



### 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

*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.'

### 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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# The Living Word

**Pentecost Sunday, Year A**

**31 May 2020**

### 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.**

OR

**(R.) 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

*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.



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Next Week: Most Holy Trinity (A) Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

## Fr Stan writes ...

The **Season of Easter** concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost, the patronal feast of our parish. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are called to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Usually our **Feast day** is a big event for our parish, celebrated with Mass and an International Food Fair, which has become very popular over the last few years. Unfortunately, it is not possible for this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and for all our parishioners that are greatly missed. We will plan for a bigger than ever Pentecost celebration in 2021.

## Happy Feast Day to all!



**Come, Holy Spirit, we need you.  
Come, Holy Spirit, we pray  
Come with your strength and your  
power,  
come in your own special way.  
Come like a spring in desert,  
come to my withered soul,  
come with your sweet healing  
power,  
touch me and make me whole.  
Glory be to the Father, Glory be to  
the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit, now and for  
ever. Amen.**

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You  
were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never  
permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



**CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS with restrictions. A maximum of 10 people ONLY are permitted to attend. All places for each Mass must be pre-booked no more than 5 days in advance by phoning the parish office on 9888 2569. Names must be recorded with contact details and proper hygiene procedures followed. Bookings should be on rotation to give everyone who wishes the opportunity to attend Mass. For more details check our website.**

## Supporting our Seafarers during the Pandemic

Donations of personal hygiene products are urgently sought for Care Packages being put together for the thousands of seafarers trapped on ships coming into Sydney waters.

Chaplain to the Seafarers, Sr Mary Leahy, said donations of shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, knitted beanies and chocolates are desperately needed for the thousands of seamen currently stranded on ships on our waterfront due to the Coronavirus.

Sr Mary has spent the past 20 years helping those who earn a living on the seas and said she has never seen conditions so dire.

St Andrew Malabar, St Charles Borromeo Ryde/ Gladesville, Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda, All Saints Liverpool and Mary Immaculate Waverley have agreed to be drop-off points for the donations. However if you would like to support the appeal and collect donations please contact journalist Debbie Cramsie at the Sydney Archdiocese on [debbie.cramsie@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:debbie.cramsie@sydneycatholic.org)



**FIRST FRIDAY Mass & Devotions this coming Friday 5th June will be live streamed from 8:00pm.**

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**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Immacolata Dominello, Kenny Sutherland, Craig Kooyman recently deceased.**

Also, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Maria & Nino Rossi, Ignazio (Jim) Torrissi, Walter Gaspari, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Vincenzo Surace, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Angelo, Carmela & Paul Scicluna, Gregory Zammit, Christopher Cissie, Pauline Zahra, Lina Maria & Joe Mallia, Gladwyn Allen, Marissa Nagrampa, Therese Meyer, Narciso Factor Jr., Hilario Lopez, Cristy Mangila and the deceased members of the Bennett, Blayney, Higo, Zammit and Zahra families.