

Feast of Pentecost (Year B) *Sunday 23 May 2021*

First reading *Acts 2:1-11*
When Pentecost day came round, they 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
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34
The Response Is:
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.

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.

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.

SECOND READING *Galatians 5:16-25*
If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.
Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.
The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Sequence
Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the 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 man will stay
All his 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 us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 15:26-27,16:12-15*
Jesus said to his disciples:
'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“When the Spirit of Truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth”



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass
Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)
Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment
Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

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The Holy Spirit is the fuel of Christian life

Happy Birthday to all of us! Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. Hence it's the birthday of all Christians. It might be a good idea to take this opportunity to make a reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Let me begin with a little story of Dr. Paul Wilson Brand, who was known as the pioneer of muscle tendon-transplant operations in leprosy patients to restore function to paralyzed hands and feet. Once he gave a talk to a medical college in India, and his talk was based on the Gospel of Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." In front of the lectern was an oil lamp, with its cotton wick burning from the shallow dish of oil. As he preached, the lamp ran out of oil, the wick burned dry, and the smoke made him cough. He immediately used the opportunity. "Some of us here are like this wick," he said. "We're trying to shine for the glory of God, but we stink. That's what happens when we use ourselves as the fuel of our witness rather than the Holy Spirit. Wicks can last indefinitely, burning brightly and without irritating smoke, if the fuel, the Holy Spirit, is in constant supply."

Dr. Philip W. Brand, I believe, is perfectly right that the Holy Spirit must be the fuel that gives constant supply to our Christian life and Christian witness. Without the Holy Spirit the life of a Christian becomes empty, and worse it stinks. Nobody likes an unpleasant smell. No one likes a dead possum left unburied in the backyard, or dead rat hidden in kitchen. The Christian life without the Holy Spirit is like that dead possum or dead rat. Instead of giving glory to God and bringing joy to others, our Christian life brings an unpleasant smell to God and others.

We learn from the Acts of the Apostle that the descending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day had given them wisdom, courage and strength to proclaim the Good News. They brought joy to the world. The result of their preaching was incredible. Thousands of people were over-joyed and accepted the Good News. Saint Paul in his Letter to the Galatians tells us that the coming of the Holy Spirit brings us transformation that makes us persons of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In the Gospel Jesus confirms that the work of the Holy Spirit is to guide us into the complete truth. I think this is very true. Again, take the apostles for instance, before the coming of the Holy Spirit they were confused, disoriented and lacking of understanding of Jesus' teachings. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, however, their minds were opened and they began to understand the whole truth.



As we celebrate the Pentecost let us welcome the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and become the source of our self-transformation, inner strength to preach the Good News, and guide us into the complete truth of our salvation. Let me close with prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Global Week of Prayer for the Church in China and the peoples of China 23-30 May 2021

As you may be aware, there are reports that the persecution of people of faith in China has increase in recent times. This not only includes Catholics and Christians but also Buddhists, Muslims and other believers who are routinely persecuted, imprisoned and tortured. Please pray that all believers in China are given the freedom to practise their faith and that human dignity is always upheld and respected. (Excerpts from Vicar Joe caddy's letter to priests)

MAY MASS COUNT.

During the month of May, the Archdiocese organises this survey during the weekends so as to know how Catholics are faring in their church attendance and to organise better the pastoral needs of the parishes.

Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/3sNC1W1> where you can listen anytime!



Sacred Heart Primary School 2022 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2022 school year are closing on Monday 21 June 2021. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021

Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Elle Rose Gauci** into our Parish family



Last Week's Collection: 16/5/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,044
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$530
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Chaplaincy Appeal 2021

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have donated to this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about Chaplaincy services, please visit www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Thank you for supporting Chaplaincy Appeal 2021

NEW - Electronic sign in by QR code

Sacred Heart church is now using Electronic Sign-in by QR Code for all Masses as directed by the Victorian Government. Paper based record keeping is no longer accepted. To Sign-in when you arrive at church, you can use the QR Code posters in the foyer. Scan the QR Code using the Services Victoria App on your smart phone.

