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As we remain unable to meet together because of COVID-19 restrictions,
our services continue to be made available on our website.



Mission Statement:

To love God and to love our neighbours and become
an increasingly relevant presence in our community.

SUNDAYS MAY 24 and MAY 31, 2020 -

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MAY 24, 2020: SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER –

Prayer of the Day: God of majesty, You led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, & took Him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, & send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.”

Acts 1.6-14

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 5

John 17.1-11.

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: “We read that Jesus said ‘I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do’. We know what our work is because Jesus told us last week: we must share God’s love. So, how about praying for epidemiologists & virologists & all who are working towards a vaccine? How about saying thank you to the teachers in your area for helping to keep kids’ education on track at this difficult time? How about thanking the checkout operator at your local supermarket? – they will probably have seen some pretty bad behaviour from customers recently.”

- **Pray that** you can change your neighbourhood this week by more acts of love, sweet love.
- **Pray Healing for:** Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Bob B; Greg; Stephen G;
- **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve - “Our dear friend & brother in Christ, Roy Boxsell passed away on Friday, May 15. May he rest in peace and rise again in glory. Roy’s funeral was conducted by Rev’d Jane on Friday May 22, at All Saints, his spiritual home over so many decades. Doris, Col, Jan & the Boxsell family appreciate our continuing prayers, at this time.” - Rev’d Mandy.
Mina’s daughter Chris passed away on 21st May, in Moruya hospital.

Mandy’s Message: The Ascension - Among the deeper mysteries in life, one we most struggle with is **the mystery of absence**.

At the feast of the Ascension, Jesus our incarnate God went away. In the passage before the gospel, when Jesus was preparing to leave this earth, he said: “It is better for you that I go away! You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy. If I don’t go away you will be unable to receive my spirit.” (John 16.7ff) Here is a mystery! Jesus’ ascension gives us deeper insight into our own life & death. At the centre of a **mature spiritual life** we know that we will all be leaving this life sooner or later, but there is a deeper hope – that others will continue to receive the full blessing of our spiritual presence even after our bodily presence has gone, because we are connected by God’s Holy Spirit still active in us all. That is the communion of saints through the ages, Christ lives in us & we in him, God in us & God in him. In our faith in Jesus we are and will be reunited with our loved ones beyond this earthly life. So take heart, Christian, and spread the good news to everyone of our reconciliation with the Saviour who loves us and will never leave us. **Amen.**



MAY 31, 2020: DAY of PENTECOST –

Prayer of the Day: *“Almighty God, at the feast Of Pentecost You sent Your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy & boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to Your redeeming love & draw all people to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with You & the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.”*

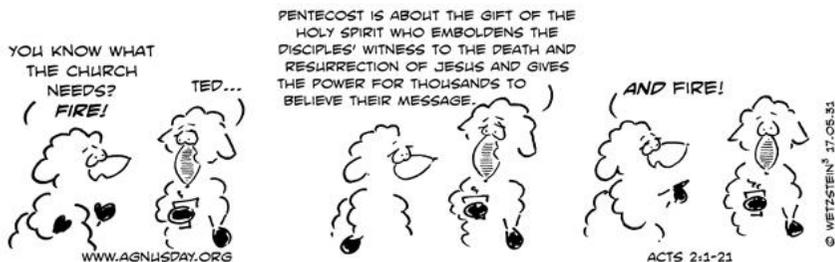
Acts 2: 1-21 Ps 104: 26-36 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13 John 20: 19-23

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: *“We hear from St Luke (Acts 2.1-21) of the ‘Birth of the Church’ where the Holy Spirit descends on the believers who then speak in many of the languages of the then-known world. Today we have many people living in Australia who speak languages other than English, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those from overseas who have chosen to call Australia home. At this time of crisis, how can we ensure that all the people living in the country know God’s love?”*

Mandy’s Message for Pentecost: - The Spirit binds us together in order to care for one another, love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another and help one another as we share the Good News about Jesus with others. Without the Holy Spirit there would be no Christians and no Church. The gospel message would be unknown. There would be no hope of eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is to the Church what air is to every breathing human being. Air surrounds us so completely that we almost forget it is there and we breathe without realizing what we are doing. So it is with the Holy Spirit who empowers our lives, deepens our faith, motivates our mission. The Spirit reveals that God has a plan for all people – to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

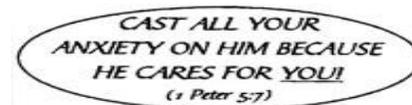
At Pentecost, God’s promised Holy Spirit descended on Jesus’ disciples. Maybe we’ve become a little blasé, a little lukewarm. The Spirit wants to work in all of us – to make us into a church that is living, renewed, refreshed, revitalised to do his work – to be the church, ready with gospel, ready to draw all people into God’s presence. Are **you** ready? I pray so, **Amen.**”



HARRIS FAMILY NEWS: *“To Julia, & Corey Brown, another boy: Lucas Henry, born May 8, a brother for Harrison; & to Anita, & Ben Pickstone, a daughter, Elsie Joy, born May 14 - 3.93 kg. Much celebration in the Harris household!” – (Thanks Libby, for this update)*

PARISH COUNCIL’s MAY SNIPPETS: We are so very grateful for all the efforts that our people are making to connect with & encourage one another – whether it be via Mandy’s daily meditations, & our weekly services, Zoom meetings, care-packs delivered, phone calls, & at last, physical visits & home communion allowed. Thank you, everyone!

- Meanwhile, we congratulate Ven Jane on her appointment to Archdeacon to the Deacons, & our prayers for God’s grace & wisdom go with you, Jane.
- P/C accepts Bishop Mark’s advice to **NOT** ‘re-introduce Sunday Public worship during ‘Step 1’
- Our Playground maintenance has been completed (& Mick reminds us that no child over 7yo should use the equipment!) Thank you to all who had a hand in that.
- St Paul’s Pews – still awaiting the confirmation Faculty from Bishop Mark.
- Our You-tubing services are averaging 100 views weekly, with 20% from overseas - a huge Thank-you to Mandy, & Lachie, our wonderful musicians in both centres, & to all who help.
- BCA have announced that they will postpone the collecting of their boxes till things normalize – Good News, that means we have a few **more** months to save up donations for this ministry!
- Selva & Juliat – no update on their refugee status application; please uphold them in prayer.
- All Saints organ – Peter Jewkes is planning to tune the organ again soon.
- Thank You to all who are continue to contribute financially to the Parish in their various ways.



- **Pray that** this week – and in all others – we might be able to befriend someone from a new culture and show them God’s love through our love for them.
- **Give thanks** for the work of those who translate the Scriptures into languages that have not yet had a version of the Bible.
- **Give thanks** for the work & witness of the Philippine Independent Church.
- **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) *“Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who will equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, in Jesus’ name, Amen.”*
- **Please pray** for revival, & “pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for this field, too.”

- ***“Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed.”*** Ps 72:19
(APBA).