

# The Monica June 2018



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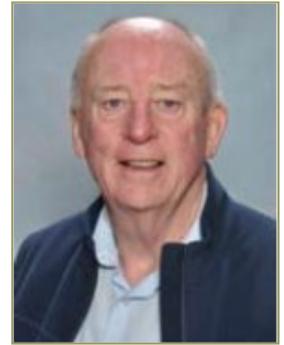
**From the Editorial Team**

A big welcome to our new Co-Editor, Paula Theocharides; she’s done a fabulous job putting together the newsletter, as well as writing articles. A sad farewell to our former Co-Editor, Jacqueline Le Grand-Condello, who has stepped away due to work commitments; we’ll miss her artistry and efficiency in contributing to ‘The Monica’.

This issue, we showcase the amazing volunteering spirit of St Monica’s Parish and put the spotlight on Parish stalwart Renus Burke, who leads our choir, organises the monthly social dance and led the delegation of Parishioners to present our donation to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (read all about it in this issue).

It has been a busy time for our younger congregants, who embraced the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 6. We also cover the annual Anzac Day Mass, the Holy days of Pentecost, Feast of the Sacred Heart and meet the team behind the Children’s Liturgy Program. There are some lovely photos from our Mother’s Day Breakfast and not forgetting our Tennis Club news. Phew! I’m exhausted! Happy Reading!

**A Pastoral Letter**



As I sit down to pen these few words, I can hear the wind blowing outside and see we are beginning to get some of the rain that has been promised for a good while now.

The thing that most of us are very conscious of is that the weather has gotten colder. We are now seeing people all rugged up as they go about their business!

‘Weather’ or not, it is hard to fathom the number of funerals we have had these past few weeks in our Parish of St. Monica’s. Since the first day of Winter, June 1, until today, June 13 (Feast of St. Anthony of Padua), we have had 11 funerals! We have prayed for, thanked God for and entrusted to God’s everlasting love, mercy and care, 11 of our own; 11 people who considered St. Monica’s as ‘their’ Parish, even though some of them might have moved away, living in retirement homes or moved in with family.

St. Monica’s has that wonderful way of becoming a part of so many people’s story; a part of their faith journey. We, who are of the Parish now, are privileged to share in this story of faith that has been entrusted to us by those who have gone before us.

When we look around, we see a wonderful testimony to their faith and our own, reflected back to us in our beautiful Church building with its wonderful stained-glass windows. What a gift we enjoy!

Yes, it is cold in Winter and hot in Summer! What a former Prime Minister once said: “Life wasn’t meant to be easy”, Jesus would apply to our faith as he invites us to: “Take up our cross and follow him”.

Whether ‘hot’ or ‘cold’, let not the climate within our Church or outside, determine our faith and our commitment to ‘the gathering’ and sharing, celebrating and supporting one another in the faith we share – this amazing grace and gift from our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As we journey through this Winter together, we live in hope and expectation of the warmer weather that lies ahead. Happy Winter!

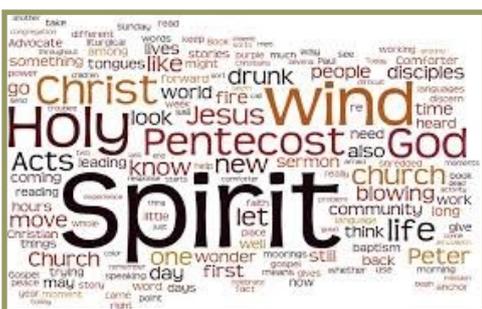
And for our brothers and sisters who have gone ahead of us these past few weeks – may their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, Rest In Peace.

Fr. Tony Feeney

**Bereavement Support Group Meeting — Wednesday 25th of July**

Recognising the legacy of those departed, who remain eternally in our hearts, and providing support and comfort to those left behind, is the aim of St. Monica’s Bereavement Support Group. A keystone of the group’s activities has been a bi-annual Bereavement Mass, organised by the group. Other ongoing activities include phone calls to the bereaved and writing cards to send to families on the anniversary of the passing of loved ones.

