



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



### **PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022**

*The Feast of Pentecost that we are celebrating today, is the moment that formed a small motley mob of followers, into a dynamic evangelising community.*

*Like the early church we gather today, to share in the Word of God, to receive the Body of Christ, and to share something about what it means to be a Christian in 2022.*

*The Church was not born out of worldly triumph, but out of a sense of vulnerability. It was the faith of the apostles in Jesus, not the size of their numbers, not the strength of their resources, that determined the outcome of their mission.*

*The mission of the Church is not about asserting its dominance or wielding power. The Church's mission should be about the transformation of society through the quality of its witness and friendship and develop fresh ways of being companions to the people of today.*



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal People who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

#### **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community		
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France	Sat & Sun

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Juliet Hutchins, Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Sunday	5th June 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Tuesday	7th June 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Sunday	12th June 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	15th June 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset

#### **TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE WE ENCOURAGE**

**MASK WEARING  
PHYSICAL DISTANCING  
HAND SANITISING,  
STAY HOME IF SICK**

We are able to safely seat 100 people at Morisset We still have a pre-book option available for our services but it is not compulsory (You need to do this each week). Please arrive 15mins early if you book and notify us of any cancellation. When the seating capacity of the Church is reached the overflow will be accommodated in the Callinan Centre for live streaming. To pre-book use the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or the Eventbrite App or Eventbrite Website <http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or call the Parish Office between 9am and 2pm .

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## **REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C 05/06/2022**

One of the most important dates in our Church's calendar is Pentecost Sunday which is celebrated, as the name suggests, 50 days after Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples AND coincides with the Jewish festival of the Harvest, which is celebrated 7 weeks— plus 1 day— after the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, which commemorates the Passover Meal.

(Exodus 23:16)

At this time of year, then, Jewish pilgrims from many parts of the world would gather in Jerusalem to celebrate the Harvest Feast. Despite the many different languages among these visitors, after the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and they began to speak to people, they were all able to understand what the disciples were saying and had no difficulty coming together to hear the "good news" which the disciples had been commissioned to spread amongst ALL people.

Throughout the Easter Season, readings from the Acts of the Apostles have told us of the mission of the early Church and we have travelled from Jerusalem and Judaea to Asia Minor, Greece and finally Rome—a very eventful ecclesial journey, both personal and spiritual.

However before Jesus departed he assured his disciples that he would not leave them orphaned but would ask the Father to send them another Advocate to be with them— an indwelling Spirit that would be like a flame to kindle their love for one another and enable them to keep the Commandments and continue to preach the Gospel. The Holy Spirit would "teach them everything and remind them of all he had said to them".

These words of Jesus suggest wonder, warmth and gratitude. It is good for us to contemplate and fully appreciate the love that BINDS the Father and Son together and at the same time DWELLS in his believers' hearts.

The Gospel has been printed millions of times on paper and is sold in all languages, but people today, deceived and despairing, do not ask for a paper Gospel!

Our work as Christians is to give Christ a LIVING form again—to BE the hands, feet, eyes, heart and mouth of Christ, visible and active in our society.

St Paul wrote "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" and woe to us if we were not good news for one another and a well pleasing sight for God— through prayer and sacrifice, through love, goodness and mercy in word and deed— like the Samaritan—like Veronica— like Simon of Cyrene.

The HOLY SPIRIT, the divine power freely given to us, is always at work within us and it is free and unpredictable, it will lead us to NEW ways of living the Gospel.

St Mary MacKillop said in 1867 "We must teach more by example than by word"

Let us remember that people will close their ears to advice, but open their eyes to example. Heather White.



## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

Our St. Vincent de-Paul Cash Appeal will be held on Sunday June 12th. All

cash donations gratefully received to help our needy families!! Please let me know if you need a receipt.

