

MY UNIQUE GIFT FROM GOD

The Jewish “feast of weeks” (Deuteronomy 16:9–12) or the “day of the first fruits” (Numbers 28:26) was celebrated seven weeks or fifty days after Passover and originally commemorated the offering of the first fruits of the wheat harvest to God (Exodus 34:22; Tobit 2:1).

In Greek, this festival was known as “Pentecost,” a term that means “the fiftieth day”. Later Jewish writers viewed Pentecost as the commemoration of the giving of the law by Moses on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover.

In the opening chapter of Acts of the Apostles, Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father, the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–5; 2:33). This waiting period ended on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1) when all the disciples were “filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues” (Acts 2:4).

Traditionally, the Christian feast of Pentecost is viewed as the birthday of the Church and commentators have drawn parallels between the giving of the Law on Sinai and the giving of Spirit in Jerusalem as indicative of God’s covenantal relationship with his people. But the motif of the outpouring of the Spirit is not limited to this one event; Luke describes subsequent spiritual experiences amongst groups of Samaritan and Gentile believers (Acts 8:14-17; 10:44-49).

In the two-volume work, Luke/Acts, the reception of the Holy Spirit by the community reflects the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus at his baptism (Luke 3:21-22). In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus “filled with the Holy Spirit...and led by the Spirit” (Luke 4:1) proclaims the “Good News”, heals the sick and raises dead to life (cf. Luke 4:18-19).

Similarly, in Acts the spirit-filled disciples boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus’ resurrection through word and action. In 1 Corinthians, Paul equates the manifestation of the Spirit with Christian baptism and the call to service. In John’s gospel, the risen Jesus breathes his Spirit into the disciples, empowering them to be agents of divine forgiveness and renewal.

The point of today’s readings is that we are called as latter-day disciples of Jesus to live our lives imbued with the Spirit of Jesus. We may not be granted the power to work signs and wonders, like healing the sick or raising the dead; but we each have a unique gift, which has been manifested in us for the benefit of others (1 Corinthians 12:7).

In ancient Israel, the feast of weeks was a harvest festival when farmers brought their offerings to the altar. In the Christian church, the feast of Pentecost is an opportunity to reflect upon the spiritual gifts that we have to offer. Ask yourself, what unique gift has God given to me and how am I God’s gift to others?

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31st May, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Year A

Today's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

7th June, 2020

The Most Holy Trinity

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

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Sunday Bulletin

Dear Parishioners,

Further to the easing of some Covid-19 restrictions, I am happy to advise that the parish has resumed Mass celebrations and offering Communion Services from Wednesday 20th May, 2020. Unfortunately, only 20 people are allowed to attend any liturgy, and as per Government Directives, Priests must ensure that the name and contact details of every person who enters a church for any reason is recorded. These records are to be retained by the parish. Inevitably, the majority of the faithful will still not be able to attend. The faithful continue to be dispensed of their obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Parish Masses and Communion Services will be celebrated at the following times:

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

The Sunday 9.30am Mass will continue to be live-streamed each week via ZOOM.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7067419507>

Meeting ID: 706 741 9507

For those familiar with 'One tap mobile':

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Mass will also be available on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GosnellsCatholicParish/>

Weekday Mass

Monday 8.00am

Tuesday 8.00am & 5.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am & 5.30pm

Thursday 8.00am & 5.30pm

Friday 9.00am & 7.00pm

Saturday 8.00am

Weekend Communion Service

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.00pm (every 10 minutes- 4.30pm, 4.40pm, the last being 4.50pm)

Sunday 11.00pm - 12.00noon (every 10 minutes from 11.00am, the last being 11.50am)

Weekday Communion Service

Tuesday 8.30am-9.00am (every 10 minutes - 8.30am, 8.40am, 8.50am)

Wednesday 8.30am-9.00am (every 10 minutes - 8.30am, 8.40am, 8.50am)

Thursday 8.30am-9.00am (every 10 minutes - 8.30am, 8.40am, 8.50am)

Who can attend Mass or Communion Service?