A meeting to discuss appointing a new Coordinator/s for the Bereavement Mass and Support Group activities is scheduled for **Wednesday 25th of July at 7.30pm** at the Parish House. Current members of the group are warmly invited to attend, also any Parishioners wishing to take part in Bereavement Support activities. If you would like to attend, please RSVP via email at [MooneePonds@cam.org.au](mailto:MooneePonds@cam.org.au)



## Parish Profile: **Renus Burke**

Written by: Lisa Mammola

### ***Renus Burke — The beautiful lady behind the Parish Choir and the Parish Monthly Dances.***

#### **Parish Choir**

For the last 40 years, St. Monica's has been blessed by the presence of (at least) one Parish choir. This week, I had the pleasure of meeting Renus, who leads the choir that enhances the Sunday evening service (5:30pm) with their beautiful energy and voices. This team clearly personify a love of religion and music.



**St Monica's Parish Choir**  
Renus Burke is 5th from the left, front row

The well-established group, complete with Renus' sons, Michael (musical director and guitarist) and Chris (saxophonist and drummer), her husband, Gerard, (also a drummer), her brother, Bastel, (organist) and a collection of very dear friends, most of whom had been singing and playing together for many, many years. Trips away and gatherings occur regularly, in the name of friendship (and, of course, choir practice).

Personally, I cannot remember the last time I attended a Church service with a choir. The broad selection of music shared, coupled with Father Tony's inspiring words, made for a very warm and uplifting experience. I look for to hearing you all sing again, next week.

Michelle from Gisborne: *"That was just beautiful!"*

#### **Monthly Parish Dances - where BELONGING is the only step you need to know.**

Every month the Symon Centre plays host to a Parish Dance organised by Renus. (Yes, she is a very busy lady!)

As a young lady, Renus regularly attended evenings of ballroom dancing, hosted by long time Parishioners, Les and Sheelah Rivette. They were wonderful evenings filled with much dancing, friendship, laughter and most importantly, offered a great sense of belonging! It was these memories that inspired Renus to start the monthly dances here at St. Monica's.

The St. Monica's monthly dances are a little less formal, but just as inviting! The evenings include a variety of dancing from ballroom dancing and the jive, to the much less formal Conga line and hokey pokey. However, dancing shoes are optional. A communal supper and a social atmosphere reinforce a sense of belonging. Fr. Tony and Fr. Minh are also regular attendees. Even Fr Darryl has made an appearance or two. Renus and this wonderful community gather monthly and everyone is welcome!



**Renus Burke dancing with Fr Tony**



If you're interested in joining the fun, dance dates are published in the St. Monica weekly newsletter. Alternatively, you can contact Renus on 0430 392 152. Entry is just \$10 and all funds raised are donated to the Parish.

Abygale: *"We danced with men who know how to dance. It was so great! I will definitely go back, monthly I hope."*

**Thank you Renus for your contribution to our Parish. Every Parish needs people like you! Your energy, passion and "organisation skills" bring people together.**

## Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Toiletries Collection Written by: Jo Barrett

### *"The Peter Mac Project"*

As well as supporting the bereaved in St. Monica's Parish, the Bereavement Group this year initiated a charitable project supporting patients at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre by collecting unused toiletries to donate to the hospital for the comfort of people experiencing an unplanned hospital stay.



The project was launched at Mass in February at the beginning of Lent. A brochure was created to advertise the initiative and baskets were provided for Parishioners to place their donations in the Church foyer.

There was a generous and rapid response to the call for donations. Parishioners filled basket after basket with toiletries. Private organisations were also approached and generously responded in kind with goods. One organisation contacted the Parish after seeing a Facebook post of the initiative and donated 1600 items to the cause!

Coordinator, Kelly Maltman, was delighted with the Parish response, commenting that there were so many people involved, from those creating an attractive display, those collection donations and sorting them into the packs that were then delivered to the hospital, not to mention the constant stream of donations from kind people to her house over the Lenten period.

Representatives from St. Monica's led by Renus Burke attended the Peter MacCallum Centre on 4th May to present the Parish donation. Our delegates were treated to a special tour of the cancer centre, with hospital staff incredibly grateful for the generosity of our community. It is estimated that the efforts of St. Monica's Parish contributed over 12 months' worth of stock for patients. A fantastic effort and a credit to all involved.

