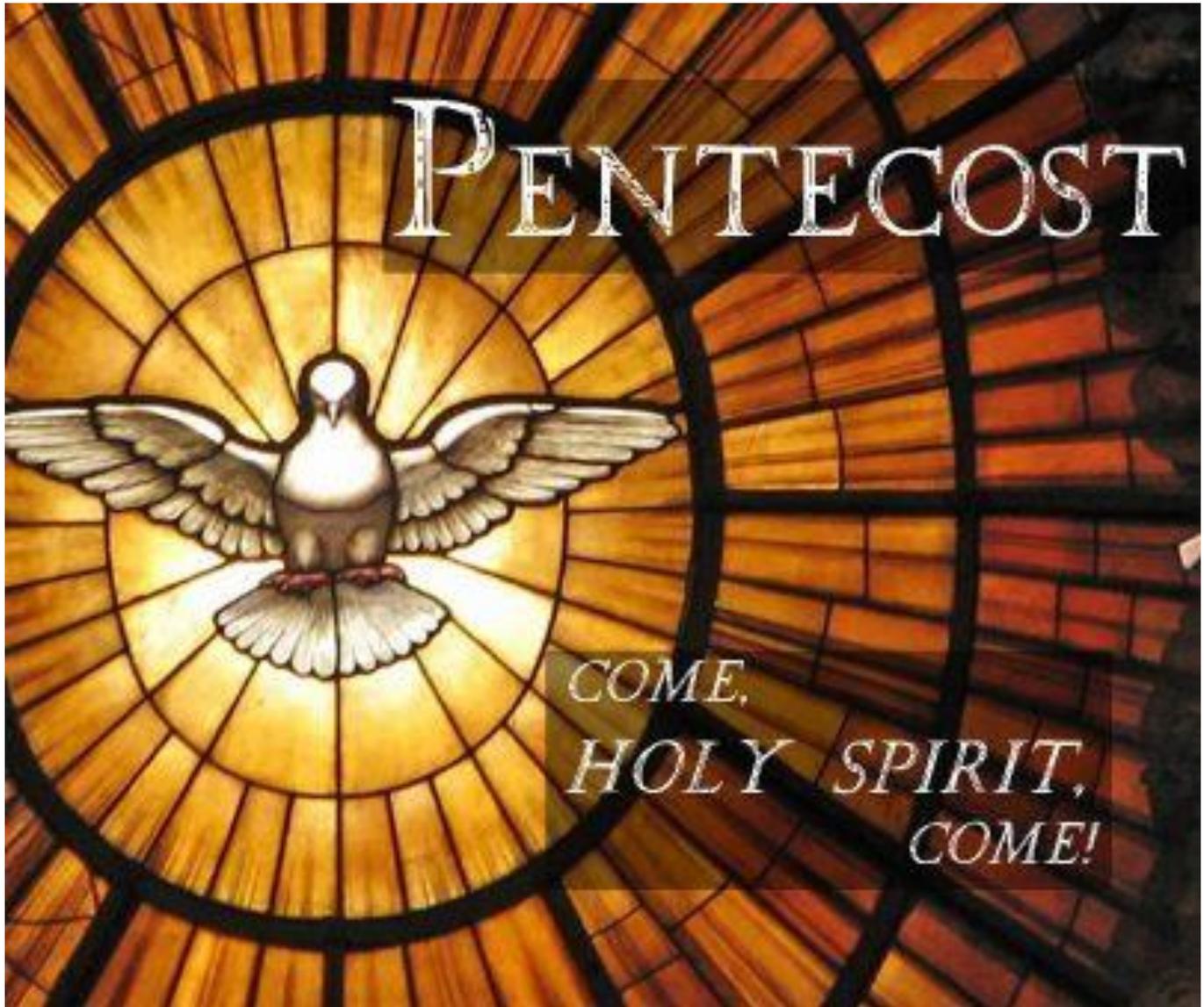


# Anglican Parish of Avon

***Sunday 31st May***

***Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman,  
Locum Priest, The Reverend Heather Toms***



**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -  
A Service of Holy Communion  
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, via Zoom, on line,  
Facebook or ‘phone-in’.**

*We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### **Opening Hymn: Breathe on me breath of God – TiS 407**

1 Breathe on me, breath of God:  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love as you have loved  
and do as you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours  
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God;  
fulfil my heart's desire,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your heavenly fire.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God;  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.