Many thanks! Monica Gray

## **SAFEGUARDING FOR PARISHES TRAINING REMINDER**

Thank you to all those who have booked to attend this mandatory training on this Thursday 9th June 2022, please arrive at the Callinan Centre in time to be ready to start at 10am. The course is expected to take 3.5 to 4 hours. A light lunch will be served. If you require further information please contact the Parish Office. With thanks Juliet.

## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES FORMATION EVENTS OVER JUNE ONLINE 7.00PM-8.00PM**

**8 June- Educating the whole child to support learning and wellbeing-** Presented by Renee Tyczynski (Professional Officer [psychologist], Catholic Schools Office)

*Learn about how Catholic schools support student wellbeing by ensuring a safe, supported, inclusive environment, where students are engaged in their learning, form positive relationships and develop skills for their future within a faith-based community.*

**15 June- Social connections and improving senior's wellbeing-** Presented by Nicola Rosenthal (Regional Manager, Catholic Healthcare)

*Join with us as we explore the importance of social connections, and five keyways seniors can improve their wellbeing. The presentation will also discuss mental illness, grief and loss in later life and which support services are best suited for older Australians.*

**20 June- Relationships Matter-** Presented by Robyn Donnelly (Marriage and Relationship Educator- Pastoral Ministries)

*The session provides participants with an understanding of patterns of behaviours that drain our emotional bank accounts and can cause the relationship to go into meltdown or disconnection of the parties. Participants can reflect on 7 areas that create strong sound relationships starting at the foundations this includes research around rituals and shared meaning, so your relationship stays connected to get through areas of disagreements or conflict.*

To register go to [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events)

For more information and to Watch the Pope's message for the 10th World Meeting of Families go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/world-meeting-of-families-2022/resources/>

## **HUNTER CENTRE FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION INTRODUCTORY UNIT**

The Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education is running an Introductory Course in Clinical Pastoral Education commencing Monday 18 July. Topics covered will include: Pastoral Care, Listening, Self-Awareness, Grief, Healing and Illness, Community.

**Dates:** [Six weeks commencing Monday 18 July, 25 July, 1, 8, 15, 29 August](#) **Time:** 9.00am to 4.00pm

**Location:** MacKillop Parish Hall, Milson Street Charlestown

**Enrolment:** [1 July 2022](#)

**Enquiries:** [Fr.Roger.Zohrab@bigpond.com](mailto:Fr.Roger.Zohrab@bigpond.com) 0408 151 481

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### **LITURGY MATTERS: New life abounds? Will it live?**

It is the Season of Christian Initiation. That statement is both true and false.

LOUISE GANNON RSJ PUBLISHED MAY 31, 2022

On the one hand it is true because Easter is the primary season for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation – baptism, confirmation and communion. For adults seeking baptism all roads lead to the Easter Vigil.

The newly initiated adults are known as neophytes because they are new to Catholic life. They hold a place of honour throughout the Easter Season when the Catholic community gathers for Mass on Sunday. The community surrounds them as together, through our reflection on the Word of God and the Sacramental action, we deepen our understanding of the mystery of God's love which invites us into the daily rhythm of dying and rising. Sustaining and developing the relationship between neophytes and the parish community is central to this post baptismal period of Mystagogy. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) describes it as

'a time for the community and the neophytes to grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through mediation on the Gospel, sharing in the eucharist, and doing the work of charity. To strengthen the neophytes as they begin to walk in newness of life, the community of the faithful, their godparents, and their parish priests should give them thoughtful and friendly help.' (a. 234)

While Pentecost ends the Easter Season and the intense period of Post Baptismal Mystagogy, it does not end the special place the neophytes hold within the parish community. Ideally, the community continues to support them throughout the first twelve months of their Catholic life, a period which concludes with a celebration of the anniversary of their baptism. (RCIA a. 240)

Yes, new life abounds in many of our parishes! 'Will it live?' is an important question. To a large degree this depends on the community and our ongoing accompaniment of the neophytes.