Everyone! All of your children, irrespective of age, your non Catholic spouse are all invited to attend Mass with you. It is important that you come with your family, if at all possible.

Weekend and Weekday Masses

If you wish to attend any of the Masses listed above, please provide the following details:

1. Your Name, Address, Email address, Telephone number.
2. The Names of each other member of the family (including all children) who will be attending with you.
3. Which Mass you would like to attend or indicate 'any' of two or three Masses.

I will be drawing lots to see who will attend the next Sunday Masses and advise those selected. You may also indicate that you could attend any Mass or just the morning or evening Masses or any of two or three particular Mass times.

The evening weekday Masses have been added especially for those who have children attending school who might wish to attend, and those who may be at work in the morning.

Confessions will be offered on appointment. Please contact me to make arrangements.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Kiera Stewart

Death Anniversary

Lesley LeGuay, Alex Monnery

Deceased

Catherina Chin, Bernadette D'Amico,
Nick D'Amico, Andrew Loo, Vincent Loo,
Thaddaeus Loo, Iris Lyra, Merlyn Perera,
John Graham Roy, Filomino Sevilla,
Suana Sevilla, Frankie St Anne,
Mitzi St Anne, Myrtle White

Our Sick

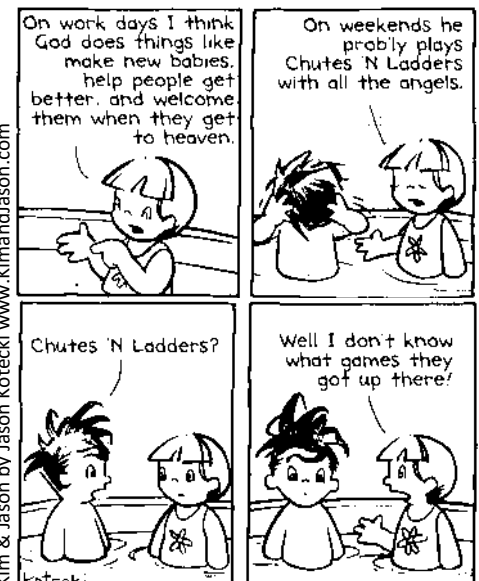
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Peter Cox, Mary Hazel Calupig,
Bill Tucker, Margaret Evans,
Rene Priest, Erika Magness,
Ian Ballantyne, Mavis Hall,
Rose Thomas



Feast Days this Week

June 1	Mon	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St Justin Martyr
2	Tue	Sts Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs, Sts Pothinus & Blandina
3	Wed	St Charles Lwanga and his Companions, St Kevin
4	Thu	St Clotilde
5	Fri	St Boniface
6	Sat	St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnet

Games in Heaven



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Communion Services

If you wish to attend a Communion Service, please provide the following details:

1. Your Name, Address, Email address, Telephone number.
2. The Names of each other member of the family (including all children) who will be attending with you.
3. Which Communion Service you would like to attend, or indicate 'any'.

Communion service will be offered every 10 minutes, e.g. for Sunday, this will be at 11.00am, 11.10am, 11.20am, 11.30am, 11.40am and 11.50am.

If there are more than 20 people wanting the same time, I will draw lots to see who will attend that Communion Service time and advise those selected.

Please note that this will be your selected time each week.

Important Things To Note

1. You must arrive on time. The doors will be closed at the starting time.
2. You will be required to sit on the reserved pews. (This will make cleaning the pews easier after each service.)
3. There is the requirement of social distancing except where members of the same family can sit together.
4. Persons who feel unwell, who have flu/respiratory symptoms, elevated body temperatures or who have been in contact with persons suspected to have, or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are not permitted to enter churches.
5. When entering the church grounds from Isdell Place for 8.00am Mass, PLEASE DO NOT PARK in front of the Parish Centre where building works are in progress.

Volunteers Are Needed

We need volunteers to be ushers and greeters at the door.

