

PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

8TH JUNE 2014

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PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

During this fourth and final week of preparation, the children and their families have been reflecting on the **GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

(Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Awe in God's Presence),

and on the **FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**

(Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness, Goodness, Gentleness and Self Control).

The Holy Spirit is always present helping us to live happy and good lives.

The Confirmation children will take part in a short ritual at Mass today, during which they will light a candle which can be used at home each night this week for family prayer.

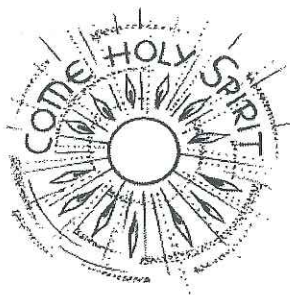
THE SACRAMENT OF Penance AND PRACTICE

The children to be Confirmed will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at **3.30PM this Tuesday** and have a practice.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated for eighteen children **this Friday night (13th June)** at the **6.30PM** with Bishop Robert McGuckin.

Families and parishioners need to note that Confirmation is now being celebrated **OUTSIDE OF MASS** which is a change to our previous pastoral practice.



As this is an important moment in the life of the Parish as well as the children themselves and their families,

I strongly request that many of our parishioners come to the celebration this Friday night to show support for these children and their families.

It will help make the singing vibrant and the whole Liturgy and celebration a good experience if we surround these children and their families with the warmth of our presence and encouragement.

I expect the Liturgy will last for 40 minutes and you would be home by 7.30PM.

(Fr Brian)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the **BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH**, when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, fifty days after the Passover. Filled with power and enthusiasm, Peter and the Apostles went out into the streets of Jerusalem to begin the preaching of the Gospel.

The feast of Pentecost is much more than just celebrating the birth of the Church.



It is also a celebration of our **being Church** today. When do we see the Spirit alive and active in our lives, in our Parish community and in the Church today?

Take some time today to think about how the Spirit is at work in your life and in the Parish. St. Paul lists the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (*Galatians 5:22*).

Try to produce these fruits of the Spirit everyday. Pray often the wonderful prayer:

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful;
and kindle in them the fire of Your love.*

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

**Parishioners are invited to take part in the Ecumenical Prayer Service
tonight (Sunday) at 7PM at the Uniting Church.**

Please 'wear something red'.

(It was held in our Parish Church in 2012, in St. Paul's Anglican Church last year.)

On this Birthday of the Church we join our brothers and sisters of the other Christian Churches to pray together and to rejoice in the faith that unites us. While institutional unity may still be well into the future and while we are not yet able to share at the same Eucharistic Table, we can and do share together at the Table of God's Word and we pray together and grow closer in heart, mind and faith with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The good Pope John XXIII (1958-1964) was asked by a good friend, the leader of the Methodist Church, how long it would be before their Churches were again united. Pope John replied "*my dear friend it might take a long time to overcome the four centuries of disunity. But between you and me it is done*". Disunity is well and truly "done" when we pray with, form friendships with, join in common initiatives with our brothers and sisters of the various denominations. **Say "it is done" by coming to the Ecumenical Prayer Service tonight (Sunday).**

DECEASED: Antonio (Tony) Bassa (Husband of Luigina, Father of Elsa, Peter & Sonia - Funeral Liturgy: Wednesday 10AM), Marie Barrie (Alexander Hills: Cousin of Mary Burnell), Patty Costanzo (Ipswich 06.06.14[nee Moore] - Wife of Joe, Mother of John, Donna & Nicole), Janette McKechnie (Wife of Peter [Dec]), Kathleen Kennedy (Warwick), Olga Quirk, Kenneth Slade Pearson

TO REMEMBER: Salvatore & Domenica Petrocitto, Stefano & Santa Coco, Giuseppe Pestrin, Emilio & Ginevera Carniel, Severino Robazza, Kath O'Reilly, Renato Venier, Carmel Leonardi, Con & Sestina Lippi, Giovanni, Silvia & Angelo Pozzebon, Adamo, Maria, Carmela Rossi & DFM, Verginio, Maria, Anna Zanlarensi & DFM, Costante, Giovanna & Antonio Foresto & DFM, Verginio & Bernadino Pestrin & DFM, Ettore, Norma & Bruno Pretotto & DFM, Maria Maggiolo, Anna & Stefano Pozzebon, Carla Allesandrini, Fr. Charles Casey, Fr. Thomas Sweeney

FOR THE SICK: Lorna Murphy, Linda Vinciguerra, Stella Bayley, Alyssa Coxen, Ev Thompson, George Brac, Debra Micallef, Margaret Ballinger, Lorraine McQualter, Dennis Manahan, Cathy Sullivan, Rita Girgenti, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Mavis Plant, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

BIBLE EXPLORERS HANDBOOK: Some FREE COPIES of the latest issue are available in the foyer for those interested in increasing their knowledge of all things Biblical. This is a ministry of the Albany Creek Parish, Brisbane.

