

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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The Bush Fire of Pentecost

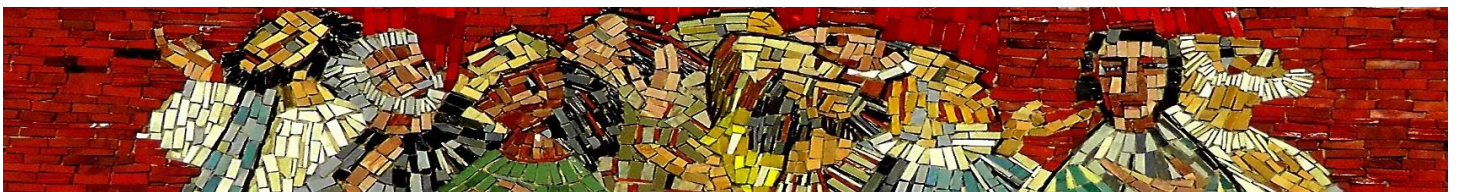


As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.



Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

St Theresa's Parish is committed to the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS, Sunday 12 July 2026, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Couples and their families are invited as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who are celebrating the following anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations will open shortly.

MASSES THIS WEEK**ST THERESA'S**

Drummartin St, Albion

8.30am Wednesday

8.30am Friday Reconciliation

9.00am Friday

8.30am Sunday Reconciliation

9.00am Sunday

10.30am Sunday

MOTHER OF GOD

Blanche St, Ardeer

10.00am Wednesday (Polish)

9.00am Thursday

6.00pm Friday (Polish)

5.00pm Saturday Reconciliation

5.30pm Saturday

10.15am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Holt St, Ardeer

CLOSED**RECONCILIATION**

(Individual Confession)

Other times by Appointment.

HOLY ROSARY

Before regular Wednesday and Friday Masses each week

BENEDICTION

First Friday of each month at St Theresa's Church



WE JOYFULLY CONGRATULATE Elizabeth Pereira on her **baptism** as we warmly welcome her into our faith community. May God's grace continue to guide and bless her and her family as they begin this beautiful journey of faith.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST THERESA'S STUDENTS

On Friday 22nd May, the Grade 6 students of St Theresa's School joyfully completed their Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide, strengthen, and bless them all as they continue to grow in faith and love within our parish community.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

27th, 28th & 29th May

Will be offered this week Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at ST T area. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$562 Loose Money \$260 Presbytery \$618

COUNTERS 31st May

Team 4: M Poulter, A Silva, S Silva

FEAST DAYS

St Phillip Neri, 26 May

READINGS Today

Acts 2.1-11

Psalm 104

1ab+24ac, 29b-30,31+34 (R.30)

1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

John 20.19-23

Next Week

Exodus 34.4b-6,8-9

Daniel 3.

52,53,54,55,56 (R.52)

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

John 3.16-18

Readers/Commentators

31st May

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	M Poulter	M Camenzuli	D Hoskins
Readers	A Zahra	P Farrugia	S Perera

PARISH KNITTING GROUP. Meeting 4th Wednesday of Each Month

We will be meeting Wednesday 27th May from 10.00am at the Presbytery. Contact Gus 0431423307 or Muriel 0424475490 for further information.

THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN - 2026/27

Envelopes will be available for collection shortly. If you would like to take part in the Planned Giving Program, please complete a BLUE Pledge Card. If you are new to our parish, a CREAM Membership Card is also available for you to complete. Both forms can be found on the table at the back of the church. We kindly ask that all cards be returned by Sunday, 7 June.

