



HENTY LUTHERAN PARISH

Pentecost

31st May 2020 #21



Christians around the world will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday. This church festival commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. It also marks a birthday – the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission to the world.

The name Pentecost comes from the Greek word “pentekostos” (fifty), and the ancient Christian expression “pentekoste hemera” (50th day). Fifty is the key word here because the Jews had an early harvest festival celebrated seven weeks after the firstfruit offerings of Passover called Shavuot. This Jewish feast was primarily a thanksgiving for the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, but it was later associated with a remembrance of the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai.

The transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival was related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the firstfruits of a new era.

For many Christians, Pentecost isn't as well-known or popular as Christmas and Easter. Even so, Pentecost shows us the role the Holy Spirit plays in Christian life, as we confess in the Apostle's Creed;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

By the coming of the Holy Spirit, God has made us all a living temple, His church. It is through the church that we are sanctified, being made holy. In the sacrament of baptism the Holy Spirit makes us children of God and the heirs of heaven.

Through the hearing of God's Word taught and proclaimed the Holy Spirit clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings. He helps us fight against temptation, and He empowers us and our mission of bearing witness to Christ. He pours out gifts on us like wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord to aid us.

Through the sacrament of Holy Communion, He gives us true spiritual nourishment that we need. The Holy Spirit reminds us of the promises given to us in this Holy meal. This is my body given for you ... this is my blood of the new covenant, which is for you for the forgiveness of sins. In these words for you and for the forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit reminds us that forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given to us – that through Christ and His vicarious death on the cross we have been guaranteed everlasting life in the kingdom of heaven.

Memory Verse of the Week

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Prayer Points

World - for the release of captives, especially those who are unfairly imprisoned and for all countries ruled by oppressive regimes

Church - for all members and friends at St Peter's Port Macquarie and Taree private home

Parish - for all people who are feeling lonely and grieving the loss of connection with others

Henty - for all members and friends including Lorraine Kilo, Bill & Ros Kilo, John Kilo, Matthew, Susan, Henry, Lucy, Sophia, Josephine, Tommy & Freddy Kilo, Travis & Hannah Kilo

Culcairn - for all members and friends including Rob Hartley and Ivan Stoll, for those celebrating Birthdays; (Charlie Clarke Jr. 31st), Baptismal Anniversaries; (Ben Matthews 1st)

Pleasant Hills - for all members and friends including Tony, Denise, Sharnee, Hamish & Nicola Christie

Parish

1) **Henty Parish Committee** will meet on Tuesday 2nd June, 7:30pm sharp at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Henty

Culcairn

2) **Rosters:** 7th May (*white*)

Cleaners: Clarke Family

Grounds: Ken Baker



Henty

3) **Rosters:** 7th May (*white*)

Grounds: K Knobel, J Steinke, J Singe, Nev Bahr



Bible Readings for Sunday 7th June:

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a The Triune God creates the world through his word

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13(14) The apostolic blessing in the name of the Triune God

Matthew 28:16-20 The great commission in the name of the Triune God

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