

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

4 June 2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

I AM SENDING YOU. The disciples of Jesus were transformed when they received the Holy Spirit. They burst open the doors of the upper room, which they had locked in fear, and boldly proclaimed the Good News. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts this Pentecost giving us the courage to break down the walls we have built around ourselves. May the Spirit free us to proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Wis 1:7
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

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

GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!
R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

OPENING DOORS

Pentecost Sunday is the day for opening doors. It began with the unlocking of the doors of the Upper Room where the disciples had been hiding for fear of the Jews. John describes it in today's Gospel reading. The risen Jesus comes and stands in their midst. He bestows on them the Holy Spirit, the 'first-fruits' of his passion and resurrection. The Spirit is given to arouse in them the Easter faith. It is necessary first of all that they believe that Jesus rose from the dead, in order that they may carry his message to the world. The Spirit sanctifies them in the truth of this fundamental belief of Christianity. Christ's appearance to the disciples inaugurates the theme of mission. The disciples' mission is the prolongation of Jesus' own: 'As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you' (John 20:11). The gift of the Spirit is combined with the power to forgive sins; thus actualising Christ's redeeming sacrifice and the effects of the resurrection. Compared to the 'Johannine Pentecost' which gives the disciples a vision of the glorious Christ and the mission to continue his work, the Lucan version that we read in the Acts of the Apostles shows the opening of doors to the world. The Spirit (*ruah*) blows where it wills, opening doors and hearts, enflaming the disciples' hearts, resting on them like tongues of fire. The effect is overwhelming. Visitors from all over the world who gather in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Pentecost witness the mighty acts of God as each hears the Galilean disciples in their own native language. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church as those who accept the message of the apostles are baptised, and are added to the original disciples (Acts 2:41).

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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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF PENTECOST

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts 2:4, 11
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

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

Jn 20:19-23

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
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.

R. 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.

COLLECT

P. O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or 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.**



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Issue 4

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Shepherd's Message — Fr Chris Slattery



June is the month of the Sacred Heart. It is a special month to pray and reflect on the heart of Jesus. It is a heart full of love, it is a heart we are asked to replicate in our lives. It is a heart that listened to the Father and the Spirit that resulted in the salvation of all through the mystery of the Cross and Resurrection.

I pray we contemplate the heart of Jesus this month, we allow Jesus to teach us to love like him, with humility as a 'washer of feet' and 'totally' by taking into himself the 'sin of the world' and giving back love!

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly confirmed members of the parishes. We pray that you use the amazing gifts the Spirit gives as we strive to witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bishop Richard Umbers spoke to the newly confirmed about the adventures of life and how the Spirit helps us to make choices that bring us to the fullness of life in Christ!

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF THE NEWLY CONFIRMED!

I thank Francoise Merit for accepting the ministry of serving on the Parish Finance Committee.

A special 'thank you' to Isabella and Bonny who assist each week with counting the weekend collections. Thank you to everyone as we seek together to witness in joy to the resurrection of the Lord in the power given to each of us by the Holy Spirit! May the living water Jesus offers sustain and nourish us on our journey of faith!



Announcements

FATHER FACT 1. DID YOU KNOW that men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life.

This June Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of *The Father Factor*, will address the critical importance of fathering for success & happiness, provide practical info on intentional fathering & recovering from poor or absent fathering. **7.30pm Tues 13 June, School/ Parish Hall, 21 Twentieth Ave, Hoxton Park. 7.30pm Wed 14 June, Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, Hunters Hill. 7.30pm Thurs 15 June, Parish Hall, Crn Belmont and Flora St, Sutherland.** Free Entry, all are welcome

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. Register online today at www.acyf.org.au.

Spirituality in the Pub: 7th June at 7:30pm Paddington RSL 220-232 Oxford Street Paddington. Mark Lieschke and Debra Snoddy will be talking about the reformation and its continuing influence.



Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke.
The Deceased: Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Moylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery, John Chaplain, Richard Charles Leo Carroll, Domenico and Elena Malzone.



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Weekly Reflection



On this final day of Eastertide, we celebrate not only the coming of the Holy Spirit, but also the birth of the Church when the followers of Jesus went out to continue his mission. Quietly and slowly I ask God's Spirit to guide my prayer, and help me reflect on the images of the Holy Spirit. Do I think of the Spirit in terms of wind and fire or in some other way? What is my favourite image? What pictures do wind and fire conjure up in my mind? Gentleness or strength, warmth or burning heat? In presence before God, I pray in 'words beyond the power of speech' thanking the 'Father of light' for the gift of his Spirit. I ask for his peace, and the grace to offer it to others who are in real need of it. We, the living Church, celebrate God's gift to us of his Holy Spirit. On this day, Jesus commissioned the disciples and gave them the power and authority to proclaim His forgiveness to those who repent. I become still in body and mind as I begin to pray. I ask the Holy Spirit who dwells within me to be my guide. I read the scripture and notice the sequence of events. Then I may try to enter that upper room and watch. What is it in this emotional scene that strikes a chord in me, and why? What impact do Jesus' words have on me? Do they comfort or disturb me? Am I called to forgive? Is Jesus also 'sending' me? To whom? How? When? I speak to Jesus, the one who gives me his peace, turning fear into joy.

