



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

This Pentecost, we invite you to reflect on a simple question:

Where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work?

Perhaps through:

- an answered prayer
- a moment of encouragement
- an experience of peace during a difficult time
- someone's kindness or generosity
- a conversation that brought hope
- witnessing God work through another person

The Holy Spirit is alive and active in our parish and in the ordinary moments of daily life. Often, hearing the story of how God is moving in someone else's life can strengthen and encourage our own faith.

Over the coming weeks and months, we would love to begin sharing **short testimonies and reflections from parishioners** in our bulletin and community life.

If you have a short story, answered prayer, or moment where you experienced God's presence, we invite you to share it with us.

Sometimes the most powerful witness is simply hearing how God is quietly at work among ordinary people!

Events and Announcements

23-24
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National Count of Attendance: Census for Age Brackets

The Australian Bishops conference has asked all parishes across the country to conduct a National Count of Attendance this past month. This weekend they asked us to get a census of the different age groups (0-17 | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-69 | 70+) in each parish. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in the counting process.

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Alpha Course: WEEK 7- How Does God Guide Us?

Thursdays, in the Collins Wing at 6:30pm. Alpha is an 12-week series that creates a space for honest conversations in a warm, welcoming environment—no pressure, no judgment. Everyone is welcome. Come for the conversation, stay for the community. Interested? **Please register via the QR code or** via this link: <https://forms.gle/nWAn56SRjXQx7jbg5>

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Pentecost Flame Night with the MGL Sisters

Young Women aged 18-35 are invited to come and celebrate Pentecost with pizza, praise and a bonfire with the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters. Saturday 30th May 6pm. For more info & to register, scan the QR code.



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Commissioning Masses

On the weekend of 30th-31st of May, at all Sunday Masses, we will be commissioning our new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

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Jericho Prayer Walk (Intercession)

On Sunday 31st of May at 7.30pm after the 6pm Charismatic Mass, we will be holding a Jericho Prayer Walk in the church. This involves a simple procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the church with praise, interceding for particular intentions. Our prayer intention for the event will be responding to Dr Joanna Howe's call to pray for support for an act that is to be debated in NSW Parliament to ban sex selective abortion.

Wanting to be a Sacristan? - Trial Runs

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For those who came to our liturgical training back in March who were seeking to become Sacristans, but perhaps lack the confidence, we encourage you to make yourself known to one of the priests. From there, you can organise with them potentially doing assisted trial runs. That would involve coming to mass roughly 30mins earlier to observe and learn from the current sacristans themselves, where you can ask questions and get comfortable with the process.

First Holy Communion - Pray for Our Recipients

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Our First Holy Communion recipients from both our Parish and School are receiving the Eucharist for the first time next month. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their special day!

Adoration Roster - Current hours to fill

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- Monday 8-9am
- Tuesday 6-7pm
- Friday 7-8pm

If you can fill one of these, please sign up via the QR-Code!



How to connect with our Parish?

KINGDOM KIDS

Sun 9am Mass (except school holidays & long weekends)

Sherice Kazzi (Contact Parish Office)

FUSION YOUTH GROUP

Friday Nights (Fortnightly)

7-9pm Collins Wing

Axel Healey (Contact Parish Office)

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Each Monday (school term)

9.30am, Parish Centre

Rachael Nano (Contact Parish Office)

MEN'S SHARING GROUP

Tuesday Nights (Fortnightly)

7:30pm, Parish Centre

John Murray (Contact Parish Office)

REST IN ME MEDITATIONS

Wednesdays (Fortnightly)

10am-12pm, Parish Centre

Ayanthi Perera (Contact Parish Office)

STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights

After 5:30pm Mass, Civic

(Contact Parish Office)

Sacrament Dates 2026

First Reconciliation: 25th of March

First Communion: 21st of June

Confirmation: Not happening next year.

RCIA begins TBD

Marriage and Baptisms by request.

Before each sacrament there is an information evening, a sacramental program, a retreat then the date of the sacrament itself.

If you would like your child to receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information.

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents; Pamela Brown and family, Tony Evans, Caroline Evans, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Wendy Fisher-Hudson, Barry Murphy, Helen French, Sagar Julie O'Brien, Oscar.S, Michael and Rita, Peter Robinson, May Agnew and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Anthony Wright, Dragica Jagodic.

Priests:



Parish:



Giving / Stewardship

Give now using QKR!

1st Collection: supports our parish priests

2nd Collection: helps with the running costs to our parish (wages, utilities).

Donation via Deposit

If you would like to join our planned giving program or make a donation; contact the parish office for account details.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

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.'

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. (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

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 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

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.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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Our Commitment to Safeguarding:

At St Benedict's Parish, we are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We follow Archdiocesan safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that everyone in our community is protected and respected.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays

5:30pm (Tues, Thurs)
12:30pm (Wed)
5.30pm Friday Healing Mass

Saturday

8am
5pm (Vigil)

Sunday

9am
6pm (Charismatic)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Mon - Tue:

7am - 9pm

Wed - Thurs:

1pm - 9pm

Friday

7am - Sat 8am



ROSARY

After each weekday mass except Fridays.
After Sat 8am Mass.



RECONCILIATION

Friday

6:15pm - 7pm

Saturday

5pm - 5.30pm



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION & PERSONAL VOCATION

Adrian Wellspring

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