

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pentecost Sunday Year A

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! he 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

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

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Bush Fire of Pentecost

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire. The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord. The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord. We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A



Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

SATURDAY MASS IS NOW
@ 5PM

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and
1st Saturday of the month
@ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 31st May
Meeting Room
All are welcome

CUPPA WITH MARY
MACKILLOP @ Mary
Lowe 's home on Tuesday
June 6th @ 10am.
All are Welcome
Enquiries ring Marie
Weatherall
0405 028 057

Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION TUESDAY @
8AM

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigan's Cove
All are welcome

Peace of Mind, Heart and Soul.

Many people in our society *suffer from fear of the unknown*. Whether it is facing a first day of school, the first day on a new job, an upcoming marriage, or flying on an aeroplane for the first time. We all feel fear and anxiety from time to time. During Covid there was fear and anxiety about the effects of the virus, many people feared to leave their homes, many feared being alone at home during lengthy mandatory isolation. While we are not to mock these fears or make light of a difficult period of time, we know we must live our lives even when many are still uncertain and fearful, in peace with a sound or 'restful' mind, placing our trust in God's watchful care.

'Peace be with You'!

In today's Gospel John 20:19-31: we hear that '*the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews*'. They were afraid of the Jewish leaders who were behind the plot to kill Jesus. They are likely afraid for their own lives, afraid of their uncertain futures. They may even have been afraid of Jesus' reproaches as they had failed him miserably. Peter had denied him three times and most of the disciples had deserted him.

But *Jesus is not stopped by locked doors* and appears in the midst of his frightened disciples – he does not confront them but rather greets them with peace: '*Peace be with you*' - a blessing, an expression of unconditional love, the kind of peace the world cannot give [John 14: 27]. He shows them the reality of his crucified hands and his side so they can see that he is the real, flesh-and-blood crucified Jesus. Again he *assures them of peace and breathing on them gives them the Spirit who renews all things and gives wholeness once more to forgiven sinners*. It is as if Jesus is proclaiming: It is 'no longer a time for fearfulness, for retreat into one self'. Now the Spirit must be free to cross all borders, cultures and lead the Church wheresoever God wishes.' [Glenstal Missal, pg. 335]

Jesus came to his disciples when they were fearful and anxious. He came to them although the doors were locked. *Jesus comes to me wherever I am locked in by fear and he offers me his peace*. This week as we reflect on those areas of our life where we experience fear, chaos and anxiety and imagine Jesus coming and standing beside you and saying 'Peace be with you' – breathing the Spirit of Peace into your whole being.

Marie Weatherall





Mass Schedule
MASSES THIS WEEK
Monday 29th May
Sunday 4th June

Monday 29th: No Mass
Tuesday 30th: Mass 9am
Wednesday 31st: Mass 9am
Thursday 1st: Mass 9am
Friday 2nd: Mass 9am
Saturday 3rd: Mass 5pm
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm
Sunday 4th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

27/28 MAY
Cleaning
 29 May-2 June D & L May

5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer P Jobs
 Commentator P O'Kelly
 Reader: S Ebejer
 Eucharistic Ministers
 M O'Neill, M Bridges
 Computer Screen
 K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer C Connell
 Commentator B Basevi
 Reader: A Brown
 Eucharistic Ministers
 A Skinner, S Beashel
 Computer Screen D May.

MORNING TEA:
 Volunteer & J Barroman

3/4 JUNE
Cleaning
 6-10 M deSmet/J Maher
5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer D Robinson
 Commentator: M Bridges
 Reader: P Nolan
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Y Oerder, L Rodwell
 Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer M deSmet
 Commentator B Basevi
 Reader: N Beatty
 Eucharistic Ministers
 L Stevens, C Schor
 Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:
 Filipino Community

CLAIM THE DATE:
Convent Garden Weeding and Tidy up Working Bee.
CAN YOU HELP US?
 Saturday June 17: 9-30am – 11-30am Please bring your own tools, garden gloves & bucket for collecting weeds.
 Enquiries: Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057



The Bay Theatre Players are holding a fund raising event for the Sisters of Our Lady Queen of Peace Binh Minh Projects in Vietnam.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
 7PM June 9th

Bay Playhouse
 33 Gregory Street, Batemans Bay

Tickets \$32
 Carol 0405 775 067
 Anne 0402 465 603

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage,
"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

Commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.
 For further information:
Ph: 02 8912 4818

LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Young man 18 years of age who is studying locally. requires single room. Very tidy and clean. Can afford around \$200 pw.

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Reminder:

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will take place on the week-end of June 3rd & 4th.

Vinnies launches its 2023 Winter Appeal with a focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness.
 Can you assist us with a \$ donation?

Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be used to provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist homelessness services and support for people to find and maintain secure housing.

With the rising cost of living, times are understandably tough for a lot of people, but we ask that if you are in a position to help then please give generously.

Many thanks.

Remembering the Sick:
 Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, David Coates, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White

The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. **Amen**



Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions
June

For the Abolition of Torture
 We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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