St Mary Magdalene Roster—7th Sunday

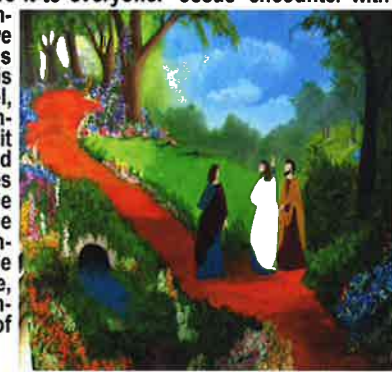
11th June	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Anna Creagh		
Info Desk			
1st Reader	Catherine Remond	Colleen Goodwin	Kerry Gazal
2nd Reader	Barney Remond	Sandra Power	Lindsay Gazal
Eucharistic Minister	Lucie Priestly Carmen Kapfenstein	Narelle Hills Sue Heavener	Thomas Jones
Acolyte/ Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon/ Anthony Williams	Dave/Lucy Hardman, Harriet Cassidy	

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—7th Sunday

Rosters will be made available on the website once we have received them.

A Message From our Pope

No matter what trials we might face, we have hope because Jesus is always by our side, just like he was for the disciples on the road to Emmaus. "All of us, in our lives, have had difficult, dark times; moments in which we have walked sad, thoughtful, without horizons and (with) only a wall in front," Pope Francis said May 24. However, even in these moments "Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, warm the heart and say, 'Go ahead, I'm with you. Go ahead,'" the Pope said, adding that "the secret of the road leading to Emmaus is all here: even through unfavourable appearances, we continue to be loved." No matter what, God always wants the best for us and "will walk with us." "Even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in moments of defeat: the Lord is there. And this is our hope. Let's go ahead with that hope! Because he is next to us and walks with us always!" The Pope reflected on hope as it is found in the story of Christ's appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, when they feel sad, discouraged and defeated because Jesus has been killed, but they do not yet know about his Resurrection. All of their hopes from before the crucifixion have been shattered, but this is because they "cultivated only human hope," Francis said. It is on this scene that Jesus appears. "This scenario – the road – had already been important in the accounts of the Gospels," he explained, but "now it will become even more, as they begin to recount the story of the Church." This encounter of Jesus with the disciples seems "fortuitous," he said, in the way it resembles the many times we are carrying our own crosses or burdens of sorrow and disappointment. But Jesus joins them, even though they do not recognize him, and he begins what Pope Francis called a "therapy of hope." The first step in this therapy, he said, is to "ask and listen: our God is not an intrusive God. Even though he already knows the reason for the disappointment of those two, he leaves them time to be able to gauge the depth of the bitterness that he has undergone." Then, listening to their words, we hear "a chorus of human existence." "We hoped, but... We hoped, but... How much sadness, how many defeats, how many failures there are in each person's life!" the Pope said, noting that "we are all a bit like those two disciples. How many times in life we hoped, how many times we felt a step away from happiness, and then we found ourselves disappointed," he reflected. "But Jesus walks with all discouraged people who go forward with head down. And walking with them, in a subtle way, he succeeds in returning hope." When he does speak to them, Jesus does it first through the Scriptures. In the Bible, you will not find stories of "easy heroism, thunderous campaigns of conquest," the Pope said. "True hope is never cheap: it always goes through defeats." In fact, Francis said, Jesus models this for us by not being the kind of leader that drags his people to victory by violently destroying his opponents. Instead, he takes a position of disdain himself. Later that same night, when the disciples have invited him to eat dinner with them, they recognize him when he breaks the bread, repeating the gesture of the first Eucharist. "In this series of gestures, is there not the whole story of Jesus? And is there not, in every Eucharist, the sign of what the Church must be? Jesus takes us, blesses us, 'breaks' our lives – because there is no love without sacrifice – and offers it to others, offers it to everyone." Jesus' encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus is quick, he said, but in it we find "the fate of the Church. He tells us that the Christian community is not locked up in a fortified citadel, but walks in its most vital environment; namely, the road. And there it meets people, with their hopes and their disappointments, sometimes heavy. The Church listens to the stories of everyone, as they emerge from the depths of personal conscience, in order then to offer the Word of Life, the testimony of love, faithful love to the end," he concluded. "And then, the hearts of people return to burning hope."



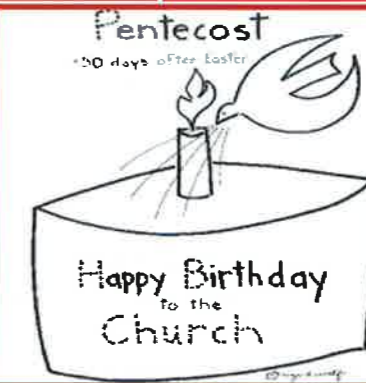
KID'S CORNER!

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (RSV)
Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



	WIND	SPEAK	HOLY	SPIRIT	LANGUAGE
	FIRE	SOUND	HOUSE	FILL	HEAVEN
1	18-25-10-24-6				
2	13-1-24-6				
3	20-1-21-21				
4	18-25-10-18-18				
5	20-1-17-10				
6	18-25-21-28				
7	18-22-1-17-1-8				
8	18-22-16-9-15				
9	21-9-24-23-10-9-23-16				
10	18-16-14-16-24				



FUN FACT!

Did you know that Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church? On this day, the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles giving them the power to preach the Good News to all people, in different languages.