It is not uncommon for some adults initiated into the Catholic community with such joy and commitment at Easter, to disappear after a few months. As we ponder why this is so, it is worth reflecting on how well the journey of their Initiation as seekers, catechumens, the elect and neophytes immersed them into the life of the community rather than keeping them isolated in a separate 'classroom' or a personal relationship with their sponsor. Christian faith is essentially relational. It is relationships that nurture life – relationships with God and each other – and sustain belonging.

Recently a member of one of our parish RCIA Teams had to remind the parish office that contrary to the notice that had been put in the parish bulletin, RCIA did not finish on Easter Sunday. Neither does RCIA conclude after Pentecost Sunday. RCIA runs all year and engages with seekers whenever they

knock on the parish door.

Which brings us to the other hand. While there is a 'high point' for Christian Initiation in the liturgical calendar, Christian Initiation is our core business, 24/7, twelve months of every year.

The enduring and timeless quality of this core ministry in the church applies as much to the Sacraments of Initiation for Children as it does to the initiation of adults. In the children's space we refer to the 'Confirmation Season,' currently marked by Fr Greg and some of the other clergy confirming children most nights of the week. In most parishes first communion follows. New life abounds! And for all the effort that goes into this ministry with families, the question, 'Will it live?' is even more relevant.

As with the RCIA, the answer is for the faith community to ponder. Having met with 90 families preparing for their children's confirmation/first communion, one of the priests said in a recent meeting that the main issue for families is they are time poor. Time poor people prioritise.

What we invite people to, needs to offer them real food. I'm talking about the parents more than the children. A friend whose children are currently in the 'Sacramental Program' in their parish was talking to me the other day. They are at Mass every week with a number of other young families. They sit together. He said it's like they're not there. The liturgy, like the sacramental program, is more disengaging than engaging. How might we invite all the families, like my friend's, to be part of the initiation process in future and to accompany other families who have less connection with the worshipping community?

In March 2020 Bishop Bill asked parishes to review the way they do Sacraments of Initiation for Children. It is only now that some parishes seem ready to engage in such reimagining. There are parish leaders who want change. Just last week one was in touch wanting something to inspire liturgy and initiation ministries. I have indicated previously there are two parishes wanting to engage in reimagining the ministry of Christian Initiation for Children. These are great signs of hope. The church has provided us with a great resource to guide our reimagining: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults! We would do well to immerse ourselves in its vision and principles.

As we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost let us pray for the gift of courage to change, for the grace of humility to engage in listening and dialogue, for commitment and openness to the Holy Spirit and to the yet unimagined possibilities that might emerge.

New life abounds. Will it live? To a large part that's up to you and me. Together we can do this. I invite you to consider indicating your willingness to be involved in the ministry of Christian Initiation to your parish leader. If you would like to be involved in a larger diocesan conversation, please let me know.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

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### **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: PINTS WITH A PURPOSE-ADVENTURES IN FAITH**

*No-one knows where that simple little 'yes' will take you.*

Join us for Pints with a Purpose as Brendon Mannix shares stories of a faith-filled adventure around the globe; crossing Europe and North America before getting 'ship-wrecked' in Malta and discovering the life he never knew he wanted. Brendon Mannix comes from a creative arts background with a passion for theatre directing and acting. If there's one thing Brendon loves, it's telling a good story. Brendon currently serves the Diocesan community in the role of Manager – Mission and Outreach.

**Date:** Monday, June 6 **Time:** Dinner from 6.00pm, talk from 7.00pm-8.00pm

**Location:** Sydney Junction Hotel, 8 Beaumont St Hamilton (The Hudson Room)

**For further enquiries,** contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0409 077 373

### **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE PRESENTS: 'HOW DO WE KNOW CHRIST NOW?'**

A free online conference (via zoom) will be held on Friday June 17 2022, 9.30am - 12.30pm with a variety of workshops. This conference will focus on the critical question: 'How do we know Christ now?' and explores how we know the same Christ more authentically and powerfully today.