Note: You MUST have the Services Victoria App installed

Tip: Install the app now from:

<https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/>

When you arrive at church, open the Services Victoria App and tap on the "Contact tracing Check-In" button (as shown below) then scan the QR Code on the posters in the foyer.



Then, you only need to enter your first name and phone number. The parish will not receive this data. The Victorian Government contact tracers will use this data if a Covid-19 outbreak occurs. The data is stored by the government for 28 days. We will have volunteers in the foyer to assist anyone who does not have a smart-phone - please be patient and arrive with plenty of time before Mass.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us Pray Together today for victims of the climate crisis and continue to work so that the earth may truly be a common home where everyone can have their place.



LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19

Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Updated as of 5:00pm Thursday 8 April 2021:

Full guidelines can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3uBL1io>

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

A message to Parish Priests

Mandatory use of Victorian Government QR Code Service

Last Friday (7 May 2021) the Victorian Government announced that it is moving to a single QR Code Covid-19 check-in system. This means that by 6pm on Friday, 28 May, all Parishes must use the free Victorian Government QR Code Service and have Covid marshals in place to ensure people are checking in at relevant Parish activities (e.g. Mass, weddings and funerals, and use of Parish spaces for community events).

Parishes should continue to proactively encourage parishioners to check-in.

Parishes should also make reasonable efforts to provide or use alternative record-keeping systems for people who do not have access to, or cannot use, a personal mobile phone or another device (e.g. iPad) to use the QR Code Service to check in.

Manual record keeping (pen and paper) can only be used if electronic record keeping is temporarily unavailable such as during an internet outage.

Obviously, I very much regret the additional burden placed on you and your Parishes in relation to QR codes. I wish it were otherwise.

Tim O'Leary

Executive Director Stewardship

(the above letter has been edited for relevance)

THE SACRED HEART COMMUNITY CELEBRATES

Today we celebrate the 6th anniversary of Pope Francis's call to the worldwide Catholic community to care for God's Earth in his Papal Letter *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home. During Mass today we will reflect on what this call means for each of us.

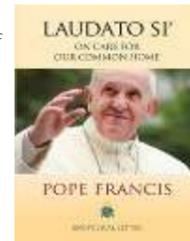
Pope Francis challenges us to *Care for Our Common Home* by growing in faith, hope and love. To live in healthy relationships with God, neighbours, and all creation. We are called to be ecological citizens, to make prudent decisions, and to sometimes take bold actions. In the particular matter of climate change, we are cautioned to reduce emissions and pollutants like carbon dioxide when it is in our control. By doing so we will nurture and support human life in all its stages, as well as protect the goodness and beauty of God's great gift of the natural environment.

Pope Francis encourages us:

LS 245: "In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him"

We know we are in an environmental crisis of our own making, but we also know that when we are strong as a community, we can make the changes in our lives to restore our home planet. As a Parish community, we want to be responsive to the urgent call of our Holy Father. Pope Francis hears the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

To celebrate today you are invited to join the *Global Catholic Climate Movement*. <https://catholicclimatemovement.global>



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, John Plum ,and Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Umberto Fiorenti (in Italy)

We Commemorate

Maria Crocco, The Crocco, Moretti, Gelain, Rizzo, Bradshaw, Borowicki & Valier-D'Abate families Keith John Townsend Cosimo Oppedisano (10th Anniv.)

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Thank you Mass for Fr Jan

At the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 30 May we will offer a thank you Mass to Fr Jan.

This will be followed by tea and coffee at Sacred Heart Primary School.

We will be taking up a special collection for Fr Jan at all the weekend Masses.

Archbishop's Letter for Pentecost



Please find in the Church foyer a Letter the Archbishop has written to open up the conversations around re-imagining our local Church as Mission Communities.

Roster for weekend of 29/30 May 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Peter Bourke
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Judeline Wadhvani Catherine Zanatta	Tony Eley
Sun 6.00pm	Tim Rankin Damian Casamento	Margaret Rankin

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 29 May 2021

Cory / Michael
Thank you for your help

