



St Patrick's Parish Gosford

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COLLEEN!

Colleen Kirk celebrates her birthday Sunday 31st May.
Colleen the Lady in the office!
The Lady who keeps our parish running.
The Lady who works many additional hours than she is paid for.
The Lady who does that work to ensure:
Your Wedding Service, Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, 1st Reconciliation, Mass intentions, Bus Trips, Most of the Rosters, Funeral Services & Service booklets and much more all happen for us.
If you need a Priest. If there are repairs to be done.
The Lady who handles any complaints and requests for just about anything you can think of.
The Lady who gathers all the information for the Weekly Bulletin.
The Lady who is still in the office at 8:00 pm if there is something that needs to be done.
The Lady who we all take for granted, we know Colleen will look after it!
So, today is a day we should all stop and say a quiet prayer for our Colleen.
Today we should wish this remarkable, dedicated hard working Lady a beautiful and happy birthday.
Colleen deserves all the joy and blessings we can bestow on her to wish her HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



The Beauty Of Colleen

*The beauty of Colleen Is not in the clothes she wears,
The figure that she carries, Or the way she combs her hair.
The beauty of a Colleen must be seen from in her eyes,
Because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.
The beauty of a Colleen is not in a facial mole,
But true beauty in a Colleen Is reflected in her soul.*

*It is the caring that she lovingly gives,
The passion that she shows,
And the beauty of Colleen
With passing years only grows.*

Author: Audrey Hepburn and adapted for Colleen



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Impart true wisdom to the learned; give pure form to the arts; consevrate and transform the workworld."

MMLyrie 1882 in Poems



POPE FRANCIS' MAY 2020 INTENTION

For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



YEAR OF LOVE AT ST PATRICK'S

BELOVED,
LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER:
FOR LOVE IS OF GOD;
AND EVERYONE THAT LOVES
IS BORN OF GOD,
AND KNOWS GOD



1 JOHN 4:7

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MASS AND ADORATION TIMES

WEEKENDS		WEEKDAYS	
Saturday	3:00 pm Vigil Mass Gosford & On Line	Monday to Saturday	8:30am Adoration 9:00am Mass Gosford & On Line
	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Gosford		
	5:30 pm Vigil Mass Somersby		
Sunday Morning	7:30 am Mass Gosford	<p>CONFESSION</p> <p>Fr Greg or Fr Paul will be available for confession in the church during Adoration each day of the week.</p> <p>A screen will be in place to protect both Priest and confessor.</p> <p>Sunday through Saturday</p>	
	8:45 am Mass Gosford		
	10:00 am Mass Gosford		
Sunday Afternoon	2:30 pm Adoration 3:00 pm Mass Gosford & On Line		
	4:30 pm Mass Gosford		
	6:00 pm Mass Gosford		

LIVE STREAMING OPTIONS

SEE THE DAYS AND TIMES ABOVE IN RED

FACEBOOK LIVE

<https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksParishGosford/>

YOUTUBE.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

6:00 pm Sundays Zoom Meeting ID: 870-9366-9775



PRAYER GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM

Fr Paul will run a Bible Study Group which will be held on line via the Zoom App.

Simply start your Zoom App and

Join Meeting Number 918-6143-5066

WE'RE CREEPING BACK TO MASS!

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS EASED FURTHER, TO INCREASE THE NUMBERS IN OUR CHURCH TO 50 FROM MONDAY JUNE 1ST!

Campaign forces Govt to treat churches equal to pubs
NSW Catholics are celebrating a victory after Premier Gladys Berejiklian was pressured into scrapping unfair COVID-19 restrictions on places of worship.

In less than two days 20,000 Catholics signed a petition strongly protesting the unequal treatment of churches in maintaining a 10-worshipper limit from 1 June while the maximum number for clubs, restaurants, pubs and other venues was lifted to 50.

On 29 May Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP welcomed the government's sudden change of heart flagged by Premier Berejiklian late on Thursday as a "victory for common sense".

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN AT ST PATRICK'S?

