

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Pentecost Sunday Year B
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
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

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.
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.
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.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

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
R. Thanks be to God

Sequence

The sequence may be said or sung.
Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement. If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed? The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.
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Saints Of The Week

MONDAY 24th- Our Lady Help of Christians Patroness of Australia Anniversary of Dedication of St Bernards Church
TUESDAY 25th- St Bede
WEDNESDAY 26th - St Philip Neri
THURSDAY 27th - St Augustine of Canterbury
SATURDAY 29th - St Paul VI Pope



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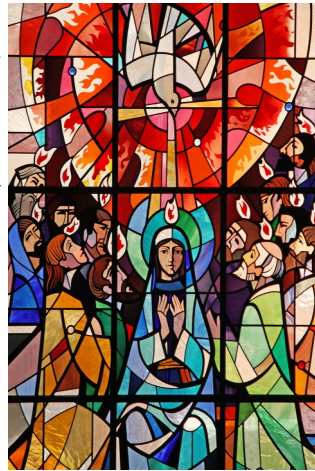
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Pentecost Sunday -YEAR B

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth"

Since the previous Pentecost Sunday that we celebrated together, our community has experienced many challenges, from fires, floods, and the Covid-19 pandemic, one after another. These disasters more or less have adversely affected our ordinary life. For some people, lives have been changed with the loss of loved ones, homes, or something that is precious and meaningful to them. It might take a long time for them to be healed and to overcome that grief and loss. For some people, these unpleasant experiences can make it feel like being stuck in a dark room with no exit. In the first reading today, I am wondering if the disciples somehow experienced that same feeling when they were secretly gathering in the upper room for the feast day of the Pentecost.



Imagining the situation at the time, their gathering might be in a dark room where the doors are shut. The conversations might need to be in a low voice because they were frightened about the Jews. They were praying but their heart might be empty because their master, Jesus, has gone to the Father. Some of them might have felt depressed behind the doors, because they could not reach out and freely preach about God. For some of them, their hearts might be dominated with the feeling of anxiety because they might be persecuted if they claimed to be the witness of Christ.

But when the Holy Spirit came, everything was brought back to life: all their hearts were filled with the Spirit; their lungs were billowed out with fresh air; their mouths were filled with the gift of speech which urged them to go out and preach to 'every nation under heaven.' The disciples were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. They were no longer feeling discouraged and hiding in the room, but they courageously, and eloquently went out and bore witness to Christ's death and resurrection to all the people.

Likewise, the Pentecost event today, brings us the new Spirit to heal our wounds, to open our hearts for God to shine through and to renew our lives as lives lived for God's kingdom. Therefore, on this solemnity of Pentecost, we renew the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the day that we received the Confirmation to bear witness to Christ in our daily life. From Jesus, we know the spirit that we receive is the spirit of truth that will lead us to live truly and completely in the will of the Father.

Lastly, St Paul said in the letter to Galatians: "since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit", so I pray for you today to allow our life to be directed from, by and to the truth. Together with the Church around the world today celebrating her 'birthday' and at the same time, praying for the gift of unity of Christians, we pray for the spirit of truth to keep reinforcing our faith, to keep renewing our wisdom and to keep opening our heart for accepting others as children of God.

Blessings, Mark Ha

LAUNCHING OF 2021-2023
PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

MAY

The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 25th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 26th: 9am Mass
Thurs 27th: 9am Mass
Fri 28th: 9.15 am Mass
Saturday 29th: 9am Mass /Rosary
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sunday 30th: 9am Mass 5pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

22/23 MAY 2021

Church Cleaning

D & L May (24-28)

Welcomers

6pm D Robinson

9am C Connell

5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm J Quigley

9am A Brown

5pm A Horsfall

Readers:

6pm M Bridges

9am A Skinner

5pm S Ebejer

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm M Bridges

9am G Norris

5pm L Favetta.

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am D May

5pm J O'Sullivan.

