



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

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

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Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Living Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 July 2020

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.



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Next Week: 15th Ordinary (A) Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23.

Fr Stan writes ...

This Sunday's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

As from last Wednesday, 1st July, further COVID-19 restrictions were eased. This means we can now sit 120 people in the church, 23 in the Day Chapel and a few more in the foyer if needed. It is of paramount importance that we abide by the regulations to maintain physical distancing and to follow proper hygiene practices. Please only sit on the marked pews and use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church.

Congratulations to Father Anthony who celebrated the **10th Anniversary of Ordination on 3rd July**. Father Anthony, we thank you for your ministry in our parish in your busy schedule and we promise to continue to pray for you.



Our Flame Gift Shop is OPEN! Check out the great selection of cards and gifts for all occasions. Come in and visit us and see our range of sacramental and general gifts. There is something for everyone. All proceeds benefit our parish!

We welcome into our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Mateo John Zeaiter and congratulate his family.

Further easing of restrictions on churches

Under eased COVID-19 restrictions from July 1, church attendance numbers are now unlimited, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household.

Attendance at baptisms and funerals are now unlimited, providing the four square metre rule is followed while weddings may still allow a maximum of 20 guests, unless a church can accommodate more guests while ensuring the four square metre rule is followed.

All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and must keep written records with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time and these records must be kept for at least 4 weeks.



Planned Giving Program: Your new set of envelopes are available from the church foyer as usual. Your giving number has not changed, so if you are unable to collect your new set from the church, any contribution to the Planned Giving Program can be made by using an ordinary envelope and quoting your number. Thank you for your ongoing support in these difficult times. If you wish to join the Planned Giving Program or for any changes to your details, please call Nadia at the parish office 9888 2569 or 0419 269 692. **Parish Finance Team.**



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PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Raffaele Ciccarelli, Maree Gill recently deceased.

Also, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, 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, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Angelo, Carmela & Paul Scicluna, Gregory Zammit, Christopher Cissie, Pauline Zahra, Lina Maria & Joe Mallia, John Dominello, Nunziata Pirina of the Zammit and Zahra families.