WEEKDAY MASSES

You will not be required to book at seat for weekday Masses. However there will be strict control over the number attending each Mass. You will still need to sign in at the foyer and as soon as the number of people in the church reaches 50 the doors will be closed.

SUNDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES

You will still need to book a seat by contacting the Parish office and signing the list as you enter the church.

TO OUR ELDERLY IN THE AGED CARE FACILITIES

WE REMEMBER YOU IN OUR PRAYERS

As stated last week, we are now allowed to take the Blessed Eucharist to the residents at St Andrew's Presbyterian Village, East Gosford, but not yet at Orana or the Evergreen Life Centre so may we take a moment to let all residents there know that we haven't forgotten them and keep them in our prayers. Until such time as our pastoral care team can visit, we are working towards determining if our clergy may visit one on one and are hopeful this will be allowed in the very near future, as it is currently allowed at other facilities.

IN MEMORARIUM

IAN MCGUINNESS

Last Friday, May 29, saw the first anniversary of Ian's death and his wife, Josie, family and friends were at Mass to remember him.

As many would recall, Ian played a pivotal role at this parish over many years with leadership in many areas. We will always remember Ian for his knowledge [often referred to as Fr Ian :)], expertise, dedication and impish sense of humour.

A plaque in Ian's memory and recognition of his service has been installed in the Memorial Wall gardens and blessed after the Mass, with family and friends in attendance.

JUST SOME REMINDERS:

Confession is now available in the church again and Frs Greg or Paul will be available during Adoration each weekday at 8:30 am or 2:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The Blessing of the Sick is available to those who are sick or dying so please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit by either Fr

Greg or Fr Paul.

Holy Communion to the sick and dying is still available for family members and friends. Please contact the office to arrange this.

If you would like a Mass offered for your particular intention [Anniversary/Remembrance/Special Intentions etc] please contact the office to organise its allocation.

If you know someone who would like to receive our emails and links, just ask them to contact the office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

It has been humbling to see the response of our faithful St Patrick's parishioners who are financially supporting our clergy and their parish. We thank you as it has allowed the parish to not only meet its commitments but to operate as usual and plan for the future. We can only ask that as time goes on this support is maintained, and invite anyone who would like to know how to go about this, to please contact the office.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL :

FOR THE 19/20 FINANCIAL YEAR CONTINUES

We give thanks to our Parish family who have continued to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF). Your donations are distributed among 5 charities that provide faith based support to the people in the Diocese of Broken Bay. One of these charities is St Edmund's College, a Catholic Secondary School in the Edmund Rice tradition which supports and educates students with disabilities. St Edmund's provides a Catholic education for students in Years 7 - 12. Mr Jon Franzin, Principal, kindly provided us with an update:

St Edmund's students, families and staff have remained very positive during this time. Important was ensuring our students maintained real connections with their teachers and peers. It was also very important to ensure regular communication and support for our families as several of our families were impacted. The College moved swiftly to off campus learning towards the end of Term 1 and our incredible teaching staff fast tracked resources and materials to accommodate delivering the curriculum to all students both at home and school.

Despite the enormous change to our students' routines and structures, our students showed resilience, rising to the challenge of online learning at home. Many photos and videos were shared to celebrate Easter, our Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, and Mother's Day in an effort to remain connected as a community. In Term 2, the College has continued both off campus and on campus learning in support of all our families as they navigate the uncertainty and future of Covid-19.

Donations can be made online via www.givenow.com.au/cwf. Donations \$2 and over may be tax deductible.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER COMING NEXT WEEK?



HAPPY 21ST MARISSA!

The Hussein family has a major celebration with daughter Marissa's 21st on Monday June 1 and we would like to share in their joy and say,

Happy Birthday Marissa!

May God bless you and guide you through the coming years safely and with joy!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE PLENARY COUNCIL?

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will now take place in October 2021 and April 2022, following the disruption of the original schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference last week decided to postpone the opening assembly by 12 months, with it now to be held in October 2021. Adelaide remains the venue for the first assembly. The second assembly will be in Sydney in April 2022.

