of the parish, finance officer, youth worker, as well as pastoral associate and pastoral director. Leaders in Catholic schools will often be part of such teams. A priest, who may be a parish priest or priest moderator, will be appointed to a parish by the Archbishop. Other priests may be part of the team. There will be a need to plan for the teams of the future, identifying, supporting and providing **learning experiences** for lay leaders. Each parish will need to **nurture the vocation** of those called to lay ministries, religious life, as well as continuing to nurture vocations to ordained ministry. The pastoral team, along with the whole parish, will exhibit the values of **openness and transparency**. It is essential that the pastoral team be truly and visibly collegial, and so contribute to building up **authentic communion** in the parish (*Gospel pathway 7*).



For this gospel pathway, we already:

Support our parish priests, who are open, approachable and encouraging.

Allow and encourage people (including our youth) to bring their gifts and talents to the various rosters and groups.

Invite and encourage new people to join our PPC and Finance Council, and to send us feedback and questions.

Communicate with the parish community after each Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council meeting.

Now we must start to:

Provide training and support for parish ministries, including printed resources.

Ensure our Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council work in true partnership with the parish community, inviting feedback, responding appropriately and ensuring broad support for each major initiative.

What can we do in the future for this Gospel pathway?

Email or ring the office, or chat to Fr Richard with your ideas.

Feedback from last week (Laudato Si’):

We have also allowed the College to develop a small section of land behind Our Lady of Mercy Church as part of a year 8 project reflecting on Laudati Si’.

Masses this Week

From Monday 1st June we are able to have Masses with up to 20 people at The Good Shepherd and 36 at Our Lady of Mercy (20 in the Church and 16 in the foyer). Please contact the office to book in for a Mass.

When you arrive, there is a ‘Contact Tracing Slip’ which needs to be filled in and placed in the box provided, as well as hand sanitizer to use.

Father Richard will continue to stream a weekend Mass via our Youtube channel: Mount Barker Strathalbyn Catholic Parish, and St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral will continue live streaming 10am Sunday Mass via www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. For those without internet access, the Cathedral Mass is replayed Sunday 4pm on Channel 44. An interstate service is screened live every week on Channel 10 at 6am.

Can you Help with Mowing?

Our volunteer gardener at Our Lady of Mercy is unfortunately unable to continue in this role. Are you able to help out with keeping our land free of weeds and trimming the grass? Please contact the parish office on 8391 1053.

Threshold: Inspire 2020 Pentecost Vigil – from 7:30pm

This year’s Pentecost Vigil for young people will be streaming live at www.facebook.com/cathoyouthadelaide/live. Join us for an evening of music, art, speakers, fun and innovative prayer.

Threshold @Home: Music Performance Series Tuesdays at 8pm

Check out performances from young Catholic musicians from across the Archdiocese of Adelaide every Tuesday night from 8pm at www.facebook.com/cathoyouthadelaide/live. Interested in being a performer on Threshold @Home? Contact Peter in the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults at

E: peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au

Parishes of Adelaide Podcast

A new podcast has just been released as one of the ways for the Archdiocese to stay connected during this time, when we are somewhat disconnected. Every Wednesday, we’ll be releasing a new episode, featuring a pastoral message, the gospel reading and reflection for the coming Sunday, and conversations with different parishes to see how they are staying connected at the moment. Parishes of Adelaide is available on major podcast platforms including Spotify and Apple Podcasts. If you wish to listen to the podcast but don’t have a smartphone, tablet or computer, please contact archdradio@cesa.catholic.edu.au for a CD. Link to podcasts:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/3Ka1BUKjG9GsKS0Rn93qXO>

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarships

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and applications forms are available on this website: <https://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>.

Closing date July 31 2020.

June 7, The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Psalm Daniel 3:52-56

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST READING ACTS 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

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.**

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.