A video from the Volunteer Manager providing a tour of this very special service is available here: <https://youtu.be/XwGExfwtfU>



## Safety of children with a disability

**All children are vulnerable but some children need special care and protection to ensure they are safe – children with a disability have an increased risk of being abused.**

It is unlawful to discriminate against children with a disability and like all children, children with a disability have the right to participate in decision-making that affects them.

In Victoria, mandatory child safe standards have been introduced to help protect children from abuse in organisations. In complying with the standards, organisations must promote the safety of children with a disability. It is your responsibility to uphold the legal and human rights of children with a disability to ensure they are safe when in your care.

Children with a disability are more vulnerable to harm and abuse such as harassment, bullying, humiliation, physical and sexual abuse. This can be due to:

- social isolation
- limited provision of developmentally appropriate sexual and relationship information
- low levels of expectation held about their capacity to identify and report concerns
- inaccessible pathway to raise issues, concerns and complaints
- communication difficulties
- personal care needs requiring the involvement of different people and various levels of supervision
- signs of abuse being viewed as being related to the child's disability.

Each child is different and will experience their disability and the world differently – it is important not to stereotype or make assumptions. It can be hard for a child with a disability to make themselves heard or understood.

**A child's disability does not reduce their need for cultural respect and competency.**



**What you can do to help keep children with a disability safe in your organisation:**

- Ensure your organisation has a child safe culture in which abuse and harm is not tolerated and diversity is welcomed.
- Pre-empt unsafe situations via your risk assessment processes.
- Ensure you have sound recruitment and screening processes in place for staff and volunteers.
- Ensure your code of conduct for staff and volunteers clearly outlines boundaries about staff and volunteer interaction with children with a disability, including personal care assistance.
- Have a robust complaint process, encourage feedback and be responsive if problems arise.
- Empower children with a disability by assisting them to build their self-esteem and confidence.
- Teach children about their bodies and their safety, including online activities (sex and relationships education).
- Enable and facilitate independence with dressing and toileting and personal care where possible.
- Communicate directly with children with a disability about how safe they feel.
- Be inclusive and collaborative with families.
- Raise awareness about abuse and ways to seek help. Make sure children with a disability know who they can go to if they feel unsafe or have a concern or complaint – make sure these processes take into account the child's developmental level and communication requirements.
- If children have communication difficulties, organisational procedure must ensure vigilance in identifying indicators or warning signs. Listen to children, no matter how they communicate their thoughts, views and concerns.

**'When students experienced abuse, they said the most helpful thing was being believed and having action taken to resolve the situation.'**

## ANZAC Day: 25th April 2018

Written by: Paula Theocharides

*“Adopt as your fundamental creed that you will equip yourself for life, not solely for your own benefit, but for the benefit of the whole community”*

