

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pentecost Sunday Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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 Corinthians 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 *John 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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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Divine Energy and being Catholic

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force. This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome. The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed. We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us to pray the Rosary via Zoom.

**TO JOIN:
Meeting No: 697 869 1059
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Every Wednesday & Friday @
4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm



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PENTECOST SUNDAY Year B



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and fourth Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 29th May
1pm CMR

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Confirmation
Commitment Masses
will be held Saturday
18th May @5pm and
Sunday 19th May @
9am

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth!

As a child in primary school I have vivid memories of Pentecost Sunday being celebrated as the birthday of the Church. Being a child, birthdays always meant cake, candles and presents/gifts. This particular birthday seemed not to have any of the "important" components. It took many years before I recognised that the candles(light) and the gifts were there after all.



After a difficult period of time for the followers of Jesus, they were doing what was asked of them: staying together away from the crowds, waiting for the promised helper. One can imagine their emotions, frightened and fearful of what may be about to happen to them and their world.

If we take a moment to step outside our immediate surroundings we could also encounter many people (even ourselves) feeling afraid of what is happening today - conflicts in many parts of the world, fears regarding the cost of living and climate change.

What happened in that room where the disciples were gathered? A loud, heavy sound of wind was heard and every head was seen to have a flame/light dancing above it! The disciples suddenly demonstrated a new vitality and empowerment. They were able to address the crowds milling outside, and the crowds were able to understand the message even though they were from different areas, cultures and had different languages.

In today's Gospel, John uses the word "Advocate" which should convey to us that we too have a helper and someone who is interested in supporting us. It also infers a relationship- some one who knows us and if not loves us, likes us! Who is this Advocate and how do we respond?

Pentecost Sunday is the ideal occasion to bring into focus the Spirit, the love and gifts of the Spirit all of which may have slipped from our minds. We may have become distracted by our own personal circumstances as well as world events.

Whilst we have been offered services and assistance from the Advocate it is up to us to accept them. Like the disciples, we too could be re-invigorated and have a new energy as we continue to understand our role in spreading the Good News. God breathes life into us through the Spirit, giving us courage and strength to be active witnesses in our community, showing tolerance, compassion, forgiveness, confidence and trust thereby exhibiting God's love in action.

Fr Richard Rohr has the following to say about Pentecost "We need a new Pentecost or at least a revival of the Spirit of the first Pentecost when people from nations and cultures around the world came together in Jerusalem, ground zero, and were filled with God's Holy Spirit, enabling them to understand one another despite differences in language, culture and race. And when the infilling of the Spirit hit a critical mass, it exploded outward sending people into every corner of the world to be bearers of the divine love and power of the Holy Spirit. May it happen again in us today."

Will we accept and use the gifts of the Spirit this PENTECOST?

Ken and Carolyn Evenden



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 20th — Sunday 26th May

Monday 20th: No Mass

Tuesday 21st: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 22nd: Mass 9am

Thursday 23rd: Mass 9am

Friday 24th: Mass 9am

Saturday 25th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 26th: 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

ROSTERS

18/19 MAY

Cleaning
20-25 M deSmet & J Maher

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator M O'Neill
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
K Lovering
Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer D May
Commentator C Lowe
Reader: M Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers
B Maynard, A Skinner
Computer Screen T Jones.

MORNING TEA:

N Beatty M deSmet

COUNTERS

M & C Lowe

25/26 MAY

Cleaning
27-31 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer C Brownlie
Commentator Reader: J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain
Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer S Beashel
Commentator N Beatty
Reader A Skinner:
Eucharistic Ministers V & C Burns,
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

COUNTERS

T & A Jackson

YOU ARE INVITED

To attend the next two **Retreat Mornings at St Bernard's Church** in the Meeting Room on Tuesdays May 28th, 11th June from 9.30-12 noon.

Cost: Free

BYO Shared Morning Tea. We will be exploring "Secret Place-Sacred Paths"

May 28th—**The Mountain Experience of Prayer**

June 11th—**The Rural Experience of Prayer**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: one week prior to each retreat.

Ph: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday 23rd May as we will all be attending the Parish Secretary's Day in Narooma. Should you have any concerns please call Fr Loi on his mobile 0450 699 363

Fr John will be celebrating Mass on 22nd & 23rd next week

Congratulations to Nan Reedy who won the painting raffle, which was drawn on Mother's Day.

Also a huge thank you to everyone in the Parish for your generosity in supporting the 'Get Fr Loi Home' campaign. We have booked his ticket and have a little to send him with some pocket money to help his Dad celebrate his 85th birthday.

Thanks again, the Finance Committee

Visitation & HC Volunteers Required

We need one person to join our roster to The Glen. We visit and take HC to six residents and visit two others. It would be once a month. No response so far, Waiting in Hope...

Please consider this vital ministry.

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

We need one person to visit and take HC to an elderly gentleman in Catalina. It would be once a month on a roster.

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Your visit makes a big difference

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD ONLINE TRAINING

The next online training program for Ministers of the Word will be starting on **4 June.**

The four-week online training program will teach new and experienced Ministers of the Word practical skills, such as timing, spacing, the use of emphasis and silence, and arguably the most useful skill – correctly pronouncing Biblical words, names, and places.

Completed over four weekly online modules, with live (Zoom) classroom sessions (held on a Tuesday evening), the training program also offers a step-by-step guide on how to write the Prayers of the Faithful, and how to proclaim the Word in the Sequences, additional readings at the Easter and Pentecost vigils, and lay-led celebrations of the Word.

The time commitment is four hours of live classroom (Zoom), plus around 2 hours of personal work each week on the training platform.

We would welcome to our programs any of your parishioners who are interested in participating. The cost of the program is \$80pp and a 20% discount is offered to parishes who are sponsoring 5 or more people to attend. More information about the program, including how to register, can be found on our webpage

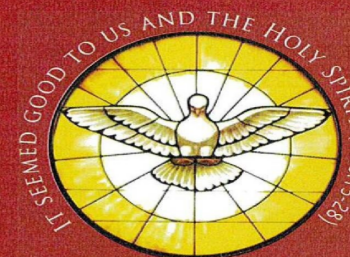
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Remembering the Sick:

Keith Cook, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, 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: Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jamjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Good morning everyone,

There are a range of spam emails circulating again. These emails have addresses which look similar to clergy, parish or religious addresses and request money, gift cards or similar and often mention someone who is very sick or dying. This is a reminder to all parishioners not to respond to any emails, texts, WhatsApp etc of this kind.

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

May

For the formation of religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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