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PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A - 24 MAY 2026



“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.” - St Ephram

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that

which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

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.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 25 May & Friday, 29 May - 8am to 1pm
Tues, 26 May - 8am to 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time, especially Elizabeth Betty McMahon, Reg & Clare Williams; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Mary Jordan and her son Michael.

the sick: Helen Katon, Shayne O'Brien, Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. **Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 25th: No Mass—Church open from 8am to 1pm
Tues 26th: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass
Wed 27th: 6.30am Holy Mass
Thurs 28th: 10am McLean Mass, 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Holy Hour, 12.45pm - 1.30pm Confession
Fri 29th: 9.15am Holy Mass at HTS, 4.30pm Holy Hour, 5pm - 5.30pm Confession
Sat 30th: Yetman: 3pm Holy Mass
Inverell: 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confession, 5pm Rosary, 5.30pm Holy Mass
Sun 31st: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Detailed Weekday Liturgy Schedule: This can be found on the noticeboards in the church and on the parish website.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Ladies Lunch: Thurs 4 June 2026, 12.30pm. Location Country Kitchen Courtyard Café, 120 Otho Street

Men's Breakfast: Wed 10 June 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)

Women's Breakfast: Fri 12 June 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café

Sunday Morning Tea: Sun 14 June 2026, after Mass

Altar Society Roster For May: Pat Bailey & Kay Gardner

Reflection: This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Plenary Indulgence

A plenary (or full) indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the hymn Veni, Creator (Come Creator Spirit) publicly on the Solemnity of Pentecost. We will publicly recite this prayer before the Final Blessing at each Mass. To fulfil the conditions to gain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must: Receive Holy Communion on the same day; Pray for the holy intentions of the Pope; Go to Sacramental Confession on the same day or within 21 days; Have a detachment from sin.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please continue to pray for all our Confirmation candidates and their families. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be given at the 5.30pm Mass on Sat 13 June.



Our Lady Help of Christians - 25 May

This is an important Solemnity in Australia because Our Lady, under the title "Help of Christians", is a spiritual Patron of Australia.

The title "Help of Christians" is of very ancient lineage, with Saint John Chrysostom, who died in 407AD, having used the title in a homily. According to Fr Johann G Roten, the invocation of Mary under the title of Help of Christians is part of the oldest prayer addressed directly to Mary, the *Sub tuum praesidium*, found on a papyrus dating from the third century.

The feast day of Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800s. The infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholics in Australia remained faithful to Mary, and Australia was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patron.

Most images of Our Lady Help of Christians depict the virgin standing on a globe of the world, holding the child Jesus in one arm and a sceptre in another. Her head is always crowned and the child Jesus in her arms is often crowned as well. In some images, the map of Australia is featured on the globe to signify the Virgin's special relationship to Australia under this title.

Prayer: O most holy Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Shelter us under your mantle and help us in all our trials and sufferings. Amen.

Volunteers to Assist at McLean Mass

Fr Juvi is seeking some volunteers to assist him at the McLean Mass on every 4th Thursday of the month, commencing Thurs 28 May at 10.30am. If you can help, please let him know.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001023550

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001013072

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

* Proper of Mass, Page 377

* Preface of Pentecost, Pg 39

* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

Eighth Week of Ordinary Time commences on Pg 1045