REGISTRARS

6pm Pat Jobs

9am M & S Beashel

5pm M Devine

MORNING TEA

Miranda & Zdenka

29/30 MAY 2021

Church Cleaning

M deSmet/J Maher/N Spaven (31/5-4/6)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway

9am T van den Broek

5pm M deSmet

Commentator

6pm B Maynard

9am L Page

5pm M Devine

Readers:

6pm J Mackay

9am Sr Marie

5pm L Miller

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm M Weatherall

9am K Corbin

5pm M Devine.

Computer Screen

6pm T Jackson

9am T Priest

5pm J O'Sullivan.

REGISTRARS

6pm P Billington

9am M & S Beashel

5pm. N Beatty

MORNING TEA

M & C Lowe

FAN THE FLAME

Towards the Plenary Council First Assembly, October 2021

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



This Sunday – Pentecost Sunday - we are all invited to begin a time of focused prayer for the coming Plenary Council which will convene in October.

We can pray individually and as a community. The Prayer Resources are available at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Our Prayer at this time:

We pray for our Catholic Church in Australia as we prepare for the First Assembly of the Plenary Council in October that the Holy Spirit may inflame the hearts and minds of all so that we may experience a new Pentecost in this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. We make this prayer as a community of faith through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PPC Meeting 20 May 2021

- The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to welcome all new parishioners. If you have joined the parish in the last 24 months, we celebrate your presence with us and invite you to the Morning Tea following the 9am Mass this weekend.
- The Parish Pastoral Council is also pleased to launch the new Parish Pastoral Plan (2021-2023) this weekend. Your copy is included with the Parish Bulletin. This will guide us over the coming years to build our church community. Please take time to read it and reflect on how our vision and mission can be developed.
- The PPC would like us all to re-engage with the Plenary Council through prayer and studying the *Instrumentum Laboris - Continuing the Journey*. <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IL-document-spreads.pdf>
- The National Mass Count is ongoing. This weekend 23 May: Numbers will be counted and Divided into Age groups. Your understanding and support will be highly appreciated.

Please, engage with any PPC member on parish matters important to you.

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



NATIONAL SORRY DAY – MAY 26

National Sorry Day is a special day that occurs in Australia on 26 May every year. It is a day of remembrance and commemoration held to highlight the impact of past policies of forcible removal on the Stolen Generations, their families, and their communities.

National Sorry Day is of particular significance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to remember past mistakes and build stronger bridges for a richer, stronger future together.

It began on 26 May 1997, the report *Bringing them Home* was tabled in Parliament. The first National Sorry Day was held exactly one year later, and it has been held on the same day every year since.

Sorry Day Prayer

Almighty and loving God, you who created all people in your image, lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past. We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.

We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness. Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion, walk with us as we continue our journey of healing as a nation and as we create a future that is just and equitable.

Lord you are our hope.

AMEN

(adapted from 2002)

AT PENTECOST WE WARMLY WELCOME ALL OUR NEW PARISHIONERS



There will be a morning tea after the 9am Mass served Covid free by the Croatian community. All are welcome

Calling all young people to join us to play games, meet new people and explore their faith.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

All ages are welcome.
Sunday, 6 June 2021
5pm-6pm

followed by a
**YOUTH
GATHERING**
6pm-7pm

St Bernard's Catholic Church
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MAY The month of the Rosary Mary and Mothers



FLORES DE MAY and the HOLY CROSS PROCESSION
will be held on Sunday 30th May at St Bernard's Church.

Starting at 2.30pm for the Rosary, followed by the procession at 3.00pm, concluding with 5.00pm Mass and dinner will be provided after Mass.

All are welcome



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH Joseph the Disciple

Joseph man of wisdom welcoming with love the child you named Jesus depending on your God.
Mary Jo Wells RSJ



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there is only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

Eileen Hogg, Lois White, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Michael Corbin, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Mila Bandur, Val McGee, John Mylott, Claire Wakeling, Numeriano Sencio Sr, Anacorita Sencio, Pauline Cassar, Doreen Flynn, Eileen Goonrey John Melton, Francis Mills, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson, Franciscus Timmer, Leon Pallamoutagne, Anica Hrstic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons, Robyn Albert

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Jade Hammond, Gregory Murphy, George Rummery, John Victory, Greg McAleer, Marie London, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effene, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordeman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher,

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