



THE SAVING WORD

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PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

31 MAY 2020

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

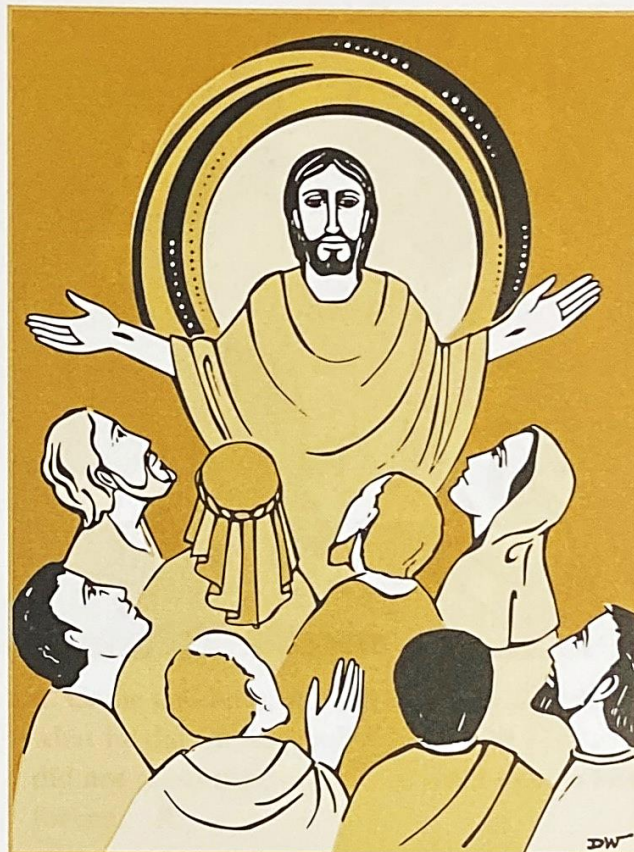
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia.)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**



3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful / and kindle in them the fire of your love. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you'.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

RECONCILING SPIRIT

Today's rich array of scriptural readings brings out the Church's sense of being a community equipped by the Spirit to take up the mission of Jesus.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, locates the imparting of the Spirit on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, a pilgrimage feast celebrated fifty days after Passover.

In biblical tradition, wind and fire signal the presence and power of God, as when Israel stood before God at Mount Sinai. What is described here seems to be a central fiery mass from which distinct 'tongues' ('as if of fire': not real fire!) separate off and come to rest on individuals.

The sense is that the Spirit, which rested solely upon Jesus during his own life, is now, as he promised (Luke 24:49), being distributed among those who are to carry on his mission – in first instance to Israel, eventually 'to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8).

The variety of people who hear and understand the testimony of the apostles in their own language foreshadows this worldwide mission. In many languages the Church will communicate the single message of God's reconciling love.

The Gospel (John 20:19-23) associates the gift of the Spirit more closely with the resurrection. On Easter Sunday evening the risen Lord breathes out upon his disciples the Spirit that will empower them to take up the mission that he has received from the Father. Central to this will be passing on the reconciliation ('whose sins you shall forgive ...') that he, as Lamb of God (1:29), has brought into the world.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A 31 MAY 2020

MASS TIMETABLE FOR WEEK COMMENCING 31 MAY

TUMUT		COUNTRY MASS		SACRAMENTS	
Saturday	5PM VIGIL MASS	BATLOW	8:30AM 1 st & 3 rd Sunday	Confession	By appointment
Sunday	10AM MASS	TALBINGO	8AM 5 th Sunday MASS	Marriage	By appointment
Monday	NO MASS			Baptism	By appointment
Tuesday	10AM Chapel	ADELONG	10AM 1 st & 3 rd Sunday	<i>Wedding & Baptism forms on website, please make an appointment with a priest.</i>	
Wednesday	10AM Chapel	BLAKENEY LODGE	Cancelled	To arrange a Pastoral visit please contact: Fr George or Fr Namora	
Thursday	8AM Chapel	BUPA	Cancelled		
Friday	8AM Chapel				

CHURCH OPEN

The Church is open! Give thanks! The church is open for private prayer, and restrictions eased from 1 June to allow 50 people at a time for religious services. Please sanitise your hands before and after and record your attendance. If you are unwell at all, please remain at home.

