



31 May 2020 – Pentecost Sunday – Year A

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Pastor's Desk

Coming out of Liturgical Lockdown – A reflection on where to next.

We do not know the full extent of the changes brought by Liturgical Lockdown. Still, we know that the "new normal" will not be business as usual, even though many will want it. Pentecost is not a return to the old ways; it is stepping out in faith and courage to face the future with hope.

We can expect older and vulnerable people will not return to Sunday Mass for some time, or ever again. We can also presume that those who were on the peripheries may well drift further unless they are pro-actively engaged and welcomed to their place of spiritual belonging or turangiwaewae. Some may indeed be thirsting for community, and we should find new and imaginative ways to welcome them. The "tried and true" will need to give way to the "tried and new".



Over the last nine weeks, we have prayed at home on our own, in online prayer groups and watched televised masses. The Scriptures have sustained most of us during this time, and the "domestic Church" has grown to fill the gap left by no masses, and we have survived! Without the typical "run of the mill" things that make up parish life we have been shown new ways to pray, to gather and to support each other - these are good. Can we let these continue and grow and lead us forwards?

Returning to Sunday worship we need to remember the three key principles of liturgy in the Pauline Tradition (1969), Vatican II Church:

1. The Liturgy is "the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time, it is the fount from which all her powers flow" (SC10).
2. The Liturgy "does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church" (SC9) because it is not the only time when we offer worship to God.
3. The Liturgy requires "the full, active and conscious participation of whole people" in the liturgical celebrations, because the liturgy "is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful derive the true Christian spirit" (SC14).

These principles shape Sunday worship as the event of the Church and form us in prayer. Liturgy is not a private affair, or the personal preserve of an individual. Indeed, individualism is the opposite of true Christianity and self-centred belief often masks a self-centred life. Now is the time for generosity towards each other. We are the Church – a people of baptised laity and clergy, catechumens and enquirers - a community of believers and seekers after God. We are not exclusory, even when we have to book-a-pew!

Pentecost always calls us to renew, reform, revive. *Ecclesia semper reformanda* – the Church is always renewing/ always being renewed. Looking for solutions to the future in the past will not help; looking to the past for wisdom to guide new actions will. We look forward in hope, anchored in the faith of our ancestors, with courage to live in freedom, in today's world.

Pentecost is the Patronal Feastday of our Diocese. We are 40 years old. Let us pray to our patron, the Holy Spirit. Let us ask to be led in ways of wisdom, mercy, peace, justice, freedom and hope, both for ourselves, and for all people of our city, our diocese and country. Happy Pentecost.

Fr. Joe Grayland

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We Pray for Our Deceased:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.



Prayer Intentions

Audrey Murphy, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon,
Betsy Franssen, Bettie Beech, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs,
Evie Feierabend, Fiona Hurly, Ian Sutherland, John Pepperell,
June MacMillan, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Marian Carey,
Margaret Kersel, Melva Widdowson, Fr Michael Lloyd, Mike
Manson, Mikulas Oros, Pat Kauri, Pat McDonald, Paul McRae,
Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy,
Tony Winchcombe, Vinnie Carroll and William Lemmon



Congratulations!

To Rose and Wally Semmens on their Golden Wedding Anniversary
(30th of May 2020).

May the Lord bless you both, your children, grandchildren, and your
families with peace.



Special Intention:

The Board of Trustees are about to commence the process of
appointing a replacement Principal for Kevin Shore, who will be
leaving us in September. This is a time when prayer becomes a
significant factor to their planning and decision making.

Accordingly, we invite all parishioners to mindfully keep this
process and the Board Members in your thoughts and prayers
please.



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Special Announcement – Moving back to Church

Changes commencing on Friday 29 May 2020

With the move to celebrate Mass and Liturgies of the Word up to 100, we need to keep up the good work and practices that have been put in place over the last 2 months.

We ...

- Must keep high hygiene standards
- Must keep records to enable contact tracing and manage numbers attending (100)
- Must keep up our social distancing

To assist with these requirements an online booking system has been set up. This will be used for track & trace and for our end of year reporting purposes.