"A program of webinars, podcasts and other multimedia projects will be rolled out in the latter half of 2020 to help the People of God explore and share about how they respond to the Spirit and live out their own call to mission – as individuals and collectively," she said.

"The material will be both formative and dialogical to help parishes, families, workplaces and other Catholic communities and organisations consider the unique contribution they make to the life and mission of the Church."

The next step on that journey will come this week at Pentecost, when the papers prepared by the Discernment and Writing Groups will be released.

Each group was tasked with writing a document on one of the six national themes for discernment, which emerged from the voices of more than 220,000 people who participated in the Council's Listening and Dialogue phase.

The papers draw upon Scripture, magisterial and papal teaching, Catholic tradition and relevant practices from beyond the Church, as well as responses received during the Listening and Discernment phase.

"These papers are the fruits of communal discernment and provide a major focus for our continued prayer and reflection. They represent another significant step in our national discernment process as we move towards the working document, or *Instrumentum Laboris*, for the Council assemblies and the Council agenda," Archbishop Costelloe said.

AS WE APPROACH THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, WE ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

THANK YOU

Firstly may we thank those of you who converted to a monthly debit against their credit card [or debit card with a Visa or Mastercard facility] to support the church either [or both] in the 1st and 2nd collections as it has been a massive help during these lean times. At the same time we also thank those who have either credited the Church Account or dropped in their giving at the office. You have helped us survive!

HOW YOU CAN HELP NOW

As this financial year comes to an end and our delivery of new planned giving envelope packets arrives it would be very helpful to know if those who converted to a monthly direct debit would like to stay in that system thereby eliminating the issue of envelopes, and whether others may like to convert to giving via direct debit.

The advantage to the parish of giving in this manner is that it is easier to budget against a known contribution so we would ask for your serious consideration of giving via this method.

At our recent Finance Committee meeting it was stressed that our parishioners need a clearly defined description of what each of the 1st and 2nd collections cover so we advise the following:

1ST COLLECTION

- > For the support of our clergy [Fr Greg and Fr Paul] who in turn support the Salvatorian Order in Australia, its seminaries in Poland & the Philippines and missions around the world, as well as paying the Diocese and the Salvatorian Order a procuration tax.

2ND COLLECTION

- > For the support of the parish which includes:
- > All Utilities [telephone & electricity] & Insurances attached to the relevant buildings within the complex.
- > Budgeting for depreciation and potential projects, repairs and maintenance.
- > Church supplies [wine, church ware etc]
- > Pastoral programmes [Adult Faith Education, Youth, Young Adults etc]
- > Repairs & Maintenance to the buildings in the complex [church, Parish Office, Jordan Room, Monastery Building, Patrick Terrace, grounds surrounding all buildings]
- > Staff Wages inclusive of Superannuation etc
- > Support of the clergy [cars and relevant expenses, accommodation etc]

WHAT'S NEXT

Attached to the bulletin you will find a form which we'd ask you to complete and submit [emailing is perfectly acceptable] to direct us to either enrol you in our planned giving programme or if you're already in it, to indicate the method of giving and the amount of weekly or monthly donation.

As you have read, the parish relies on your support and whilst we will do all we can to apply for grants for major projects [e.g. the carpet which was an incredible win] we ask you to consider a level giving that is both comfortable for you and beneficial for your parish.

If you have any questions, please contact the office to speak with Father or perhaps a member of our Finance Committee could assist as well.

When we return to normal a member of our Finance Committee will present our financial report at our Masses.

Again, we thank you for your support, and look forward to working with you towards a great future.

GET READY FOR THE COOKBOOK!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Bill Champley, Patrick Brennan, Peter Harrison, Fran Thompson, Matthew Pears, Leonie Barnes, Leanne McDonagh, Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, Marie O'Donovan, Megan McGowan, Kellie Nevin, Charlie Sammut, Rachael Lees, Brian Graham, John Burg, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Tina Learwood, Allan Francis, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank McGuinness, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Frances Cannon, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Judy Wennerborn, Helen Bligh.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tim Keogh, Patrick [Paddy] Holohan, Ian McGuinness, Olga Quinn, Anne Van Ross, Sofronio Dayanan.