Parishioners are encouraged to continue their virtual Masses and prayers if they are not able to attend Mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED	ANNIVERSARIES	MASS OFFERING	SICK
We pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently deceased especially Greg Quilty..			We pray for all the sick of our parish community, especially Stephen Dean

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH COUNCIL	PRIESTS / PARISH	BANKING / PLANNED GIVING
Fr George, Fr Namora, Peter Malone, Tony Butler, Anita Mason, Trish Matthews, Anne Huebner, Eamon Moore, Barry Madigan	Fr George – 0484 604 273 Fr Namora – 0450 438 444 Secretary – 0478 000 526	BSB 062 786 A/C 000015049 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TUMUT

A copy of the Church Bulletin is available on our website each week – www.cg.org.au/tumut
Please send any notices to tumut@cg.org.au by midday Wednesday each week for inclusion in the bulletin.

COLLECTIONS DURING COVID19

Catholic Development Fund (CDF) has provided a website for parishioners to click and pay for both collections and includes the provision to nominate their parish. This will avoid any unnecessary handling of money.

www.bpoint.com.au/pay/catholicdevelopmentfundarchdioceseofcanberra

NOTICES

ROSARY & ADORATION

A group of parishioners are praying the Rosary, in our own homes, at 11am every day. We are praying for ourselves and our families, our Parish community, our Church and the whole world. Please join us, so we can still pray and “be together”, in these trying times.

“The Rosary ought to be recited with great devotion because one is speaking with the Holy Virgin” ~ St Paul of the Cross

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH POPE FRANCIS – *The Pope is to join Marian sanctuaries across the world, to pray to the Virgin Mary for help amidst the pandemic. The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens Saturday 30 May 5:30pm Rome time – 1:30am Sunday 31 May AEST search Vatican Media Live on YouTube*

Consider ‘virtual Adoration’ - through the following website <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/> or on Facebook through ‘Sacred Heart Parish Griffith Perpetual Adoration’.

“Patience, prayer and silence...these are what give strength to the soul” ~ St Faustina Kowalska

RESTRICTIONS EASED

We thank God for the good news that restrictions have been lifted further and we can from 1 June welcome up to 50 people for religious services. We must however remain responsible, observe social distancing and remain at home if unwell.

Next week, Saturday 6 June, we will celebrate the Vigil Mass at 5PM ONLY and see how the numbers are to determine how we move forward. Sunday 7 June Mass at 10AM

FR GEORGE'S PRAYER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY



Lord,

We pray that your Spirit would come into our home and fill every corner and every room. We pray that you would bring unity and that you would weave our hearts in such a way that nothing could break our bond.

Fill our cups with gentleness, kindness, patience and love, and let that Spirit cover and refresh all of us who live in this place.

Let it be said of us that we lived well, and most of all loved deeply.

Amen.

FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR COUPLES

Free online “Catholic Marriage Summit” June Thu 11th- Sat 13th www.joyfuleverafter.org

Just about every high profile lay Catholic speaker you have heard of (50 in total, mostly US-based) along with their spouse, will give a 20 minute presentation on the day to day realities of living out the Sacrament of Marriage.

HOME COMMUNION

Could all those who deliver home communion please ensure you have received a flu shot and certification of such. Before this ministry can recommence - especially in hospitals - you must have proof of receiving the shot. Please contact your Dr and provide a copy of your certificate to Fr George.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the volunteers who have been working on maintenance and cleaning of the church during this period of shutdown.

PENTECOST – THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church because from that point on the Apostles carried the message of Christ to the whole world. The authority that Christ gave his Apostles through the Holy Spirit extends through the bishops today. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church. In fact, St. Augustine said that the Holy Spirit was the soul of the Church. Just as the soul gives life to the body, so also the Spirit gives life to the Church.