

The Living Word

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

28 May 2023

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

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 people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear the disciples speaking their own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these people speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in our 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.

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.



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

The Lord be with you.

(R.) AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

(R.) GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

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.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energizing them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realized that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action, they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, Mass for St Sebastian Mission, Syro-Malabar Community (Malayalam language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
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COLUMBARIUM

Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

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Recently Deceased: Brian O'Donoghue and Joy Conway.

Anniversaries 28th May to 3rd June: Jo Green, Moira Hogan, Brian Andrews, Tim Kirkman, Fr Patrick O'Sullivan, Leo Callanan, Kath Drew, Saveria Tarzzia, Ann Kerley, Sarah Guilfoil, Elizabeth Cross, Italo Tedoldi and John Simpson.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Connie D'Amico, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 4th June at 9:00am:

(C) Janine Fitzpatrick (L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick (SM) Sandra Duggan, Jo Ballard (W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 4th June at 11:00am:

(C) Roger Furphy (L) Ann Maree Furphy (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Sam Sammut.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 30th May at 10:00am:

Emanuel Baglieri and Ken Caffyn.

SAFEGUARDING – IMPORTANT UPDATE – 5TH MAY 2023

The "Safeguarding Essentials" group training has now been scheduled – details below. We strongly encourage volunteers that have not completed the online course to attend. The training session is mandatory for all volunteers who give their time in any capacity. We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: Saturday 8th July **Time:** 1pm to 2:30pm

Location: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove

Presenter: Rosemary Teed, Safeguarding Office for Western Region of Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

RSVP BY FRIDAY 30TH JUNE to Jennie Ryan at

Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au or call the parish office.

Thank you to everyone that has reviewed and confirmed their "Volunteer Contact Information" document. To date, emails have been sent to members of the Pastoral Council Faith Development & Finance Committees and Counters. I would appreciate it if you could check your inbox for an email from Queenscliff Safeguarding, review the document and confirm the details or provide up to date information where necessary. We are still in the process of contacting all volunteers so don't worry if you haven't been contacted as yet.

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

Hospitality for Trinity Sunday (4th June) – Queenscliff: for the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, a lunch will be provided in the Contemporary Learning Space at St Aloysius Primary School following 11am Mass.

Hospitality Sunday – Ocean Grove: will take place next **Sunday, 4th June**, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove. ALL WELCOME!

Morning tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads, on Thursday 1st June at 10am. All welcome. Just bring yourselves!

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

COUNTERS WANTED! If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office. A National Police Check (arranged via parish office) and WWCC are required.

Inner Peace in Divine Love – the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola: if you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book, please contact the parish office. Discounted cost is \$32.00.

The Faith Development and Spirituality Group is planning three mid-winter reflection group meetings on the following Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm: 25th June, 2nd July and 9th of July to be held in Ocean Grove. More details to follow. Topic: *Reflecting on the Uluru Statement from the Heart.*

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): 'From the Address of Pope St John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs, Nov. 1986... "You must not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages must never be lost."

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) thanks everyone who has donated Groceries, Vouchers and Money so far this year. We will resume rotating the collection boxes in a few months. In the meantime anyone wanting to give support could email shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au or donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066.

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:

- **Thursday 1st June** – *Creation in Crisis: responding in the spirit of Laudato Si*. Presenter: Sr Margie Abbott rsm.
- **Friday 2nd June** – *God and the Ordinary: exploring through poetry and art*. Presenter: Sr Mary Wicklam rsm.
- **Wednesday 21st June** – *God's gift of Interculturality*. Presenter: Sr Cathy Solano rsm.
- **Thursday 22nd June** – *Our unconscious biases and how to live with them*. Presenter: Sr Cathy Solano rsm.

To register: contact Sr Lizzie at Santa Casa via phone 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.com.au.

Full 2023 schedule: <https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/day-programs-2023-at-santa-casa-retreat-centre/>.

Nazareth Parish: Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea – Position Vacant – Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator – Part Time: We are currently looking for a Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator for the Nazareth Parish encompassing Grovedale, Torquay and Anglesea. The position is 10 hours per week. The position is located at St Therese Catholic Church, Torquay. For further information, including a Position Description, please email the Parish office, grovedale@cam.org.au. Applications are to be sent to Fr. Linh Tran at grovedale@cam.org.au and should include a cover letter together with a current resume. Applications close 4th June.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 29th May – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)

Tuesday 30th May – Weekday, Ordinary Time 8

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 31st May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:00am Requiem Funeral Mass for Mr Brian O'Donoghue at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Thursday 1st June – St Justin (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with OLSOS Year 4 students attending

Friday 2nd June – Sts Marcellinus and Peter (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 3rd June – Sts Charles Lwanga & companions (Memorial)

Sunday 4th June – The Most Holy TRINITY (Solemnity)

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Thought for the Week:

Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold.

– Zelda Fitzgerald.

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