REMEMBRANCES:

John Hiep, Antonio Paolo Luci, Leo Fry, David Muir, Joh Van Yzendoorn, Keever, Knight & Merchant Families, Peter White, Leonore Hickey, Noreen Hickey, Holy Souls & Members of FOSS, Grace & Lorenza Bajada, Michael Kokegei.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmel Tramonti, Bruce Bowers, Mary Lester, Bob McGrath, Nena Sciberras, Allan Sanders, Steve Fry.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 23/05	10:30 am On Line Gosford	39TH Wedding Anniversary TESS & JOHN STEPHENS
Sat 23/05	3:00 pm On Line Gosford	+ 1st Anniversary NELSON FERNANDES
Sat 23/05	5:00 pm Gosford	Recently Deceased ALLAN SANDERS & STEVE FRY
Sat 23/05	5:30 pm Somersby	+ Remembrance GRACE & LORENZA BAJADA
Sat 30/05	10:30am Gosford	+ Remembrance Leo Fry
Sat 30/05	3:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary Paddy Holohan
Sat 30/05	5:00pm Gosford	Healing: Danny & Rod Dingle
Sat 30/05	5:30pm Somersby	Rec Dec: Carmel Tramonti
Sun 31/05	7:30 am Gosford	Rem: + Keevers, Knight & Marchant Families
Sun 31/05	8:45 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 31/05	10:00 am Gosford	+Remembrance David Muir
Sun 31/05	3:00 pm On Line Gosford	
Sun 31/05	4:30 pm Gosford	
Sun 31/05	6:00 pm Gosford	

Date	Mass	Intention
Mon 01/06	9:00am On Line	Ann: Tim Keogh Prayers for Bruce Bowers whose funeral it is today
Tue 02/06	9:00am On Line	+ Remembrance John Hiep
Wed 03/06	9:00am On Line	+ Remembrance Antonia Paolo Luci Birthday Blessings Barbara Champley
Thr 04/06	9:00am On Line	Rec Deceased Bruce Bowers
Fri 05/06	9:00am On Line	
Sat 06/06	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance Holy Souls & Members of Foss & Personal Intentions of Wendy Stringer
Sat 07/06	3:00pm On Line Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance of Damian Oliver
Sat 07/06	5:00 pm Gosford	
Sun 08/06	7:30 am Gosford	
Sun 08/06	8:45 am Gosford	
Sun 08/06	10:00 am Gosford	
Sun 08/06	3:00 pm Gosford	
Sun 08/06	4:30 pm Gosford	
Sun 08/06	6:00 pm Gosford	

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE COOKBOOK
With your favourite Recipe

Do you know someone who has a child with a Disability?

St Lucy's School is a Catholic school dedicated to students with disabilities. We are a community enriched by difference; inspiring learning for a life of purpose. We provide intensive instruction in: literacy, numeracy, social and emotional learning and independence skills in a dynamic and creative environment across Primary and now High School.



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021



Please contact the School Registrar for a tour at enrolment@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or 02 8355 3157

JOY | COMMUNITY | COURAGE | TRUTH

QUIZ FOR YOU

1. In what city was Jesus born?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
4. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?
5. How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves of bread and two fish?
6. After Jesus was arrested, which apostle disowned him three times?
7. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?
8. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion?
9. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
10. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?
11. Who is the author of the Book of Revelation?
12. Before meeting Jesus, Matthew was a _____.
13. To what city was Saul traveling when he encountered a great and blinding light?
14. Who was the first person to come upon the injured man in the parable of the Good Samaritan?
15. Finish this verse. "In every battle you will need faith as your _____ to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan."
16. Whose example does Paul say Christians should follow in Chapter 5 of Ephesians?
17. After Jesus fed 5,000+ people with two fish and five loaves of bread, how many baskets were left over?
18. What does Paul say may "abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment?"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

WIS 1:7

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.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. V.30

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

SECOND READING

1 COR 12:3-7, 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

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.

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

JN 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

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.'

