

Sunday 31 May 2020



Bribie Island Beacon

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The book of Acts tells us that on the day of Pentecost, a small crowd gathered in a room on the highest floor of a house in Jerusalem to wait for the manifestation of the promise Jesus made before his ascension. The promise was that the followers of Jesus would be baptized, not with water, but with the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit would give the people power to be witnesses of Jesus, in word or deed, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. It is a time that changed the Jesus movement for ever. We are still empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus. As we travel this strange time we need to be intentional how we share our faith with others through our word and action.

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays this week - Dawn Williams (31 May); Debbie Eustace (2 June); Elise Pope (3 June); Janice Shield (5 June); Greg Rollason (6 June).

PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need – Phyl Adams, Vivienne Bourne, Ian Hillard, Elizabeth Kubler, David Lower, Scott Payne, Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen, Sue Telfer.

To add someone to the prayer list please email office@stpetersbribie.org.au

Those in Grieve – Family and friends of Roslyn Young.

PARISH NOTICES

Neighbourhood Centre – Donations of groceries and clothing for the Neighbourhood Centre are still welcome, there will be a box at the front door of St Peter's each Monday, so if you can give something to support the needy in the community please bring it to St Peter's each Monday for collection.

Drink Containers – Please continue to collect your drink containers, they can be dropped off in front of the shed next to Cooina.

Parish Giving – You can now giving using Credit and Debit cards us the secure BPOINT function. Our BPOINT page can be found on the front page of our website or by clicking [HERE](#). Even though we are not meeting for worship the Parish still needs to meet expenses, if you are able to give by Parish Direct or Online Deposit it would be appreciated, bank account details on front of newsletter. For those unable to give online a mail slot has been installed in the door of the Parish Office on Toorbul Lane.

Grant from MBRC – Last month the Parish Council applied for a grant from the Moreton Bay Regional Council to paint the inside and outside of Cooina. The Parish was successful with the application from the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Program and has received \$14,750. The painting of Cooina should be carried out during the month of June.

Resumption of Services at St Peter's – It has now been over two months since the in person services at St Peter's were put on hold. As a church we are moving towards the resumption of services and it is hoped that services here at St Peter's will resume during the month of July. More information coming soon.

Evensong for National Reconciliation Week – Recognise and celebrate National Reconciliation Week in the service of Evensong streamed from St John's Anglican Cathedral this Sunday 31 May at 6 pm. The service will be led by The Rev'd Kate Ross and will include special guest speaker, Sandra King OAM, Reconciliation Action Plan Coordinator for the Anglican Church Southern Queensland. Following the service, gather via Zoom at 7 pm to hear from Sandra and join in the Q&A.

PENTECOST

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

Sentence - 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'
(John 7.38)

Prayer of the day - Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection - The readings from Acts and our Gospel for today both contain stories of how the disciples of Jesus were anointed with the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel reading we hear how Jesus says to the disciples "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." then Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit comes to empower us to reach out and witness, bringing peace to others. Today is the fiftieth day since Easter, or better known as Pentecost. The reading from Acts tells us that when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. They included a crowd of about one hundred and twenty people consisting of the eleven remaining disciples, women (including Jesus' mother Mary), Jesus' brothers, and other followers of Jesus. At that time a sound like the rush of a violent wind filled the entire house where they were sitting, and tongues of fire appeared among them and rested on each of them. At this time they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. After the Holy Spirit invaded the space, a crowd of thousands began to gather outside. In the crowd were Jews from many different nations including Greeks, Arabs, Romans, Africans, and Asians, just to name a few. Each of the people in the crowd could understand the conversation in the upper room in their own language. The story we hear about in Acts is a story of transcendence and unification. We must remember that the Holy Spirit comes to bring people together. So today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and we remember the coming down of the Holy Spirit. We need to do more than celebrate that it happened, rather we need to remember why. In Acts 1.6 it reads "So when they had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus response to their queries about it is time for the coming of the kingdom is that the timing of the coming of the kingdom of God is God's business, not yours. Instead focus on doing the business that has been given to you, that is the business of being my witnesses. We are called to be witnesses in our every day life. Jesus says to us that we are his witnesses and it is evident in the way we live. So what will you do today and in the coming week to be a witness of Jesus?

Online Worship

Every Sunday morning a new service is uploaded, to watch online worship from St Peter's please follow this link

vimeo.com/user110905450 the link is also available from our website and FaceBook page.

Morning Prayer & Chat Time

At **10am** each **Wednesday** and **Sunday** you are invited to join us for a Morning Prayer using Zoom. Chat time before Morning Prayer from 9:30am. Follow the Zoom instructions below.

ZOOM – Video/Phone Conferencing

While we are unable to meet in person the Parish will be using Zoom to hold meetings, prayer times, studies and conversations. If you have a computer with a camera, a tablet or smart phone all you need to do is download a free app by following this link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3408319100>

Open the app and select "Join Meeting" and enter the meeting id **3408319100** and the password is **34083191**. When prompted select join with computer / internet audio.

You can also phone in from your home phone by dialling **02 8015 6011**. The meeting id is **3408319100**. Please phone Fr Steven on 3408 3191 if you need assistance.



PRAYER FOR THE GRACES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O merciful God, fill our hearts with the graces of the Holy Spirit, with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Teach us to love those who hate us, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who abuse us, that we many be the children of our Father: who makes the sun shine on the evil and the good, and send rain on the just and the unjust. In adversity grant us grace to be patient; in prosperity keep us humble; may we guard the door of our lips; may we lightly regard the pleasures of this world, and thirst only after heavenly things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Anselm (1033-1109)

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PRAYER

Creator Spirit, all creation once declared your glory, Your laws were honoured and trusted, forgive us our neglect as our country approaches the most critical moment in its history. Listen to our prayer as we turn to you, hear the cry of our land and its people, just as you heard the cry of Jesus, your Son, on the Cross. Help us to replace our national shame with true national pride by restoring the dignity of our First People whose antiquity is unsurpassed. May our faith and trust in you increase. Only then will our nation grow strong and be a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land. Amen.

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