BOOK A PEW for Sunday

Online booking system for our Sunday Masses Only:

- **Where:** on our websites and will be clearly marked
- **Information Required:** Name and address, telephone number and/or email address
- **Who:** each person's details must be included (children can have the same contact details as parents). For example, a family consisting of two parents and two children equal 4 entries and details for all must be included.
- **'Internet-free' people** - please either phone the parish office or ask a fellow parishioner/friend to register you on the online booking system. If you know someone who does not have internet, please offer to help them get a booking online.
- **Numbers:** 95 seats will be available for booking at each Mass.

No booking for weekday masses – but you must sign in

ENTRY AND CHECK-IN

Entry to our parish Churches will be by the main front doors (Cathedral – through the Gathering area only; Our Lady of Lourdes – main doors; St Mary's Foxton – main doors)

† Visitors to the Parishes

Please use the QR codes provided when making a visit to your parish home/office. If you have not uploaded the QR code to your phone, please do so following the instructions available in the foyer. If you do not wish to use that code, a paper sign in sheet is also provided for your use.

Please note: Our QR code is different from the Government one as it gives us a list of people who are visiting our churches and in the event the Government requests this for tracing purposes, we will have that information for them.



Figure 1 - Example of a QR Code

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† Masses

Registering online and/or using the sign in sheets need to be completed if you are attending a Mass to ensure we have proper tracing of everyone who attends our Masses. Unfortunately, due to the restriction of numbers we must use the online and sign in sheets - you cannot use the QR code for our Masses.

Please Note

- If you or a member of your family/group are unwell, please do not visit your Parish home/office or attend Mass **and** if you have registered for a Mass, please advise your Parish home/office to ensure that your space can be used by another parishioner.
- Hand sanitizer **must** be used on entry by all people.

Seating

- There will be dedicated seats and areas within the church for use. Please do not go into other roped off areas. A Mass Coordinator will assist you with this.
- Please ensure that you follow all the social distancing rules we have embraced over the last 6 to 8 weeks.

New: Communion will be distributed by:

- a. Cathedral - two – the Presider and a Lay minister
 - b. Lourdes and Foxtton - Presider
 - c. Ministers will wash their hands at Lamb of God before distribution
 - d. The Presider will remind the assembly at end of Lamb of God how communion distribution will work
 - e. Please keep your distance in the communion procession
 - f. If you prefer a blessing, please ask for one
 - g. No Sign of Peace
 - h. No communion from the Chalice – hosts only
 - i. The host will only be placed on the hand.
- Collection baskets will not be passed around – the Mass Coordinator (Cathedral) or Sacristan and one other will have baskets at the end of Mass to allow parishioners to make their offerings as they leave the church.
 - There will be no presentation of gifts and no procession
 - **Gifting** – no collections will be made during the Mass. When leaving Mass, the Mass Coordinator/Sacristan and one other will be at the doors with collection baskets for any gifting. Alternatively, you can support your parish by donating using the bank accounts below:
 - Cathedral of the Holy Spirit: 02-0630-0288037-01
 - Our Lady of Lourdes: 02-0630-0288037-18
 - St Mary's Foxtton: 02-0630-0288037-07



Thank you for assisting us as we move through this Level 2 time. Please ensure you keep up to date with changes via our websites, newsletters, and Facebook pages. We are continually reacting to what our government is asking of us and for us to be compliant, we will continue to need your help.

Blessings, the Pastoral Team.

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Health and Wellbeing

As we move back to our new normal, please remember to take the time to go back to 26 March 2020 and review how your life has been in these last 66 days. Reflect on this unusual time and focus on those things that have helped increase our happiness as we move through level 2.

Often it is the simple things that truly enrich our lives. So many of us did not get in a car for weeks on end, we walked only in our neighbourhoods, no shopping (except online 😊), no restaurants/bars/cafes), our lives changed completely. It was a joy to find new ways to connect - the family/friend Zoom meeting, talking to our neighbours, using social distancing of course, working out how to celebrate a new birth in new ways, having the time to enjoy cooking a meal, baking, sewing, woodwork, being creative.

