

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 7 May.

Welcome to Bishop Richard



— THE SACRAMENT OF —
CONFIRMATION

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

Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: 'Have faith in God'

1 O Lord, You lead me
by the still waters,
quietly restoring my soul.
You speak words of wisdom,
the promise of glory,
the power of the presence of God.

Chorus:
Have faith in God,
let your hope rest on the faith
He has placed in your heart.
Never give up,
never let go of the faith
He has placed in your heart.

2 O Lord, You guide me
through all the darkness,
turning my night into day;
You'll never leave me,
never forsake me,
the power of the presence of God.
Have faith in God...

Invocation/Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome

Preparation for Confirmation

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, and Baptism,
One God and Father of all.

In confirmation those who have been previously baptised come to confirm their baptismal promises and to receive the laying on of the bishop's hand with prayer.

We pray that those who are confirmed will be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the ministry and service to which God shall call them.

So we welcome you, Quinn and Edward, with your sponsors, family and friends.

We give thanks for you and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The Confession

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy and confess that we need forgiveness.

Silence for self-reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood

that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruits of your redemption;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day.

Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. The Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’” That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.”

Exodus 16:2-4a, 9-15

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for^[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

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

Early Talk

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of

me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” *John 6.51-58*

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

Sermon

The Presentation

The Bishop invites all candidates and their sponsors to stand in view of the congregation and invites the sponsors of the confirmation candidates to present them

We welcome Quinn and Edward who come to be confirmed. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

The sponsors answer

We present Quinn and Edward to be confirmed.

The Decision

The Bishop says to the candidates

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?
I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

We will, with God's help.

The Bishop says to the congregation

You have heard our brother and sister respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will.

The Liturgical Assistant says

Let us pray for those who have affirmed their baptism and are to receive the laying on of hands.

Merciful God, deliver them from all evil that they may walk in the way of truth and life;

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Open their hearts by the Holy Spirit to your grace and truth;

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church;

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Send them into the world to witness to your love and justice;
Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Bring them and us all into the fullness of your peace and glory;
Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Bishop says to the candidates, sponsors, and congregation

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.
**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Confirmation

The Bishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now, and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop continues

Almighty and everliving God,
you have given your servants
new birth by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them their sins.
Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit
that they may grow in grace.
Increase in them the spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
the spirit of discernment and inner strength,
the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,
and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*The candidates kneel before the bishop, who lays a hand upon
them saying*

Strengthen, Lord, your servant, Quinn/Edward with your Holy Spirit.
Empower and sustain her/him for your service.

Quinn/Edward answer with the congregation

Amen.

The congregation joins with the bishop in saying this prayer after Quinn and Edward have received the laying on of hands

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

After the Laying of Hands

The Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God,
watch over these your servants
upon whom we have now laid our hands.
Let your Holy Spirit always be with them
and lead them to know and obey your word,
that they may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 'Bless the Lord, o my soul'

*Chorus:
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
ten thousand years and then for evermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

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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 give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our great high priest.
He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,
the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.

In baptism you have united us to him
and brought us out of darkness into light.
You pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,
And calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,
he left this memorial of his passion
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.
In this great sacrament you feed your people
and strengthen them in holiness,
so that throughout the world the human family
may be enlightened by one faith
and drawn together in one communion of love.
We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet
to be transformed by your grace
and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

The Sending Out of God's People

God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service:
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most loving God,

**you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Announcements

Final Hymn: ‘Filled with the Spirit’s power’

1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Words: John Raphael Peacey, 1896-1971 (alt.)

Tune: Woodlands

Together in Song 411

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted;

give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

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BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS

Holy Father, on this season of Pentecost when your churches are filled with the power of your Holy Spirit, united in Jesus, we pray to you:

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for. We know that in many areas our stewardship has been a failure yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can restore all things in glory; and so we pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

We pray for key decision-makers and leaders in the Governments of Australia and around the whole world, and for all who have the power to bring about change. Mighty God; intervene and move within our nations especially in Ukraine, The Middle East and Sudan.

We pray for the First Peoples of this ancient land, that the gift of their culture and love of country will be accepted by the whole nation. That the path to reconciliation will be walked with intention and grace. Almighty God, we pray today for your blessing to be upon our congregation, upon our parish and our Diocese. May your presence be seen vividly in all that we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us.

