



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

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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The Living Word

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

28 May 2023

First Reading Acts 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; 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.'

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.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

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

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 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.



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COVID-19 is still around, Please use sanitiser when you enter the church.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in diocesan events, please collect a copy of additional bulletin at the back of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS –to our parish children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday 20 May 2023 at 11.30am by Bishop Terry Brady. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill you with His love. Thank you to all who supported the children on this journey, their parents and family members, teachers and lesson leaders.

DEMPSEY AWARDS Last Sunday our three parish organists attended St Mary's Cathedral to receive their Dempsey Medals. A very sincere **congratulations** to Vivienne Moseley, Mary Newton and Maria Rega - All three ladies have served in many ministries, but particularly, as organists for almost

50 years and are very deserving of this award.



2023 WALK WITH CHRIST event celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi. In this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, archbishop Fisher invites all the faithful in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to unite and honour the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The walk will take place on Sunday 11th June commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place. It will be preceded by a Festival in Martin Place commencing at 1.00pm.

PARISH BUS TRIP to 2023 Walk of Christ. Fr. Peter is seeking a “champion” who would help with the logistics of organizing such trip. There are pamphlets to be hand out, a promotional video to be shown, and perhaps a promotional talk on weekend Masses and at school be given. The archdiocese will reimburse the cost of the bus.

CHILDREN LITURGY - is back! The first Children's Liturgy Mass will be celebrated this Sunday 28 May at 10am Mass. All children welcome. Parents/Parishioners wanting to help please contact Fr. Peter or Veronica.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY To honour our Blessed Mother during May, let us pray the Rosary before every weekday Mass and a decade of the Rosary before every Sunday Mass. Free Rosary beads and Rosary cards - available at the back of the church.

FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY - during the month of May parishioners are invited to bring fresh flowers to place at the statue of Our Lady on the Sanctuary.

IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF MARY MACKILLOP The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, “In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop” commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Enquiries: please contact Sr Anne Bond: 8912 4818 or email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION
Information Night—Wednesday 21 June @ 7pm
Commitment Weekend - any Mass 24/25 June
Sacrament - Wed 16/8, Thurs 17/8, Fri 18/8
All enquiries: email: nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au

LAY MINISTRY ROSTER - Anyone wanting to serve as Greeters, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes - please prayerfully consider how you can assist AND put your name down on the list at the back of the church OR email to veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK to those in need will be from now on offered during the Mass on 1st Tuesday of the month. Please consider to bring your shut-in loved ones to this Mass.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH - 27 May 2024 will be the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our church, worth celebrating. To honour this anniversary we need volunteers—if you can help email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION is now available on Wednesdays from 5-5.55pm prior to the 6pm evening Mass and on Fridays from 9.30-10.30am after the 9am Mass.

MASS OFFERING BOOKLET explaining matters relating to Mass Offerings, Mass Intentions, Mass Stipends is now available at the back of the church, at the entrance to the sacristy. Feel free to take a copy.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS are available for gluten sensitive persons. If you or your child would like to receive such host, please inform the celebrating priest prior to the commencement of the mass.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP Thursday during school term in the iCentre, meet at 8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady's statue. Enquiries: natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Our parish** has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. – check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com.



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick (please advise delisting)

Michael Kairouz, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Sue James, Barbara Kains, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk



Rest In Peace

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Elias Khalil, Maroun Azar, Marian Pientka, Victor Litvensky, Maria Binh Nguyen, Maria Tri Dham, Mattha Uonethia, Marie Tarrazi, Maria Tam Hong, Peter Baulman, Ike Brooks, John Clarke, Vasco Zenere, Paul Almond, Joanne Litrico, Roger Luck, Umberto & Victoria Busuttill, Samir & Saba Jnr, Saba & Jamal Kairouz, Caterina & Giuseppe Turcato, Luigi Fieni

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

MASS TIMES (English):
Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
Weekdays: Wednesday 6pm
Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS
Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 5.30PM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Offered to those in need on 1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.00am,
Bookings are necessary.

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