*Lieutenant General Sir John Monash*

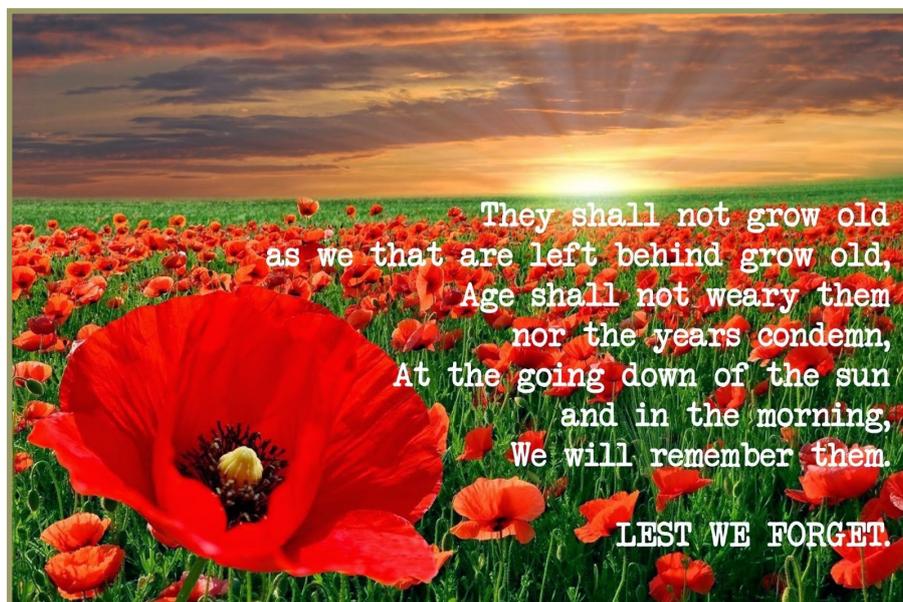


On the 25th of April 2018, the Order of Mass began as usual, though when it came time for Fr. Tony to address the Parish about the special day we had congregated for, ANZAC Day, he spoke about an interesting historical (and perhaps we could say, ‘unsung’) War Hero, Lieutenant General Sir John Monash. Many would recognise the name ‘Monash’ from the ‘Monash Highway’ and ‘Monash University’, which were both named in his honour; what you may not know is that Lieutenant General Sir John Monash revolutionised warfare in France, turning the tide of the Great War, World War I.

According to an article in The Sydney Morning Herald, “Flashback: Sir John Monash, the unsung general”; **“Monash devised strategies that were to cement victory.** He wrote detailed orders, on occasions right down to platoon level. This is where Monash sifted through aerial photos, studied reports of enemy movements and thought through his evolving central strategy: apply holistic comprehensive tactics to all military action with achievable objectives and the **maximum protection of troops of all ranks at all times.**”

Fr. Tony’s message to the Parish was aligned with the very values that made Lieutenant General Sir John Monash the great War Hero that he is today; all that we do, all that we achieve in life, let us do it not for our own gain, but for the good and the benefit of the whole community, no matter the rank or position, as there exists no rank in God’s eyes; for everyone is equal.

Following Fr. Tony’s message, we heard the bugle play throughout the Church, observed a minute silence to reflect and remember those who had served before us and proudly sang the Australian National Anthem. I can not speak for others; though each time I sing the National Anthem, tears build in my eyes as feelings of gratitude flood inside me for all that I have in my life today; for those before me and the sacrifices they have made to pave a future for us all...



# ANZAC Day: 25th April 2018

Written by: Paula Theocharides



## Mother's Day Breakfast: 11th May 2018

Written by: Lisa Mammola

### *Celebrating our Mothers!*

Every year at St. Monica's Primary School, our children take time out of their busy schedules to say "thank you mum" with a special breakfast. This year, the Mother's Day breakfast fell on the morning of May 11, and despite the dismal weather conditions outside, the Symon Centre was bursting with smiling children and their wonderful mothers.

A big thank you to the many beautiful fathers who volunteered their time to set up and serve breakfast, as well as to clean up afterwards. To the choir, who shared their angelic voices with us, we thank you for making the morning that little bit more special.

And of course, last but by no means least, to all the mothers of our Parish, we hope you had a wonderful day, surrounded by family and loved ones.

*"Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother."*

Anonymous

A loving mother is an amazing gift: she will always be by your side to love, protect, support and guide you, as best she can. That's certainly better than any manual I ever read!



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## Getting To Know Your Church: **Children's Liturgy**      Written by: Paula Theocharides

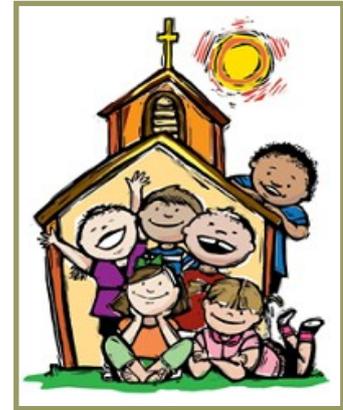
### **An Interview with Children's Liturgy Coordinator, Amy Coghlan**

#### **1. Briefly tell us about yourself and your connection to the St. Monica's Parish and/or St. Monica's Primary School.**

I am a mum of two; Charlotte four years old and William fourteen months old, both of them keep me very busy. I have been part of St. Monica's Parish and the Children's Liturgy team since 2015.

#### **2. How long have you volunteered in the role of Children's Liturgy Coordinator?**

This year, Emma La Mari and I have taken on the role of Children's Liturgy Co-Coordinator from Pauline Duggan, who previously undertook this role for seven years!



