



**CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH**  
 KO TE KARAITI KEI TE PŪ  
*Christ in the Centre*  
 ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Pentecost Sunday Year B

## PENTECOST – THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

One of the most precious moments in the life of a creature is the moment of its birth.



Our birthday is, therefore, vital for us. Obviously, our birth was the beginning of our life and without it, we cannot be here today. When we celebrate our birthday, we express our gratitude to God for the blessings we have received, especially for being born and for still being alive. This is also a time for us to give thanks to our parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and others for their love, support, care and prayers for us. The celebration of the birthday is truly a refresher. It is certainly a great time to reflect on our past, to evaluate our present, and to make plans for our future. This is an opportunity for regeneration, both materially and spiritually.

**Pentecost** is the birthday of the Catholic Church. On this day nearly 2000 years ago, the Holy Spirit descended upon the first community of Christians, the community of those who believed in Christ. On this special event, the disciples were reborn, they were reborn in the Holy Spirit. From frightened, discouraged, and cowardly people, they became fearless, zealous and spirited witnesses to the risen Lord. They feared no more but trusted totally in God and bravely and earnestly went out to tell the Good News to the whole world.

Today also marks the first birthday of our new Cathedral parish. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate and to give thanks. We celebrate our parish coming and being together as a family. We give thanks to God for his abundant graces and for the beautiful gift of faith which unites us all together in his love and peace. We blissfully belong to the Lord. We also belong to our parish and we belong to one another.

We are invited to *receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit* and go out to proclaim the risen Lord



to others. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, may we be fervent, perseverant and courageous enough to work hard in expanding the kingdom of God on earth and building up our parish community to make it become an even more vibrant and fruitful one, where human love is warm and overflowing and the glory of God is known and revealed.

### Masses have been offered for:

Tom Packer, Lidinila Concepcion,  
 Roland Velasco (recent),

Ted Quinn, William Mehalski,  
 Steven Cunard (anniversaries).

**Fr Thanh Tran**  
 Assistant Priest

*To have a Mass offered for your loved one you can pick up a Mass Intention Envelope from the Narthex. Praying for our dead is a long held Catholic tradition.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
 Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am,  
 11am Choral Mass, 4.30pm,  
 6.00pm

Te Rangimarie Centre  
 11:00am (Maori Mass)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday  
 7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm  
 Saturday 9.15am  
 Public Holiday 9.15am

### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am  
 Saturday 9.45am

### APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Archbishop Paul Martin SM

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### Office Hours

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READINGS FOR THE DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> ACTS 2: 1-11; 2<sup>ND</sup>: GAL 5: 16-25;  
GOSPEL: JOHN 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15  
PSALM RESPONSE: LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

**Inform** The latest INFORM publication is available this weekend in the church foyer. Please take a copy for your family. This can also be read on the Diocesan website.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** Any Baptised Catholic adults in the parish who have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to receive the Sacrament this year in September please contact Clare Bell [cbell@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:cbell@cathedralparish.nz)

**Parish Pentecost Prayer Walk** 3pm on Sunday \*TODAY\*. Come to one of three locations in our parish boundary, to walk with others around the streets for up to an hour, praying for people to come to know Christ. Meet at either the old St Francis Church on Innes Rd, the Te Rangimarie Centre on Gloucester St or at St Mary's carpark. May God's Holy Spirit be alive and active in our streets.

**New Parishioners** We are blessed to have you with us and want to assist you with settling as best we can. Please fill in a green registration form from the Narthex and return it, once completed, in the giving basket or to the parish office or a staff member.

**Men's 'Spirit Night'**  
- Whisky & The Holy Spirit  
Friday  
11th June, 7.00pm at  
St Francis of Assisi  
School, Innes Rd.



Join the Cathedral Brotherhood for an evening of faith sharing, accompanied by a whisky tasting. Speakers include Fr Simon Eccleton. Seats must be booked at either the parish office, or email Phil Bell [phil.clare.bell@gmail.com](mailto:phil.clare.bell@gmail.com). \$20pp. To secure your place payment can be made into the parish bank account Catholic Cathedral Trust 03 1592 0207236 20 using the reference WHISKY

**St Vincent de Paul** This week we helped **47 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of **pasta, tinned fish, tinned soup, vegemite, jam and rice**. Thank you to all who continue to support us financially through donations directly into our bank account or through the SVDP envelopes available in the Narthex. May God bless the givers and their gifts.

**SVDP** Who are we?... what do we do? How do we help those in need? Please visit our website: <https://www.svdpchch.co.nz/>

**Young Adults** Next meeting is on Monday 31st May at 7.00pm in the Narthex (please note date and venue change due to Queen's birthday). Our topic is: **Pentecost - building the Church**. Find us on Facebook: Cathedral Parish Young Adults

**Preference of Enrolment Certificates** If you are about to enrol your child in a Catholic School you need to obtain a Preference of Enrolment Certificate. This can be done by bringing your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate to the parish office during office hours.

**Workshop** Clare Bell will repeat her workshop from our Parish Alive Conference, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm in the Assisi Lounge, entitled *The Bishop has asked us to do what?*

**Welcome home Huong** We have three seminarians who belong to our parish - Huong Dinh (year 4), Linh Cao (year 2) and Tung Tran (year 1). Linh and Tung are at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Huong had an accident on his motorbike when visiting Vietnam in January 2020, so he was laid up in Vietnam when borders closed with the outbreak of Covid-19. After 16 months he has now flown back into NZ, completed his managed isolation and is back in the parish. He returns to the seminary for semester two in July. Welcome home Huong. We are so happy to have you home. Please remember our seminarians in your prayers.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held in the Blessed Sacrament chapel every weekday between 11:00am -12 midday. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** is held in the Chapel after the 9:15am Mass on Saturday mornings.

**PLANNED GIVERS** If you usually donate your planned giving by cheque the last day the Parish will accept them is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Please either use cash in your envelope or consider setting up an automatic payment. Contact the office if you need assistance with this.

All Planned Giving Envelopes have now been delivered. All **Planned Giving Tax Receipts** have been emailed, posted or delivered. If you are still waiting, please contact the parish office to ensure we have your current contact details.