So how do we use this learning as we move forward and reflect on how we are going to take those simple things we learnt into our 'new norm'.

Our Catechumen

Pentecost celebrated with the renewing life of Baptism Confirmation and Eucharist.

It has been a very very long Easter Saturday for us all, an enforced retreat like no other. The scriptures of lent, holy week, and the Easter Season have accompanied and echoed in new ways. Now we emerge in the last moments of Easter, it is the dusk of 'the evening of the First Day' – the day of the Lord that dawned with the energy and joy of Resurrection. All of this Easter Season is grasped and encapsulated with the Gospel Pentecost – the Second greatest feast of the church.

This year we have an extraordinary opportunity to celebrate the sacraments of initiation within the Vigil of Pentecost – such a privileged moment when we witness our Elect making their final commitments of faith in the Risen Christ. This chosen faith renounces all that binds, and enslaves, all that damages and keeps us isolated. They choose the light and hope of Christ's new life. They are anointed, empowered with the gifts and charisms of the Spirit and commissioned as disciples, followers of 'The Way' Their witness of faith has such an effect on us the local community, it challenges us deeply to accompany, encourage and support them.

We Celebrate and give thanks for the faith of:

Alice & Cameron Donald and their Godparents Amanda and Matt Wallis, and the support of the Bateman family.

Bronte Sutton and Godparents Amy Simpson & David Walsh.

Robert Dooley and sponsor Seconi

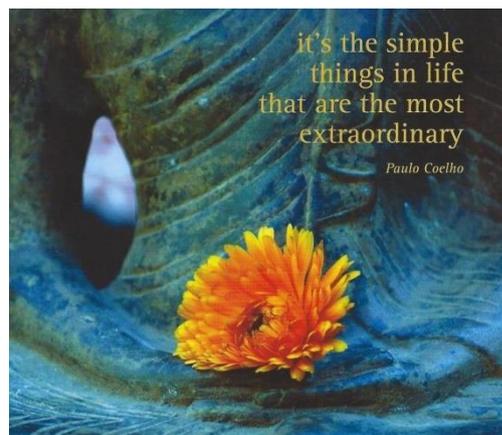
Wayne & Staci Jelliman & sponsors Rod and Mary Bennett.

Saskia Brosnan and sponsor Ronnie Cullen.

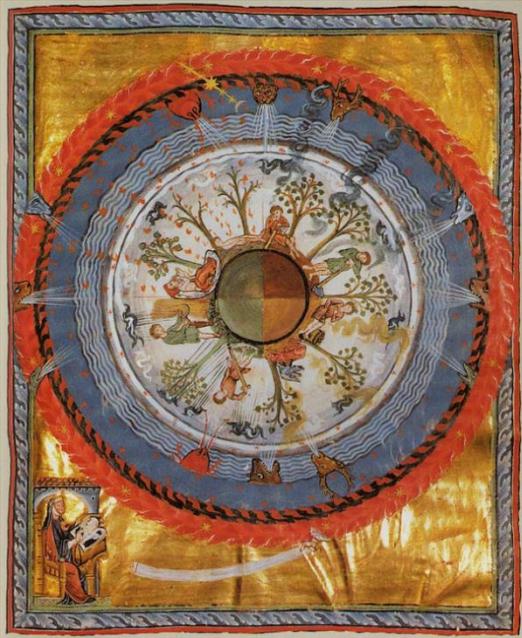
Anna Tate and sponsor Lorraine Howard.

Janet Smith sponsored by Mary Morton

And Mary Whale supported by Ethne Maher



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The Spirit of God
is a life that bestows life
root of the world tree
and wind in its boughs.
Scrubbing out our sins,
She rubs oil into wounds
She is glistening life,
alluring all praise,
all – awakening
all resurrecting

Hildegard of Bingen

Reflection – Pentecost

Ascension of our Lord.

