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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading, Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God’s presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God’s Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke’s account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”.

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence, and of the strength we need to refrain from vengeance. Sadly, the desire for vengeance often inhibits healing in those who have suffered violence or abuse, and even in those who endeavour to support them, so that the cycle of transgression continues. We must work ceaselessly as a global community to address the causes of violence and abuse and search together for lasting solutions. “Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth.” *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30asm (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY Year B**

**May 20th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

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

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

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

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 19th & 20th May   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Anita Mason  |  Mary Kelly  |
| Commentator |  Claire Cole  |  John Power  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica  |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers | Chloe Turnbull & Lily Webb  |  Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay  |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Maria Cobden | ------------------------------------- |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 26th & 27th May  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Peter Malone |  Anne Huebner  |
| Reader |  School Mass |  Mark Hogan |
| Commentator |  School Mass |  Pat Spannagle |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Abby Crampton & Olivia Dean | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles |
| Church Care | Group 4: The Dobbie Family |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m PRAYER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

 R O S T E R S

**God of majesty, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your apostles as they were joined in prayer with Mary the mother of Jesus; grant through her intercession that we may serve you faithfully and, by word and example, spread the glory of your name throughout the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL** proceeds from our parish collection amount is $444.70. For those still wishing to make a donation envelopes are available in the church and can be left on the collection plate. Thank you for your very generous support.  **CATHOLIC VOICE** May issue is now available for your collection. **ST.VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**  many thanks for your continued support of our work here in Tumut. Your financial contributions are very humbling. As winter is approaching we again will be conducting our Winter Appeal this weekend. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted following Mass this Saturday evening 19th May. Envelopes are available at the front of the Church. Receipts will also be available if required.  **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 –Listen to what the Spirit is saying.** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 & 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To find out more about this Council go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org,au **SPECIAL THANKS** to our Children’s Liturgy volunteer **KerrinHenderson** **FEAST DAYS** 24th May: Our Lady, help of Christians 26th May: Saint Philip Neri

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Cecilia Haddah, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Filomena Comai, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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