We give thanks and pray for our Bishop Richard and our Priest Dave. Guide them and prompt them with your Spirit. We pray for their families and ask for your blessings upon them. For School Chaplains, Dr Steve.

We pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they renew the baptismal promises made on their behalf when they were infants, as they vow to renounce Satan and his works and promise to live out the Christian faith as active disciples, professing their belief in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Bless our outreach ministries and we pray for a successful term in mainly music. Father God, we pray for our community, our families, and friends especially for those who worship here in Avon Parish.

We pray for those who are in need, sick or lonely, and ask for your special care of those who suffer.

We especially pray for all those who have asked for our prayers and for those who are on our hearts today, especially: *Kerrie, Gail, Barb, Fiona, George, Paul, Edie, Tim, Keith, Angela, Cynthia, Lloyd, Dawn, Mick, Judy, Deb, Joy, Marion, Jan and Graeme.*

Merciful God, we give you thanks that those who have recently died share in the promise of new life won for us all by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and his triumph over death and the grave.

Faithful God, as we go out into the world, we pray that our Parish community will have a sense of unity with all Christians around the world. May we use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us to spread the good news and live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

NEWS AND NOTES

A warm welcome to Bishop Richard, who is presiding, preaching and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish today.

A special welcome to our confirmation candidates, Quinn Broughton and Edward Lowe, their sponsors Kevin and Ceci Broughton and Dave Perryman, their families and friends.

We congratulate Quinn and Edward and pray that they may grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and the fear of the Lord.

Last Saturday, those who attended the Parish Vision Day excellently facilitated by Dr Lisa McDonald, gathered in prayer, reflection and listening for God's call on our parish community, both now and over the next three years.

We are grateful to Dave for linking us with this initiative, we look forward to Lisa's summary and our planning the next steps ahead.

Tuesday at 5.30pm, Dave and the wardens will meet at Vranek's place.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Dave and Mrs Alice Weatherall will help parishioners complete their Safe Ministry Clearances. If you have not yet booked a time slot, please speak to Dave as soon as possible.

Dave will let you know which documents to bring today.

This week is Pub Raffle Week. Avon Parish will run the raffle on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, with Friday concluding in the Parish Dinner and raffle draw. We look forward to a wonderful evening of parish fellowship. Please book with Denise or Bev H.

Please let us know if you can help run the raffles on any of these 3 nights.

ACTinG invites us to take part in a Community Resilience Mapping Workshop facilitated by Friends of the Earth. We also have information about this year's Season of Creation Launch. Please see the flyers on the Morning Tea tables.

Looking to support us? Ways to give: -
Via the offertory bags passed around during our Sunday services (sealed envelopes also available): Via bank transfer –
Anglican Parish of Avon, BSB –
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READINGS AND ROSTER FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 14, JUNE. PENTECOST 3

Genesis 18.1-15 (21.1-7) Romans 5.1-11. Matthew 9.35-10.8 (9 - 23)

PIC Dave. LA Gail. Chalice Kerry C. 1st Read Jillian. 2nd Kevin.
Intercessions: Gail. Org: Vic. Sides: Bev H. Judy T. Camera:
David PPT. Wendy. Flowers: Bev H. Morning Tea: Kerry C, May.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

JUNE

Thursdays *mainly music. 9.30am during school term.*

Fridays *9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity*

Wednesdays *7.30pm Bible Studies*

Winter school holidays Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July

Clergy Conference 22-25 June.

Retiring Offertory: Fred Hollows Foundation

Sun 7 **Second Sunday of Pentecost (Pentecost 2)**
10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity and 5pm
at All Saints. Bishop Richard visits, Sacrament of
Confirmation.

Wed 10 **Raffle**

Thurs 11 **Raffle**

Fri 12 **Raffle drawn & Parish Dinner**

Sun 14 **Pentecost 3**

Tues 16 **Parish Council Reports due.**

Sat 20 **UN World Refugee Day. June 20 each year.**
Men's Breakfast

Sun 21 **Pentecost 4**

Tues 23 **Parish Council**

Fri 26 **Family Movie Night**

Sun 28 **Pentecost 5**

Mon 29 **St Peter & St Paul, Apostles.**

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