#### **Workshops (11.30am - 12.30pm)**

1. 'Deep Incarnation' and Hope for the Transformation of the World led by Very Rev. Dr Kevin Lenehan
2. Profound Experiences as Encounter: Christian Spirituality for Today led by Dr Rina Madden
3. Exploring Mindfulness and Christian Contemplative Practices led by Dr Cullan Joyce
4. God the Artist Communicates to Us First, Before God the Lecturer: A Workshop Uncovering the Presence of God in Art led by Rev. Dr Elio Capra SDB

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Contact Dr Christopher Morris: [christopher.morris@ctc.edu.au](mailto:christopher.morris@ctc.edu.au)

### **COLLECTIVE HEARTS COME TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN TO THRIVE**

The sun was shining, and the green thumbs were keen at a recent Refugee Hub community garden working bee.

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Members of Collective Heart, Refugee Hub staff and local refugee families got together to pour some love into their new community garden. The group of volunteers wasted no time getting their hands dirty, weeding and topping up the garden beds, laying sugar cane mulch, planting fruit trees, putting up trellis for climbing veggies, sanding and treating the wooden garden tables and planting vegetable seeds in seed raising punnets.

Collective Heart is a membership-based group of like-minded people who are keen to actively use their skills for the benefit of others. The group is a community of 35 local people who empower each other to love others through acts of service, kindness and generosity.

Founder of Collective Heart, Matt Linnert, said the day was a great success and the group were happy to contribute to such a valuable community resource.

"I enjoyed seeing the new premises for the Refugee Hub. It was great to see a group of people from all backgrounds come

together and spend time together nurturing an environment, and in doing so, expanding their sense of community. It's a fantastic space and a great group of people," he said.

Mr Linnert shared Collective Heart has been collaborating with and supporting the Refugee Hub since 2019 and enjoy working with the staff and clients on projects.

"John and Mirja are genuine and helpful people who clearly care a lot about the people and families they support through the Hub. They are also supportive of collaborative partnerships to help build community and connection, which is important to us."

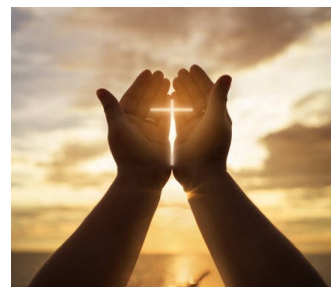
Team Leader for CatholicCare's Social Justice Programs, Mirja Colding-Moran, described the working bee as a wonderful experience for local individuals and families to come together.

To read the full story go to: <https://mnnews.today/social-services/2022/55408-collective-hearts-come-together-for-community-garden-to-thrive/>

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR ROSTERED MINISTRIES**

Thank you to those who have already answered the call. If you would like to be on the roster for Mass / Liturgy ministries such as Proclaimer, Psalmist, Presentation of the Gifts, Altar Serving, COVID Team, Cleaning etc please complete the online Rostered Ministries Sign-Up form just click on the button on the Parish Website Homepage or the link at the bottom of our news item in the Mass App or use this QR Code below, by 11pm on Monday 6th June 2022.

If you are new to volunteering in our parish you will also need to complete the Diocese's online Volunteer Registration at: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>



## **PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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### **SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1ST COLLECTION**

The 1st collections in 2020-21 are 67% of the 2018-19 1st collection, which is a 33% reduction. The first two quarters of 2021-22 show the decline continuing. We wish to thank those who have continued to support the Clergy and are asking for those who are not doing so to consider making contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App.

### **SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2ND COLLECTION**

We wish to thank everyone who has continued their support of our Parish during these very different times. You can support our Parish at Mass via the RED bucket or deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CDF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and Giver Number, or you can use the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App.

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES**

PENTECOST— 5TH JUNE

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH—6TH JUNE

SAINT BARNABAS— 11TH JUNE

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY— 12TH JUNE

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA— 13TH JUNE

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST— 19TH JUNE

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA—21ST JUNE

SAINTS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE—22ND JUNE

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS— 24TH JUNE

**Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:**

Yvonne Beecroft, Bernadette Martin, Sue Alexander, John Francisco, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett, Koby Smith, Patricia Jones.

**Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.**



### **WEEKEND ROSTERS**

		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<b><u>Presiders</u></b>	9.30	J France	Mass
<b><u>PROCLAIMER:</u></b>	9.30	K Amon	P Melvey
<b><u>PSALMIST:</u></b>	9.30	L McRae	K Lendon
<b><u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u></b>	9.30	L McRae	K Lendon
<b><u>GIFTS</u></b>	9.30	XXXX	L & G Hutchinson
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	9.30	XXXX	M Melvey
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	9.30	U France	T Alexander
<b><u>SOUND/ VID-EO:</u></b>	9.30	L & G Hutchinson	L & G Hutchinson
<b><u>COVID TEAM</u></b>	9.30	K Amon K Lendon J Vipan B Hutcheson	L McRae L McRae A Walker G Walker
<b><u>CLEANING</u></b>	9.30	COVID TEAMS	COVID TEAMS

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN**

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

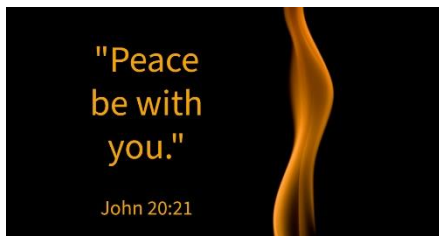
My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



**Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>**

*The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding (ph: 4979 1390 or email: [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)), or visit their website for further information ([www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)).*





# SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Pentecost Sunday Year C

Sunday 05 Jun 2022

## The Introductory Rites

### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, on which we gather today, who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

### Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

### Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

**Amen.**

### Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus Christ  
who has redeemed us  
and raised us to new life.

All:

**Blessed be God forever.**

### Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,  
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,  
we gather in God's name  
for when two or more come together  
God is always with us.  
United with the whole Church,  
we celebrate the joy of Easter  
and keep this day of the Lord holy.

## Opening Rite

### LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God  
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ  
who has raised us to new life.

*A brief period of silence follows.*

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you gather the nations to hear your word: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you call us to keep your commandments of love: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, your gift of the Spirit inflames our hearts: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

**All: Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

*All pause for silent prayer.*

God most holy,  
since the beginning of time  
your Holy Spirit has breathed new life  
and filled the earth with many good gifts.  
Pour your Holy Spirit on us, we pray,  
and fill us with the fire of your great love  
so that our lives may bear great fruit.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

#### **Acts 2:1-11**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*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; 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.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.**

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

**Rom 8:8-17**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, 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. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; 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.



Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence

The sequence may be said or sung.

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

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Jn 14:15-16. 23-26**

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I have said to you.’

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All are seated.*

## Reflection on the Word

What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?

What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?

Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?

Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit’s presence/action?

Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

## Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church

let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**on the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;**

**from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, with the Holy Spirit as our gift, let us bring our prayers before God.

Reader: That the Holy Church all over the world will be united as one in the spirit of peace. (pause)

In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That leaders of nations will experience the Spirit of truth and fight for justice for all people. (pause)

In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who do not know God will come to know Christ through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (pause)

In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That through the forgiveness of sins, our parish community will renew the earth and reach out to all in need. (pause)

In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That the sick will be comforted through the Spirit of healing, especially those in our community and families. (pause)

In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That through the Holy Spirit, those who have died will be sent to the Lord Most High, especially those in our community and families. (pause)

In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God our Father, we are made one in the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and by the fire that is kindled in our hearts, help us to live as Christians united in holiness, forgiveness and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## The Concluding Rite Blessing

Leader:

Through the resurrection of his Son God has redeemed us and made us his children.  
May the Lord bless us with joy and fill us with fruits of the Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross

during the blessing.

All:

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace. Alleluia.

All:

**Thanks be to God.**

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