

# Pentecost Sunday, Year A

## 30th - 31st May 2020

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 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; peoples 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.

**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.

**Second Reading:** Corinthians 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 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.

### 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.

### 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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



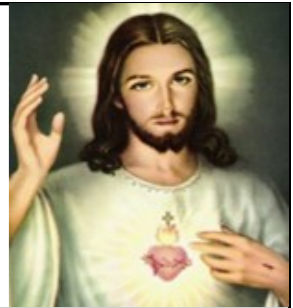
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### I Send You

One of the biggest obstacles that holds us back and does not allow ourselves to develop to the best of our ability, is to expect others to take initiative and we just join to follow. Every now and then we may hear a statement like, "nothing happens in our parish." In reply to such a statement one may immediately ask, "And what have you done to make 'something' happen?" These kind of statements are very typical of a spirit of passivity, which - as statistical research also shows - is quite widespread among Catholics. There may be a lot of onlookers and critics, but not so many of those who would like to take some initiative and do more than others. And the field for taking initiatives is really large. However, it takes not only good will, but also a little courage to take a risk and take on something that others do not want to attempt.

The Gospel for this Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the words that Jesus addresses to his disciples: "Peace to you! As the Father sent Me, I send you." These words prompt us to realise that this message of Jesus somehow touches each one of us. Although in the passage of the Gospel it is connected with the mission of forgiving sins which Jesus entrusted to the apostles, we must not forget that in a wider context, as part of His message to proclaim the Good News, it is addressed to each of us. In this regard, every baptised person, and especially those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, must sense that the words 'I am sending you' also apply to them. To believe and follow Jesus does not only mean to live good lives, ourselves only, on its own. To believe and follow Jesus means to feel responsible for the path to God that the other person has to follow, the one who is very close to us, and the one we may not know yet.

There is a great diversity of gifts, ministries and actions in the Church, the Body of Christ. The image of the Church as a body is more than just an analogy. The Church is not only "similar" to the body, but is actually the Body of Christ. As in the human body, different parts work together for the common good, so diversity in the Church is also essential. Diversity in ways of action, in pastoral models or cultural conditions

must, however, be placed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to remain one Body. The variety of models of action and ministry cannot therefore be a result of someone's own idea (cf. Col 2:23), but a fruit of the working of the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit is able to make different actions, different services and different ministries combined into one for the good of the Church. What can I do to make 'something' happen?



### Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

### Assistant Priest:

Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD

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Fr Ennio Mantovani, SVD

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### This Week's Masses

**Saturday 30th May**

Sunday Vigil Mass, 6 pm

**Sunday 31st May**

9am and 11 am (both English)

**Monday 1st June**

9.10am and 6 pm

**Tuesday to Friday**

9.10am

There is a limit of 20 people (including children) to attend every Mass, therefore it is necessary to register by calling Fr Jan on mobile on 0400469540 or 9480 3398.



**Update: General Guidelines  
COVID-19 Implications for the  
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

From 11:59pm on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies will be eased:

- \* Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 20 people in a single undivided indoor space, subject to the four square metre rule plus the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony.
- \* 20 people in addition to the celebrant and couple being married can attend a wedding. If a wedding is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people is allowed, including the celebrant and the couple.
- \* 50 people can attend a funeral in addition to the officiant and funeral staff, subject to the four square metre rule. If a funeral is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people can be present (including the officiant and funeral staff).

In general, conditions require:

- Clear signage around service schedules, social distancing and hygiene requirements;
- Availability of sanitiser and disinfectant wipes, and safe disposal sites;
- Churches to be cleaned after a scheduled service or opening;
- Maintenance of 1.5m of separation and planned entry and exit pathways;
- Building capacity rules must apply – 1 person per 4 square metres.
- All attendees to provide contact details.

**Praying during the COVID-19 lockdown**

I invite you to a meditation prayer with Father Richard Shortall SJ. It takes about 24 minutes. You will find it here: <https://email.jesuitcommunications.com/t/d-l-mijytk-qituddttu-p/>

Please click on the following link for:

[A Word of Encouragement to the Catholic People of Australia from the Bishops of Australia](#)

**Online Masses**

**St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:**

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

**Recorded masses can also be viewed at:**

[www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

Or: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

**TV Masses**

**Channel 44 (31):** Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

**Channel 10:** Mass for you at home, Sunday at 6am.

**RAI:** Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday at 8:30am



**National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June)**

Celebrated annually, Reconciliation Week is a time when we can all reflect on how we can positively contribute to reconciliation in our own communities and how we can build relationships that value the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As Pope John Paul II said in his 1986 address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

24 / 25 May 2020

**Collections**

1st Collection: \$465.00

2nd Collection: \$275.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



**'Laudato Si' Year**

Pope Francis announced a Year dedicated to the 'Laudato Si' encyclical, which runs from 24 May 2020 to 24 May 2021. Here is a special prayer for the Laudato Si Year:



Loving God,  
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.  
Be present to those in need in these difficult times,  
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity  
as we confront the consequences  
of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing  
the changes required to seek the common good.  
Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected  
and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding  
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.  
May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs  
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord,  
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,  
Amen.

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

Pope Francis



**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

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

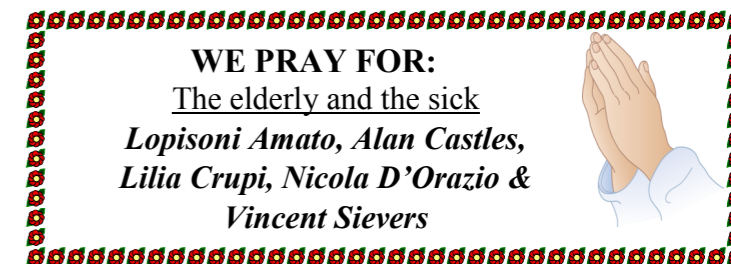
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And  
You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly  
wise and ever enjoy His consolations,  
through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



**Resources for Pentecost Sunday**

Please share these online resources with your families.  
The [family resource](#) is designed for families with young children.



**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick  
*Lopisoni Amato, Alan Castles,  
Lilia Crupi, Nicola D'Orazio &  
Vincent Sievers*



**A Prayer to St Joseph**

You were receptive to God working in your life.  
Help us by your prayers at the time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:  
may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to  
those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:  
help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:  
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly  
and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all  
history and every situation: help us grow in faith and  
pray to the Father, *thy will be done.*

Amen

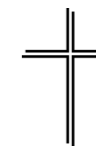


**To All Readers and Communion Ministers**

As we are slowly resuming our Mass celebrations and new rosters will be prepared, I kindly like to remind you and ask you to make sure that you have a valid Working with Children (WWC) card. It is now compulsory that everyone "working as a volunteer" in the parish is required by the government and the Church authorities to have a valid WWC.

We are happy to provide any assistance with obtaining a WWC, just contact Fr Jan in this regard.

I trust that you understand that this is a requirement and will comply with it.



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