#### **3. What drew you to the role? What motivated you to take it on?**

I decided to volunteer as a Children's Liturgy Leader at Holy Saviour (my then local Parish) when I was in Year 10, as part of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, and continued to volunteer there for quite a number of years afterwards. I think it's such an important Ministry, as it has a very meaningful impact on the young children of the Parish. When my family decided to be part of the St. Monica's Parish, it was only natural for me to join the Children's Liturgy team.



#### **4. What does the role of Children's Liturgy Coordinator entail?**

I organise the roster for Children's Liturgy twice a year. I am also the contact person for anyone who is interested in joining the team and provide guidance and support to them when they join the team.

#### **5. How often (frequency & day/time) does the Children's Liturgy take place?**

As a general rule, it takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month at 5.30pm and the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month at 10.30am. The 4th Sunday of the month, there is a Family mass and hence no Children's Liturgy. Children's Liturgy does not run during school holidays or over long weekends, as well as during the month of October, as it's dedicated to children receiving their First Holy Communion.

#### **6. Is there an age minimum or maximum requirement to take part in the Children's Liturgy?**

Children's Liturgy is aimed at children in Prep to Grade 4; however we welcome older children and pre-schoolers (who must attend with an adult).

#### **7. What can parents expect their children to learn from the Children's Liturgy? Walk us through the content and/or activities for a typical Children's Liturgy session.**

The Children's Liturgy Leader will usually follow the format in the "The Complete Children's Liturgy Book", one of our resource guides. We welcome the children and introduce the Liturgy for the day. We make a sign of the Cross and light a candle while saying an opening Prayer. We usually sing the Gospel Acclamation before reading the day's Gospel. After the reading, we discuss the Gospel and how it relates to the children's day to day life. The children will then complete an activity, which is related to the Gospel.



# Getting To Know Your Church: **Children's Liturgy**      Written by: Paula Theocharides

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**8. What's the process for joining the Children's Liturgy? For example, do parents drop their children off at a particular meeting point before mass, then collect them again after mass?**

At the start of the mass, Father will announce the Children's Liturgy and will request that any children who are interested in participating, come to the front of the Church. The Children's Liturgy Leader/Assistant will lead the Children out of the Church, via the side door, to the Symons Centre for the Children's Liturgy. Parents are of course welcome to join. We aim to lead the children back into the Church just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist and assist any children that are unable to find their parents.

**9. Do you have assistance from other volunteers for the sessions? If so, who is part of the Children's Liturgy volunteer team?**

Yes, Emma and I have great support from a small group of volunteers who lead or assist with each session. Sometimes we may have a parent or two come along to assist as well, which is great! We always welcome new volunteers.

The team currently consists of myself, Emma La Mari, Melissa Catania, Linda Connors, Lidia Wolley, Evelyn Tate, Laura Sharkey and Josie Russo. From the next half of the year, Letitia Bampffield and Radisha Perera will also join the team.



**Children's Liturgy Team (Left to Right)**  
Linda Connors, Amy Coghlan, Evelyn Tate, Laura Sharkey  
Lidia Woolley and Melissa Catania

**10. What are the Children's Liturgy dates for the remainder of 2018?**

**Term 3**

22 July - 10.30am
5 Aug - 5.30pm
12 Aug - 10.30am
19 Aug - 10.30am
2 Sept - 5.30pm (Fathers' Day)
9 Sept - 10.30am
16 Sept - 10.30am

**Term 4**

11 Nov - 10.30am
18 Nov - 10.30am
2 Dec - 5.30pm
9 Dec - 10.30am
16 Dec - 10.30am



## Confirmation: 18th May 2018

Written by: Noah Storce, Grade 6

### A Confirmation Reflection

On Friday the 18th of May, most of the Grade 6 students at St. Monica's received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We entered the Church; we were ready to confirm our Baptismal promises and receive the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit; the Gift of Wisdom, the Gift of Fortitude, the Gift of Counsel, the Gift of Knowledge, the Gift Piety, the Gift of Fear of God and the Gift of Understanding. Bishop Terry Curtin, Fr. Tony and Fr. Daryl entered once we had taken our seats.