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

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

The feast of Pentecost is a wonderful day for all of us as we come together to celebrate the rebirth of the Catholic Church after the COVID19 lockdown. Today the first reading: finds the apostles gathered and waiting (in lockdown), as Jesus had asked them to do. For three years he had taught them a new commandment of forgiveness and love. Now he informs them of his plans for them, “for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak, in a few days you will be Baptised with the Holy Spirit”.



A miracle of language takes place when the Holy Spirit descends on the Church. and opens their hearts and minds to understand the significance of the Gifts with which the Holy Spirit inflames them. In one verse, the author speaks of people speaking in various tongues, but in seven verses he emphasises the ability of people to hear and understand, despite people coming from “every nation under heaven”. They will speak with boldness and zeal.

In the gospel, hearing and understanding are linked with peace and forgiveness. Forgiveness can help bring peace, but forgiveness seldom occurs without hearing and understanding, which enable us to put ourselves in another’s shoes. Is our difficulty in hearing, understanding, forgiving, and being at peace because we have failed to learn that difference, is a gift of the Holy Spirit as St. Paul mentions in today’s second reading? What special gifts can I discern God has given me?

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What people hear and understand are “the mighty acts of God”. Likewise, the giving of the Holy Spirit in the gospel has to do with the disciples being sent out to mission. This mission will not be easy as they undergo various acts of persecution and suffering. But the Lord has promised to send the Advocate. The same or similar challenges face each one of us, and in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic, earthquakes and the like, to witness our faith. We all receive different gifts but for the one



purpose, the Body of Christ. “For in one Spirit we were all Baptised into one Body, And we were all given to drink of the one Spirit”.

In the Psalm (104) The Holy Spirit works to renew all creation and the face of the earth. Pentecostal peace involves more than peace among human beings. Meditate this week on these words from today’s gospel: “Peace I leave you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you”. Ask God the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the truth of Jesus and fill our hearts with this gift of living faith in God.

Liturgical Outreach

Livestreaming and Masses

Pentecost Mass – Patronal Feast

9:30am – Cathedral – [Pentecost Sunday Livestream Mass](#)

Daily Mass with Pope Francis:

A recording of Pope Francis daily Mass:

<http://www.catholicv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>

Catholic Telecast on Shine TV

10 May 2020 – 2:00pm – Shine TV – Sunday Mass with the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.
(Freeview TV Channel 25, SKYTV Channel 201)

Catholic Radio

Sunday 9:00am – 10:00am Manawatu People’s Radio (MPR) AM999

Half hour Liturgy starts at 9:30am. Catch up on this [link](#).

Julie Randall’s ‘Liturgy at Home’:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy

Issy McCafferty’s ‘United in Prayer’ resource:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/unitedprayer



UNITED IN THE SPIRIT – The ‘Upper Zoom.’ An online Diocesan Pentecost Celebration.

4:00pm - 5:00pm on Sunday May 31, 2020. Online via. Zoom Pentecost is a big deal for the church, it is an even bigger deal for the Diocese of Palmerston North as we are consecrated to the Holy Spirit. As part of our celebrations on Pentecost Sunday there will be an inspiring time of prayer hosted online and led by people from across the whole diocese. This will be a unique opportunity to pray together across the entire diocese, so you will not want to miss out! All welcome More info and online link at www.pndiocese.org.nz/pentecost



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Information



We need your email address so we can send updates. Please register your details online at the [Cathedral of the Holy Spirit](#) or [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) websites. Please include your Surname, Christian name, Email address, Cell and Landline numbers, and Street address and which parish you belong to. Alternatively, you can email the above details to info@lourdesparish.nz, “Registering my details with you”.

