

PENTECOST 2024 | Holy Trinity Parish

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

19 May 2024

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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. 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.**

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.)**

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.)**

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

A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless they are 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. Thanks be to God.

The Golden Sequence *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From Thy 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 us will stay;
All our 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 those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give them comfort when they die,
Give them life with Thee on high;
Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia.

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. And with your spirit.

✠ *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

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:

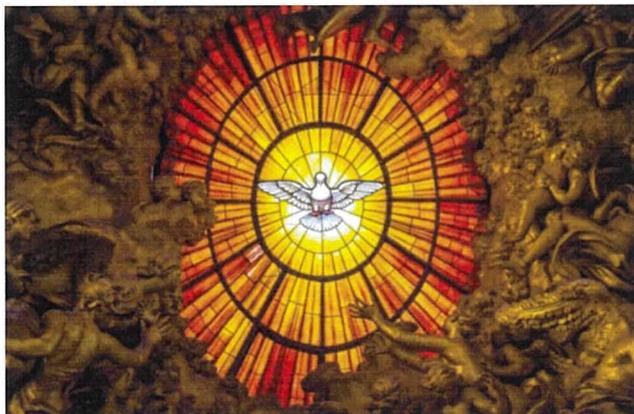
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Depiction of the Holy Spirit in St. Peter's Basilica. | Paolo Gallo / Shutterstock.

Historical Context

Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising 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 realised 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.

Living the Gospel

Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
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.

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Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

Recently Deceased: Lorraine Valerie McBeath.

Anniversaries 19th May to 25th May: Carmelo Scaffidi, Dorothy Freeman-Smith, Kevin Miller, Imri Meszaroz, John Brady, Tony Muscat, Les Reid, Nell Coghlan, Phil Deal and Joy Conway.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Michael Dowling, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Frank Flynn, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy 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: 26th May at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor (L) Catherine Hayes (SM) Sr Nola Morrissy, David O'Connor (W) Remo & Naomi Bianco.

QUEENSCLIFF: 26th May at 11:00am:

(C) Michael Scott (L) Margaret-Mary Flynn (SM) Lisa Piasente (W) Helper required.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 21st May at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and Sam Sammut.

** 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.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

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.

Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering: people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Sunday 19th May 2024 at 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

Join our dream team at Vinnies in Queenscliff and make a difference in your community by volunteering your time. Whether you're organising donations, assisting customers, or contributing your unique skills, every moment counts. Join us in creating a positive impact today. See church noticeboard for flyer.

Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO terminal. These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): if you wish to continue support you can donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: www.queenscliffar.org.

Hospitality at Queenscliff after Mass next Sunday 26th May for our Parish Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. All Welcome !!

Congratulations to all the young people in our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. Thanks to Teachers, Catechists, Parents & Guardians, and to Bishop Martin Ashe.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 20th May – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)

Tuesday 21st May – Sts Christopher and companions (Memorial)

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

Wednesday 22nd May – St Rita of Cascia (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 23rd May – Weekday, Ordinary Time 7

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

Friday 24th May – OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS (Solemnity)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 5 and St Aloysius Years 5

Saturday 25th May – St Bede of Venerable, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (Memorial)

Sunday 26th May – The Most Holy TRINITY

Parish Feast Day

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Parish Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father, Holy Trinity Parish is your family, committed to praying and growing together, as we build on the gifts of our past, the living of our present and our hopes for the future.

Lord Jesus, we are nourished by prayer, the word and sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We recognize and trust in each other's spiritual gifts. We will strive to be a visible sign of God's love for the world.

Holy Spirit, baptized in your name, we accept the challenge to live as Jesus did. We will celebrate our lives and gifts in service to others, welcoming all people, and sharing our talents and resources.

As a parish, we will endeavour to make present the Kingdom of God, here and now. AMEN.

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An Australian Pentecost

Words by Chris Smyth (Courtesy of Anne & Peter Carpenter)

Holy Spirit, love of God
Guardian of our great south land
Dedicated to the Spirit
Land of contrasts and extremes
Thund'rous seas and endless deserts
Blist'ring heat and flooding rain
All creation gives You praise

We have come from many cultures
Building lives for families here
We are people of the Dreaming
We are refugees from fear
May we welcome to our nation
Those in need of love and care
Holy Spirit hear our prayer

Holy Spirit, Dove of Peace
Help us live in harmony
May we treasure land and people
Building up your Church on Earth
Now we sing our praises to you
Praying from your great south land
Holy Spirit, love of God

Thought for the Week: Well done is better than well said

- Benjamin Franklin.

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