Fr. Tony and Fr. Daryl led the Order of Mass; the Gospel, Creed and Homily. After the Homily, we were asked by Bishop Terry to stand and renew our rights, which our parents did for us at Baptism. We were asked a number of questions about our beliefs in God, The Church and our Catholic Faith, all of which we answered, "I do".

Soon, row by row, we were asked to approach the Altar to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation...

To be confirmed, we require a few things: first, is a Sponsor: someone who we love and trust to guide us through a Holy Catholic life. I chose my Nannu (Grandfather) to be my Sponsor. My Nannu is very religious and lives a Holy life by displaying the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Second, we need to choose a Saint to become our Guardian and to follow their example. We also add their name to the name we were Baptised with. I chose St. Francis of Assisi. He is the Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment, which I really care about.

After approaching the Altar, Bishop Terry said, "Francis, be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit". I responded, "Amen". Then he said, "Peace be with you" and I responded saying, "And with your Spirit". Bishop Terry put a mixture of oil and balsam, called 'Chrism', on my forehead and blessed me. I stepped down from the Altar; my Confirmation was complete!



## St. Monica's Tennis Club: **What's News?**

Written by: Margaret Mogg

### **Happy 80th Birthday!**

Happy Birthday to Rose Bonadeo, playing Tennis a great way to celebrate your 80th Birthday.. Rose and Bill are long time members of St. Monica's Tennis Club.



### **Grade 6 Interschool Sport — Gala Days**



In Term 1, on the 9th and 16th of March, our Grade 6 students took part in the Essendon District (EDPSSA) Gala Days for Summer Sport. The children participated in one of four activities; Softball, Cricket, Volleyball and Hot Shots Tennis under the supervision and coaching of staff members. The school had 2 teams in the Hot Shots Tennis competition, which was hosted by St. Monica's, with 9 different schools competing from around the Essendon District. Our Squad 1 team made it through to the playoff for 3rd and 4th places, an outstanding achievement against a high level of competition!

A big thank you to St. Monica's Tennis Club for allowing us to use the facilities and a special thanks also to Riley Tennis for providing expert coaches and umpires over the two days of competition. Well done to all our students too, who deserve great praise for their achievements and excellent sportsmanship.

St. Monica's Tennis Club provides opportunities for members to play in various local competitions for men, women and juniors of all ages and tennis ability. These include Friday night and Saturday morning competitions for children, Saturday afternoon competitions for adults, Tuesday night and Thursday competitions for ladies, mixed competitions on Wednesday and competitions for men on Thursday. Coaching is also available for children after school and for adults by arrangement.

If you would like to participate in any of these categories, please contact the St. Monica's Tennis Club Secretary, **Mrs Cath McNeill on 0414 375 357.**



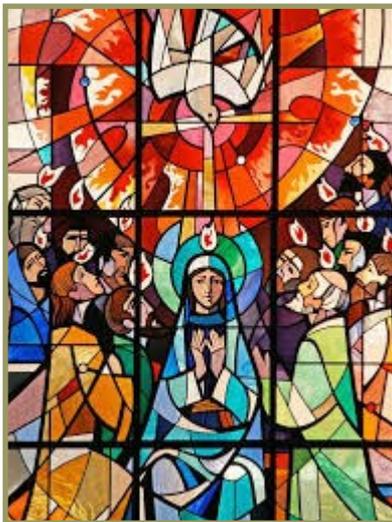
## Pentecost: 20th May 2018

Written by: Eleanor Colonico

***“Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them”***

***Acts 2: 3-4***

Pentecost is a Christian festival celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. Described in the Acts of the Apostles, while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ were descended upon by the Holy Spirit.



The disciples were waiting in an upper room in Jerusalem, bonded in prayer together when they heard the sound of a strong wind inside the house. This was the Holy Spirit and they were filled with it. They were given the gift of tongues. Immediately, Peter began his Ministry, while the other disciples also spread the Word.

The day of the Pentecost varies each year, as it takes place 50 days after Easter.; and in 2018, it took place on May 20. In many countries in Europe, the day is a secular public holiday. In England, the day is known as Pentecost Sunday, Whitsunday or Whit Sunday. The word “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word “pentekoste”, which means “fiftieth.”

Some Christians believe this event represents the birth of the Church. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples to help them in their faith, and continue their work of establishing the Church and spreading the Gospel further.

