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PENTECOST SUNDAY —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 31 May 2020

Greetings with blessings from the Holy Spirit!

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.' (Acts: 2.1-11)

The feast of Pentecost this weekend marks the turning point in the life of the early Church. Before the coming of the Holy Spirit, the apostles were living in fear fearful of the Jewish authorities of the day and their associates those people going after Jesus and his disciples!

After being filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles moved out from their hiding places and started preaching the risen Lord to the people.

The Holy Spirit transformed the apostles!

The feast today reminds us of the role of the Holy Spirit in our Christian lives. Am I aware of the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in myself and in the Church?

Until when we can come together for Sunday Mass, take care, and stay safe.

Kind regards with God's blessings!

Fr. Peter

Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are NOT OPEN for private prayer

**Churches can be opened only for:
Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and Reconciliation**

**WEEKDAY MASSES WILL RECOMMENCE ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE and
WEEKEND MASSES ON 6/7 JUNE**

**YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO ATTEND—
CURRENTLY THERE IS A LIMIT OF 10 ATTENDEES AT EACH MASS**

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

RECENTLY DECESASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

PRAY FOR THE SICK Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Peter Wood, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Mary McMahan, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahan, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

WANTED: Is there any parishioner who does small engraving jobs? If you are able to assist the parish, please phone or email the parish office.

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS throughout May for an end to the Pandemic.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the Rosary, knowing that by doing so they would be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis has written two prayers that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

Prayer to recite at the end of the rosary

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,

and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin

MASS WITH THE DIOCESE:

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion.

Sunday Mass online available at www.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

There is a link on the front page of the parish website that goes to Diocese of Wollongong showing what Masses are on live.
www.stanthonyspicton.org.au

BOOKS

Need some new reading material? There are books available in the shack. Some books also for those schooling from home. Please take what you require and leave tidy and covered up.

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE.

Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong launched LIVE Online last week. Check it out at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_-OVY Joel and Robyn get real in this creative show about faith in the life of young people, inviting them into lives that are full and joyful. This is a great way to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

THE EUCHARIST -

EXPLORING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:

Mondays 1st - 22nd June or Fridays 5th - 26th June all at 4pm via Zoom Video Conferencing We're all missing the Eucharist - but what does this mean? What are we missing? In this four-part online series we'll refresh and deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and its relevance for our lives using online video material from Bishop Robert Barron. We will explore Eucharist as Real Presence, as Sacrifice and as Meal and look at how we can prepare and get more out of our participation in this celebration. To register go to <https://www.dow.org.au/news-andevents/> For further information email darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

REOPENING THE CHURCH FOR MASSES

Following directives from Bishop Brian, our Church can now reopen for Masses for the weekend and weekdays with 10 attendants each Mass. Mass attendants must comply with the rules set down by the government and the diocese and is subject to change.

- 1) *Weekend Masses can begin from the weekend 6 and 7 June. (Mass times is as the same as before the lockdown)*
- 2) *Weekday Masses begin from 2 June. (Mass time is as the same as before the lockdown.)*

+ *Those who wish to attend Mass **MUST** register with the parish office: name, phone number. If attending as a family, how many? Indicate what Mass: Vigil or Sunday 7.30am or 9.30am. The parish will advise the registered. Those who cannot attend Mass, continue to nurture their faith through watching Mass on line or other prayerful means.*

+ *Mass attendants must prove well and must wash their hands before entering the Church with your own hand sanitizer or soap. The parish has some for those who do not have.*

Make sure that you clean your sitting area (seat, and where your touched in that area ie. back & top of pew in front, kneeler etc.) after Church with your own means.

+ *Offering (Sunday Mass only) is to be placed in boxes provided (mounted on wall) at the entrance, as you enter the Church or after Mass, or ideally given through direct debit.*

Collection plates will no longer be passed around to avoid spread of germs/viruses.

+ *No longer holy water in the bowl at the entrance door.*

+ *Not to shake hand at any event.*

+ *Holy Communion given into the hand only and in one line.*

- 3) *Reconciliation/Confession: by appointment with Fr. Peter (his phone: 0406001540.)*
- 4) *Baptism: by appointment either on Saturday or Sunday with 10 people allowed.*
- 5) *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Given that all non-essential travel has been cancelled, some parishioners who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (4683 2230 or picton@dow.org.au) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.

If you would like to commence giving by direct debit or via credit card, new forms are available for you to complete, they are available in the racks in the foyer of the church, or they can be emailed to you.

ALTERNATIVE:

2nd collection—(all parish expenses)

Picton Parish

BSB 066-711

Account number: 001783

1st collection— (Priests & their living expenses)

Picton Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 002196

If you are giving electronically, please use your name or envelope number as a reference, so the contributions can be allocated to you.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020:

The sacramental has been suspended. But we would like to be ready to run the programs later this year if it becomes possible. So, we are asking anyone, who has children that they wish to attend a Parish Sacramental Program this year, to contact the parish office, wither by phone or email (preferably email) to register your interest in having your child or children attend a Parish Sacramental Preparation program (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) this year. It is important that you register, as there may not be a great deal of time for preparation programs later in the year and if we do not already have your child's name they may miss out.

ADORATION LIVESTREAMED

Wednesday nights

The NET Team will be hosting a Holy Hour every Wednesday at 6:30pm. This will be a time set aside for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This will be broadcast via This will be broadcast via: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/> Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/>

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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