*Jubilate Hymns version of Breathe on me, breath of God Edwin Hatch (1835 - 1889)*

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## **Welcome**

## **Greeting**

God's love has been poured into our hearts:

**Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

As we rejoice in the gift of this day:

**So may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you.**

## **The Sentence**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

## **Prayer of Preparation**

Let us pray,

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We pray together:

**God of all mercy,  
We humbly admit that we need your help.  
We have wandered from your way.  
We have sinned in thought, word, and deed,  
and have failed to do what is right.**

**You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us,  
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.  
Bring forth the fruit of your Spirit  
that we may live the new life to your glory.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

Help us understand you ever yearn to make us whole, drawing near in Christ to show us the way. God loves you. God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself. **Amen**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and everliving God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal,  
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of

them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Acts 2.1-21*

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104.26-37      (*We will say the Psalm together*)**

- 26 Lord, how various are your works:  
in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:  
there move living things without number, great and small;**
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro:  
and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.**
- 29 These all look to you:  
to give them their food in due season.**
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:  
when you open your hand  
they are satisfied with good things.**
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.**
- 32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:  
and you renew the face of the earth.**
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.**
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:  
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.**
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:  
I will praise my God while I have any being.**
- 36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:  
for my joy shall be in the Lord.**
- 37 May sinners perish from the earth,  
let the wicked be no more:  
bless the Lord, O my soul; O praise the Lord.**

**For the Young at Heart.**

**The Gospel**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' *John 20.19-23*

For the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Affirmation of the Resurrection

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his  
followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.*

*Response:*



Risen God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayers.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

Giver of life,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church  
continue to work in the world  
through the hearts of all who believe.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Today we give you thanks that  
in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.  
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.  
On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

*Let us proclaim the mystery of faith*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

*The priest breaks the bread.*

As this broken bread was once many grains,

which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

## **The Sending Out of God's People**

Father,  
may we who have received this eucharist  
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father,  
**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
though Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## **Announcements**

## **Final Hymn: 'Spirit of the living God – MP 613**

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me,  
Mould me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,  
Take control of me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Take control of me.  
Break me, melt me,  
Mould me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Take control of me.

*Daniel Iverson 1935, 1963.*

## **The Blessing**

God of this ancient land, through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family, give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## **The Dismissal**

Go, walk gently on country to love and serve our God  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## **Bulletin Prayer Points**

### **A Prayer for National Reconciliation.**

God of all creation,  
as we journey together in this Great Southern Land,  
we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity,  
creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.  
Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage,  
wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.  
In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.  
Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many  
blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us  
strength to walk together as one.

*This Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small group of  
Aboriginal Elder women and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014.  
Find it and more liturgical resources on the [NATSICC website](#).*

### **What kind of world, society, church or community will emerge from the coronavirus pandemic?**

For Christian believers, one thing is clear. True newness is the work of God's creative Spirit.

To pray as we do for the Holy Spirit to 'renew the face of the earth' is to pledge ourselves to whole-hearted ecological conversation.

Father God, help us to work at restoring our world environment.

### **We pray for Your wisdom, help and guidance for:-**

- World-wide containment of the Covid 19 virus and successful development of a vaccine.
- Medical scientists, doctors, nurses, and all paramedical personnel caring for the sick. For the safety of all carers.
- World leaders in managing the severe economical impacts of 'shut downs'.

- Teachers and support staff throughout the school system as they manage students returning to school and together they work to adjust and standardise learning after home schooling.
- The unemployed, those living on the margins of society.
- Those suffering mental anxiety and depression. Those living in isolation and loneliness.
- Those battling to recover from the devastation of the summer bush fires.
- Bishop Richard and Registrar Richard as they lead the Diocese through safe step-wise resumption of parish services, programs and activities, as well as the fiscal challenges resulting from the Covid 19 time of 'shut down'.
- For the Diocese of Gahini, for a response to Bishop Manessah's plea for prayers and assistance for their parish clergy living without income.
- For Dave's continued ministry and connection with parishioners during such challenging times. For Emma and Dave as they await the birth of their baby daughter.
- The Parish of Traralgon: Jeff Richardson. Marilyn Obersby, Adrian.
- The Cathedral Church: Dean Susanna, all clergy, Canons, and the Cathedral Chapter.
- For the resumption of our mainly music and op shop ministries as soon as safely possible.
- Our families, friends and fellow parishioners. May the experience of the pandemic spur us to work all the more readily for a new world of justice, love and peace.

**\*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them.**

We pray especially at this time *for Marj White, Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

Holy Spirit, I ask you to help us be more aware of your voice and in tune with the little nudges you give us. Thank you for helping us to love and serve the people on our path. **Amen.**

## **News and Notes**

**We are delighted to welcome Priest Heather leading worship in our parish again today.** Heather regularly joins in our directly streamed services via Facebook. We welcome and thank Max for his support of Heather and our parish by accompanying her to the services she leads in our parish. Thank you to Jillian Anderson who very kindly again agreed come in and lead the singing.

### **News from Parish Council**

**Council agreed in principle to a stepwise process in resuming gathered worship by 28 July.** To some extent this is dependent upon any changes to the regulations between now and then. This will involve smaller more personal services plus a directly streamed service. Therefore 3 to 4 services would / will be conducted each Sunday. Even though the permitted number of parishioners per service has been extended to 20, at least 3 services will still be required each Sunday. Parishioners will be invited to indicate their preferred service.