Resources for Children:

Auckland Diocese liturgy site has this link: [Children’s Liturgy](#)

Cafod has a very good children’s liturgy recorded and interactive check it out: [Children’s Liturgy](#)

Diocesan Website Links:

Signup for Diocesan newsletter:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/newsletter

Weekly ‘UNITED’ mailout:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/united

Diocesan YouTube channel:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/video

Resources and links on the Diocesan website:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/covid19

Diocesan Mass livestream, from Cathedral Presbytery:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/livemass

Prayer Intentions: If you have prayer intentions for sick members of the family or anniversaries of death, please email these to info@lourdesparish.nz and we will include them in this newsletter.

Church Online Survey

Please, if you will, fill in the form [Church Online Survey](#), which is a brief survey to church members about their experience under lockdown, in particular, assessing the effectiveness of online services and other forms of support.

Palmerston North Hospital Chaplaincy: Catholic Hospital Chaplain, Kathleen Field.

Contact 021 509436 or Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz

Church Notices

Online Prayer Group - Our Lady of Lourdes has a **Liturgy prayer group** hosted by Julie Randal on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining that group, please send an email to info@lourdesparish.nz

Cathedral Lounge – Fridays – 11:00am to 11:50am (please note new time):

Praying the Sunday Gospel will start again on Friday morning, 5 June. This is a time for quiet reflection on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel reading. All welcome. For further information, please contact June (ph. 329 2077 / 021 177 9522).

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild

It has been decided to hold over the June meeting, however our plan at present is to meet the first Wednesday in July if arrangements about gatherings remain the same as now.

Men’s Breakfast. First breakfast since the lockdown began. Come and be fed, Body, Mind & Soul. The perfect way to start your day. Next breakfast Friday, 5 June, 6:45am to 8:00am. Light breakfast will be provided. All welcome. Info – John Hammond 027 688 7750

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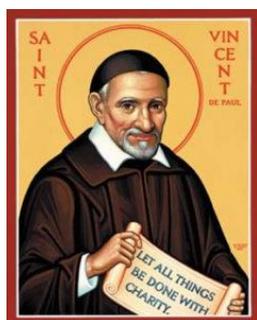
“Looking for a Superhero for a Super Mum”

Companion Role Available:

We need a kind and fun-loving person to provide companionship for a delightful older woman who is determined to stay in her own home. As a mother of 9 kids she is fiercely independent and proud, she is frustrated that she can no longer do the things she wants to do. She needs a companion for the times her kids cannot be with or for when they are there but must work. Being the matriarch of the family, she is somewhat reluctant to accept help so you will need a good sense of humour, an ability to multitask along with a keen sense of adventure to keep up.

No personal cares are required, but there is an expectation to stop and chat, to drink tea, to reminisce, to help covertly with crosswords and occasionally flick the vacuum cleaner on without getting caught. We want someone who will do things with mum not just for her. If this sounds like you, please get in touch for more details on 021 078 3324

St Vincent de Paul Society



The Opportunity Shop in Rangitikei Street is now open
Mon-Fri 10am – 4pm. Sat 10am - 1pm.

We are asking for donations of:

- Clean, tidy winter clothes including jackets, jerseys, and woolen garments.
- Winter dressing gowns and nightwear
- Bedding particularly warm sheets and blankets.
- **For hygiene reasons we are not taking used pillows.**

Please take all donations to the back door – down the drive and into the yard. There will be a place for you to leave them and a system for you to advise the staff of your drop off.

Food parcel requests will also be received on the shop number 06 3576779.

Food donations may be put in the baskets at the Church as we return to Sunday Masses.

Thank you for your generous donations which will be used to stock up our food store.

Please Note: if you require emergency food parcels in the Foxton and Shannon area, please contact Eleanor on foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz or 021 0644584.

Resources:

National Liturgy Office

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/resources/>

Pentecost Pilgrimage:

https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/?r_done=1

NZ Catholic Free Online Edition:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/1d34fad4-d929-4c6c-aaab-b84fdaeb7459>

CathNews New Zealand:

<https://cathnews.co.nz/>

Caritas:

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

Tui Motu:

<https://hail.to/tui-motu-interislands-magazine/publication/Pcj8lyG>

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