We need volunteers to wipe down the pews after Mass and Communion Service. You will need to bring your own gloves. If you can help in these areas, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please pass this information on to other parishioners who may not have email.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr Philip

Email: philip.perreau@perthcatholic.org.au or Telephone: 9398 2331

Archdiocesan Mass

Archbishop Costelloe SDB is still live-streaming Mass every Sunday morning from 11.00am via the following links:

- Archdiocesan Website: www.perthcatholic.org.au
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/perthcatholic

Sunday Mass is also available through 'Mass on Demand' at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ and 'Mass for You at Home' at 6.00am every Sunday morning on Channel 10.

Parish Counsel

The next Parish Counsel meeting is Tuesday 9th June at 7pm in the parish centre.

Shalom World

Look out for access to Shalom World TV via the Media Gallery available now on our parish website. Shalom World TV is a high-definition television channel of the Shalom Ministries committed to producing high-quality Catholic content such as Daily Mass, devotionals, shows, music, youth programs, children's programs, conventions, retreats, and cultural exchange segments.



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Parish Planned Giving Program

The renewal of our Planned Giving Program is held in June each year. This year though, with the Covid-19 restrictions, I am reaching out to you with this notice. First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your financial support in the past. It is because of your continued generosity that we have been able to start the building program for our new offices and the extension of the church foyer. The second collection is for the parish to be able function and meet its day to day demands. I would like to invite you to confirm your commitment and/or join our Planned Giving Program so our parish may continue to operate, function, grow and improve.

Envelope System

For new parishioners and contributors wanting to donate through the envelope system you will need to complete a planned giving commitment card.

For all our current contributors who would like to continue with the envelope system, your envelopes will be available in the foyer from the middle of June. If any of your contact details have changed or you would like to change the amount or frequency of contributions, you must complete a Planned Giving Commitment Card, phone or email the parish office.

Direct Debit System

We encourage you to consider making your contribution through our direct debit system. This simplifies the work that is required and also gives greater security of our collections. Direct debit request forms will be available in the church foyer and the parish office and must be completed and signed. Those with direct debit already in place will only need to fill out a new direct debit request form if they want to change the amount or frequency of their donation. We need a signed form as we do not have the authority to change either of these without it.

All planned giving cards and direct debit request forms must be given to Fr Philip or handed into the parish office so they may be entered onto our system.

Parish office hours are 9am to 1.30pm Tuesday to Friday.

Once again thank you for your generosity and God bless.

Sincerely,

Fr Philip



Vinnies COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

COVID-19 has put increased pressure on disadvantaged families who are already struggling to pay the rent, maintain their health and prepare for the winter months. With unemployment in Australia reaching new levels, many families are turning to us for support. Donate to our COVID-19 Emergency Appeal to help Western Australians doing it tough. To make a donation please visit www.vinnieswa.org.au, call 13 12 12 or place a donation in the SVDP Poor Box located in the back of the church.

New Norcia Institute for Benedictine Studies

We are pleased to advise that the New Norcia Guesthouse and Retreats are once again open for bookings! For more information about our coming programs in July and September or to book please visit our Web shop at shop.newnoria.wa.edu.au, call the Guesthouse on 9654 8002 or email guesthouse@newnoria.wa.edu.au.



Centre for Faith Enrichment remains operational albeit in an online teaching capacity. For a variety of courses and events that explore the wonderful richness of our

Catholic tradition visit www.cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/. All courses are live and interactive. Click on your preferred option, register for the course/event and we will send you information on how to connect.



Our next Grief to Grace program is scheduled to be held in October 2020. We are hopeful that by then the current health crisis will have ended. Grief to Grace is a spiritually-based program ministering to adults who have suffered from the scourge of abuse, abandonment or neglect. We are still inviting expressions of interest for the October program. For more information please phone us on 0413 593 059, email perth@griegtograce.org, or visit our website at <https://rachelsvineyardministriesperth.wordpress.com/grief-to-grace/>.



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