\*\*We reverentially understand the personal feelings of parishioners and know some may not feel ready for gathered worship for some months. Progress re the demonstration of readiness for re-opening gathered services will be considered by Council at an extraordinary meeting 16 June.

**Council also agreed in principle to the re-opening of the op shop** and will review the documented detail for implementation of mandatory standards and procedures at the above extraordinary meeting. Demonstration of readiness to resume gathered worship and re-opening of the op shop must be approved by the Bishop before any resumption can take place.

As previously mentioned, this does not mean we return to “business as usual”. Our post Covid 19 parish and practices will have a ‘different’ look.

**Again** - we will continue to be blessed with the option to join in our own church services via Zoom, Facebook or phone, for some time.

**In his report, treasurer Paul** conveyed his thanks to parishioners for their generous giving particularly at this critical time of no income from the op shop.

**The Reverend Edie Ashley is seeking sponsorship** for her planting 1,200 seedlings donated to the Abbey as part of a Landcare distribution. They include a range of native grasses and rushes, some acacias and redgum, banksias and a few 'parrot peas'.

The sponsorship donations will support the installation of solar panels on Ena Sheumack House at The Abbey

**We will be delighted to welcome Andrew Newmarch to our zoomed service on Sunday 21 June.** Andrew is the new International Programs Manager at **The Leprosy Mission Australia.**

Andrew comes from a long career in international development.

*Andrew says:-I am married to Ruth, the Associate Minister at St Thomas Anglican church in Burwood, Victoria. Ruth and I are both 'missionary kids'. Ruth growing up in south India and I growing up in Sabah (North Borneo) and then in Sydney. We have four sons, 3 of whom are married and have 5 grandchildren, all living in Melbourne and active in their various churches.*

*My earlier working life was in the federal public service in Canberra where most of that time was spent as a Parliamentary Officer in the House of Representatives*

*Going to uni in the late 70s meant that social change and social justice were important issues.*

**Bishop Manasseh reaches out to our Diocese.** Donations towards assisting the clergy of Gahini (their situation was outlined in last week's Bulletin) can be 'tagged' for that purpose and given to Paul who will take them in to the Registry.

### **Holy Trinity Church Services**

**If you or anybody you know may wish to join with us on zoom, please contact Denise: ph. 0417100047 or email: [pdvranek@gmail.com](mailto:pdvranek@gmail.com)**

## **Remember:**

**Wherever and whenever possible, Dave will be maintaining contact with parishioners by phone. He is always available to parishioners at any time: 0401 035 379. Email:davidjrperryman@gmail.com**

## **Your much-needed Offertory can be given by: -**

Collection by Paul Wager. Please ring him on 0457 329 919 to make arrangements.

\*Direct payment into the parish CBA account –

BSB 063526 Acct No 10493155. The account name is 'Anglican Parish of Avon' Please register it as 'offertory'

\*Leave your weekly giving envelope in Paul Wagers mailbox from where it will be stored securely until it is banked on the first business day.

\*Where there is an account (cost to the parish), some may wish to cover that expense which is another way of giving.

**The site and ID for zoom - or phone number and ID are the same for**

**Sunday Services, Bible Studies and Parish Council meetings.**

<https://zoom.us/j/9748706191> Meeting ID: 974 870 6191

\*Join by Phone: (03) 7018 2005 Meeting ID: 974 870 6191

**Blessings**

**Denise Vranek**

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH

### JUNE

*School Holidays: Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July  
mainly music continues to be 'on hold'*

**Retiring Offertory: Hope Restart Project**

- Wed 3 Mabo Day. National Reconciliation
- Sat 6 Trivia Night. **Postponed**
- Sun 7 First Sunday in Pentecost. Trinity Sunday.  
Holy Trinity Patronal Festival.
- Mon 8 Queen's Birthday Holiday.
- Thurs 11 10am Dave joining in BDC Info Web Conference.
- Sun 14 Second Sunday in Pentecost. ??? Healing Service
- Tues 16 Parish Council Reports Due  
Extraordinary Meeting of Parish Council
- Sun 21 Third Sunday in Pentecost  
Andrew Newmarch from the Leprosy Mission Australia  
??Invitations to gauge interest in gathered worship services
- Tues 23 Parish Council Meeting
- Thurs 25 ???Op Shop Management Meeting
- Sun 28 Fourth Sunday in Pentecost  
??May be resumption of some gathered worship services -  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. St Mary's and Holy Trinity

**Holy Trinity Roster, 7 June, Trinity Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Pentecost)**

Exodus 34.1-8. Song of 3YM 29-34. 2 Cor 13.11-13. Matthew 28.16-20

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