THIS WEEK:

MASSSES: MON: 8AM; TUES: 7AM; 10.30AM MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT CARRAMAR; WED: 11.45AM; THURS: 9.15AM; FRI: 7AM; SAT: 7AM; SAT VIGIL: 6.30PM; SUN: 8.30AM

PLEASE NOTE: Because of Confirmation on Friday night the MASS THIS FRIDAY will be at 7AM and NOT 5.30PM.

FEAST DAYS: WED: *ST. BARNABAS, Apostle;* FRI: *ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA*

MEETING: TUES: PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

ITALY PILGRIMAGE TO RESEARCH LIFE OF FR. JEROME DAVADI

This Wednesday, Ian Bonaccorso arrives back in Brisbane, after his four weeks in Italy.

Ian formerly of Stanthorpe, now of Upper Mt. Gravatt and well known to many of the older parishioners of St. Joseph's, has, in recent years, undertaken extensive research into the life of Fr. Jerome Davadi, the first Parish Priest of Stanthorpe (1874-1900).

Ian left for Italy on 13th May to continue his research into the life of Fr. Davadi in the Marche region where Fr. Davadi was born and raised. We have received reports that Ian was given a great welcome by the Bishop and the Parish. He gave a presentation in Italian of the extensive paper he gave last year to the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society titled: "*Jerome Davadi – Priest and Orchardist*". The purpose of his trip was to obtain more detailing information on the family and early life of Jerome Davadi from his home town and district. He would have made contact with the descendants of the Davadi family.

Ian was to spend the last two weeks of his trip in Rome researching Jerome Davadi's years when he studied for the Priesthood and was ordained, prior to leaving for Australia where he spent his life as a Priest. Ian is going to publish a well researched book on the life of Fr. Davadi.

Later in the year we might invite Ian to come to our Parish to speak to us about his project, and also to share with us the paper he delivered to the Brisbane Catholics Historical Society. Would parishioners be interested in come to a presentation and talk by Ian, maybe one Sunday afternoon?

NEXT SUNDAY: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated next Sunday 16th June for one infant during the 8.30AM Mass. Parents wishing to have a child Baptised are requested to contact the Parish Office or Fr. Brian well in advance for preparation. Baptism is celebrated usually once a month, during the 8.30AM Mass. For the month of July, Baptisms will be celebrated on 6th July.

BOOK LAUNCH

***AFT Press invites you to the Book Launch at the Empire Theatre,
56 Neil Street, Toowoomba, 6.30 for 7PM
on Tuesday 17th June 2014***

BENEDICT, ME AND THE CARDINALS THREE

Author: Emeritus Bishop Bill Morris. R.S.V.P hdregan@atf.org.au

Please bring a plate to share.

Donation at the door towards cost of the event would be appreciated.

The Launcher is Emeritus Professor Peter Swannell. Bishop Bill has written about the background and events that led to his dismissal in 2011. A number of highly respected canon lawyers and theologians claim he was deprived natural justice in not being able to appeal the decision. The dismissal of Bishop Bill was the cause of deep hurt to a majority of the Priests and laity in of the Diocese who held him in high esteem for his ministry and leadership among us for eighteen years.

If any parishioners would like me to obtain for them a copy of the Book on the night of the Launch and to have Bishop Bill autograph it, I am happy to do so. The cost is \$35. Please give me payment in an envelope with your name on the outside.

(The only other way I know to obtain the Book at this stage is by post from AFT Ltd, Hindmarsh. Order Forms are available from the Parish Office.)

Fr. Lino and Fr. Brian will be attending the Launch as we both regard Bishop Bill as a very close friend.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR FR. LINO

*Sunday 29th June 2014 will be the 60th Anniversary of Fr. Lino
who was ordained in St. Mary's Church, Warwick on 29th June 1954
by Bishop William Brennan.*

*To celebrate this special milestone in Fr. Lino's life, there will be a 10AM Mass on
Sunday 29th June in St. Joseph's Church, followed by a luncheon in the Bathersby
Centre (the School Gymnasium).*

Please note there will be no 8.30AM Mass that Sunday.

Tickets for the luncheon are being presold \$20 per head (children under 12 years free).

*For catering purposes, tickets for the luncheon need to be purchased and paid for by
Monday 16th June. Tickets can be purchased at Sunday Masses or at the Parish Office
or through St. Joseph's School.*

*Fr. Lino has requested there will be NO GIFTS and has said
the best gift would be to come to Mass and pray for him.*

*The Menu will be as follows: Nibbles and Drinks. Soup and Bread. Lasagna and
Salad. Apple Strudel and warm Custard. Tea and Coffee and Biscuits.*

Also on sale: Jubilee Wine - Lino White and Lino Red (Komino's Wines)