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

Today's reading from Acts describes external manifestations that accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit. These phenomena were audible and visible though the actual outpouring of the Spirit was not. As those present were filled with the Spirit, they began to speak in other languages, a feat that could only have some supernatural origin. The crowd that gathered was confused, astonished and amazed. The exact nature of this marvel is less significant than is its meaning. It was clearly a manifestation of the universal presence and power of the Spirit. The outpouring of the Spirit and the preaching of the gospel to all nations are considered the reuniting of the human race and the gathering of all into the reign of God.

The responsorial psalm depicts God as the creator and sustainer of all life. God is described as robed in majesty and glory, wrapped around with radiant light. The splendour of the natural world is attributed to the wisdom of the creator. God is also extolled as the one who cares for all living things. The act of creation and the power of the creator are perceived in the constant renewal of life that unfolds before our eyes. God is both the original creator and the one who continues to control the forces of nature. Finally, God not only creates but re-creates. Life is sustained and perpetuated. This is all reason enough to bless the Lord.

Three different yet related themes are found in the reading from 1 Corinthians: an acclamation of the lordship of Jesus; a defence of diversity within the community; the body metaphor characterising that diversity. Lord (kýrios) was the official title of the Roman emperor. It is also the Greek substitute for God's personal name. To proclaim Jesus as Lord both challenged the sovereignty of the emperor and testified to Jesus' divine character. Comparing the Christian community to the complexity of the human body, Paul insists that all of the functions within the community were manifestations of the Spirit, and none was to be considered superior to another. Rather, all gifts were given for the benefit of the entire community.

John's appearance account treats the

resurrection and the bestowal of the Spirit as having occurred on the same day, the first day of the week. Where previously religious meaning was given to the Sabbath, the conclusion of the week, now the focus is on the beginning, on the future. The wish of peace, a common Jewish greeting, was also a prayer for eschatological blessing. Calling attention to his wounds, Jesus shows that he is the same man who was crucified, but now he is risen. Breathing the Spirit, the risen Lord portrays himself as one who can create or re-create. With the bestowal of the Spirit, the disciples are authorised to continue the mission of Jesus.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The

Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS ON EACH SUNDAY MORNING

AT 9:00 AM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

Fr Greg and his team of helpers who are mainly teachers will rotate in presenting a session for the kids each Sunday morning. We invite you to not only watch, but share this page so that many may take advantage. If you would like a hard copy of this worksheet, please contact the Parish Office. Or you can print Page 6 of this Bulletin before the session starts at 9:00 am.

YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPIES!

Sunday 31 May 2020
John 20:19-23
Pentecost Sunday

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus surprises his friends by appearing to them in the locked room where they are hiding. He says, "Peace be with you!" and shows them his hands and his side.

PEACE

This is Callum.
His name means "dove", a symbol of peace. Callum feels peaceful when he is relaxed and calm. Being with his dog helps Callum feel peaceful.
What makes you feel relaxed and calm? Write or draw your ideas on the dove.

Path word puzzle

Help Callum find a path that starts on the **F** and which spells out these symbols of the Holy Spirit:

fire dove wind

You can go in any direction, but you can't go back across the path you make with your pencil.

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GET THEM READY?

The gift of peace

How can you share the gift of peace this week?
Write or draw your ideas in the gift box.

Let's celebrate!

The day the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost is when the Christian Church was born. **Today is the Church's birthday!**

Fill the grid with the pictures: each row, column and mini-grid should have just **one** of each of the different pictures.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, after the Holy Spirit came, your friends weren't frightened anymore. Thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit to help us. Amen.

Answers: The first plant needs water.

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THE ANSWERS

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| 1. Bethlehem | 10. 2 John |
| 2. 27 | 11. John |
| 3. Locusts | 12. Tax collector |
| 4. Peter and Andrew | 13. Damascus |
| 5. about 5000 men | 14. Priest |
| 6. Peter | 15. Shield |
| 7. Simeon | 16. Christ's |
| 8. Joseph of Arimathea | 17. 12 |
| 9. Malta | 18. Love |

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