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# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 23rd May, 2021. Pentecost Sunday.  
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## *A Changing Church needs You*

Life often throws up the unexpected to us. We can feel that we have all our ducks in a row and everything is panning out nicely when suddenly everything is cast into a new perspective by an unforeseen event. Change is sometimes just what is needed; a refreshment of ideas or way of doing things. In other situations change can be resisted, painful and unfair. Either way change is inevitable in life.

Many would say that the Church is in a period of transition. Collectively we are looking towards a future where there will be less ordained priests within our faith communities. This will present a great challenge for our Church - a challenge which can either be lamented and dreaded or one which can be embraced as a huge opportunity for change. Sometimes, what appears daunting and scary can be the beginnings of something truly wonderful - the Holy Spirit manifested as a *violent wind* in the upper room.

The Church is the entire people of God. Every baptised person is a valued and integral member of the Church. We each have gifts and talents; given to us by the Holy Spirit, to bring joy to others and have a positive impact on our world. God will never abandon the Church, as Jesus gave his life for his people. We are walking into a new era of Church, an era which will require the effort and ability of the entire people of God to continue to share and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In our Parish alone, there are many ministries and groups that are in need of volunteers. Every one of us has a vocation from God, whether it be to married life, single life, consecrated life... and we each also have a role to play in the Church. Perhaps this week, we could take a few moments to give thanks for all the gifts and talents we have been blessed with, and reflect on how we might be able to share these fruits with our worshipping community.



**Mass in the Cathedral for the week of the 24th - 30th May.**

Monday 24th to Friday 28th: **7.30am , 10am and 1pm.**

Saturday 29th: **10am and 6.15pm Vigil Mass.**

Sunday 30th: **8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm.**

Adoration: **Monday to Friday 4pm - 6pm**