In Eastern Christianity, Pentecost can also refer to the entire fifty days of Passover through Pentecost inclusive; hence the book containing the liturgical texts for Paschaltide is called the "Pentecostarion".

COME  
**HOLY SPIRIT**  
 FILL THE HEARTS  
 OF YOUR FAITHFUL  
**AND KINDLE IN THEM**  
**THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.**  
 SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT  
 AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED  
**AND YOU SHALL RENEW**  
 THE FACE OF THE  
 EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**

## Feast of the Sacred Heart: 8th June 2018

Written by: Fr Daryl Montecillo

*"I'd be tender, I'd be gentle and awful sentimental, if I only had a heart...  
I'm presumin' that I could be kinda human, if I only had a heart!"*

*Tin Man (The Wizard of Oz)*



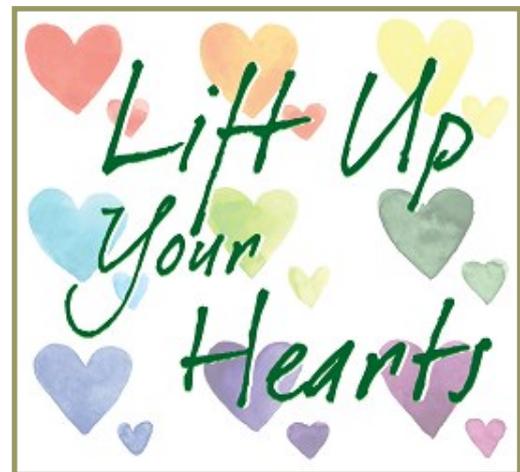
We recently celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart. You have probably seen the image, maybe a picture or a statue, often gathering dust at a grandparents' home, some beautiful; some pretty kitsch... Our Lord showing us his heart, holding it out for us to see, or shown over his clothes, reminding us of how much God loves us. I must confess that the Sacred Heart really is one of my favourite celebrations in the Church calendar.

The Feast of Jesus' Sacred Heart is essentially the celebration of God's love. The love so powerful it created the universe, but at the same time, a love so personal that it created each and every one of us, beautiful and unique: never to be repeated. His love really is something worth celebrating!

Our beautiful Church was made even more so beautiful as we celebrated with the entire school community joining in the morning Parish mass. There is a line that we hear at every mass, which really strikes me every time I say it; it is the invitation to "Lift up your hearts." It can be quite a challenge with all the sadness and hurt in the world, not to mention the day to day struggles that we each have to face. Yet the invitation stands. It does not ask us to pretend we live in a perfect world, but rather to bring everything we are and have; our joys and hopes, fears and struggles, family and loved ones, simply, our whole hearts and place them into that infinite love symbolised by the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As St. Augustine (St. Monica's son) once beautifully wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Let me share also that the idea of the heart really strikes me with my background in nursing, where I found above all, the heart to be the most fascinating of all the parts of the body. It's truly a marvel of creation with its four chambers beating rhythmically – perhaps even symphonically – as a natural and necessary condition for life. It's vulnerable yet strong. The heartbeat continues so often without conscious awareness, yet without it, we can not live. So it is with the love of God.

Perhaps then, the invitation to lift up our hearts is also an invitation to let our hearts grow in love. Like the Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz who wanted to be more human by having a heart, we too, by letting our hearts grow in love, become more truly human.



In the short time that I have been at St. Monica's, I have seen that our community offers us many wonderful opportunities to grow in that love, above all when we gather together in celebrating the Eucharist as well as the other Sacraments, but also sharing our time, talents and treasures; from the active members of St. Vinnies, to helping at the school, to the often-thankless job of vacuuming the Church, to taking up our recent Stewardship Program. Let me be bold and invite you to consider helping our Parish grow in some way, as well as thanking you sincerely for the contributions that you already make. It really does show the love in your hearts for our Parish and each other.

As our beautiful Parish grows to show the love in our hearts and becomes a reflection of the love of God; it can be a convincing sign of God's love to all our neighbours, that they see and know the One to whom our hearts ultimately belong. We extend that wondrous invitation: "Lift up your hearts."

Children's Activity Page

# Pentecost Word Search

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