Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

5 June 2022

readings

Next Week

Prov 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

in a nutshell

Filled with the Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost marks the beginning of the time of the church. Filled with the Spirit, the apostles preach in many languages symbolizing the universal nature of the Church's mission. All people, regardless of race or language, are welcome in Christ's Church. Indeed, membership of the Church is not base on ethnic origin but on love, the greatest of the Sprit's gifts. Everyone moved by love is a son or daughter of God.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, Charlotte-Mae, Maureen O'Kane, Kaye Law.

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Morning tea and coffee to resume after 10.30 Mass. Volunteers needed to help

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) 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. (R.)

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.)

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.)

Gospel acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

They were filled with the Hoy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

The Parish of St Mary's

Parish Priest

REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary
Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours

Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass Saturday—6:30pm Sunday—10:30am & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass & Rosary

Tuesday—9:00am
Thursday—9:00am
Friday—9:00am
Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm Friday—8:10am-8:40am

> Exposition Friday at 8:00am

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult family member to the toilet.

Car Parking –Weekend Masses

In the interests of safety please park in the official carparks rather than on the grassy areas around the picnic tables. Keep this area for people to gather and chat after mass.

Tap and Go—Located Near Kitchen Window

Donations given using Tap and Go are considered the same as cash in the basket or "Presbytery Offering" through envelopes therefore contributes to the support of the Parish Priest. A percentage of the Presbytery collection is also required to be sent quarterly to support the Archdiocese.

Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330 Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm, St Mary's Conference 0427 874 374 or John Bird 0407 848 192

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday please: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit: https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies

Parish Meetings: Tuesday July 12

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

Parish Notices

Fr Michel Away

Fr Michel will be away from the parish in June. During the weeks beginning Monday June 13 and Monday June 20 there will be no weekday Masses/events. Weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual.

Regular Gardening/Working Bee

On the first and third Fridays of the month you are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm to assist with maintaining the gardens etc. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment etc. **Next one: 17 June**

First Communion Enrolments 2022

First Communion preparation classes for children at St Mary's Primary School will begin on July 19. Registrations are open now, please see Fr Michel, visit website http://pol.org.au/mountevelyn/Home.aspx or notify the parish office for a registration form.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Friday mornings 8:00am. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration. Adoration: There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we are at his feet before the Sacred Monstrance; His eyes rest on you as you adore your God. (St. John Vianney)

Confession: I wish to pay homage to the innumerable host of confessors to whom the salvation of so many souls have been helped by them in conversion, in the struggle against sin and temptation, and in spiritual progress. I do not hesitate to say that even the great canonised saints are generally the fruit of those confessionals. (St. John Paul II)

Stewardship Corner

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (JOHN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

Coffee After 10:30 Mass to Resume Soon

We will be offering tea and coffee after the morning Mass again! We are seeking volunteers to serve and wash up once a month or so. If you'd like to be on the roster, please put your name and number on the sign up sheet at the kitchen window or contact Rachael O'Shea ph. 0437123802

'Tending Our Winter Heart Live-in Weekend Retreat',

Friday 10 June, 4pm - Sun 12 June, 4pm We invite you to a contemplative retreat where you will have the opportunity to spend some personal, quality time with yourself in the quiet and beautiful surrounds of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham VIC. Time is offered for personal space and reflection, within a supportive environment, as well as spiritual direction if you wish. Limited rooms for couples are available. Led by Heart of Life supervisors and spiritual directors. Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$300 including accommodation and catering. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

Mercy Connect Melbourne/ Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Tel: 9326 1895

World Meeting of Families | 22 - 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: www.family.catholic.org.au

Something to Make You Smile

A young couple were thrilled when they learned they were soon to become parents. They decided to attend the local parish support group for mothers-to-be. They had heard other couples could provide some good tips on how to prepare for the new arrival and how to stay healthy during pregnancy.

On the second night of the program the female instructor was explaining how beneficial walking was for pregnant women. Walking could provide all sorts of benefits for both the mum-to-be and the unborn baby. She told the husbands in the group that they should encourage their wives to walk as an exercise.

"Even better. You could accompany your wives on the walks," said the instructor.

There was a moment of silence then one of the men shouted, "Would it be okay if she carries a golf bag while we walk."

Readings Reflection

A Mighty Wind

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

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Pentecost: God's Gift of Divine Adoption

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit is manifested as the giver of life. This is what we profess in the creed when we proclaim him "the Lord, the giver of life." This completes the economy of God's self-communication which began when he gave himself to man, created in his image and likeness. This divine gift of self—which originally constituted the mystery of the creation of man and of his elevation to supernatural dignity—after sin is projected in history as a promise of salvation. It is fulfilled in the mystery of the redemption effected by Christ, the God-Man, through his sacrifice. Linked to Christ's paschal mystery, "God's self-giving" is fulfilled in Pentecost. The theophany of Jerusalem signifies the new beginning of God's self-giving in the Holy Spirit. The apostles and all those present on that day with Mary, the mother of Christ, in the upper room, were the first to experience this new outpouring of divine life which—in them and through them, and therefore in the Church and through the Church—has been made available to everyone. It is universal, just as redemption is universal.

The beginning of the new life is acquired through the gift of divine adoption. This is obtained for all by Christ through the redemption and extended to all by the Holy Spirit. By grace, the Spirit remakes and as it were recreates man in the likeness of the only-begotten Son of the Father. In this way the incarnate Word renews and reinforces God's "gift of self," by offering man through the redemption that "participation in the divine nature" mentioned in the Second Letter of Peter (cf. 2 Pet 1:4). St. Paul also, in the Letter to the Romans, speaks of Jesus Christ as "designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead" (1:4).

The fruit of the resurrection, which realizes the fullness of the power of Christ, Son of God, is therefore shared with those who are open to the action of the Spirit as a new gift of divine adoption. After having spoken of the Word made flesh, St. John says in the prologue of his Gospel that "to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God" (1:12). The two apostles John and Paul understood the concept of divine adoption as a gift to man of this new life, effected by Christ through the Holy Spirit.

The adoption is a gift coming from the Father, as we read in the First Letter of John: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 Jn 3:1). In the Letter to the Romans Paul expounds the same truth in the light of God's eternal design: "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren" (8:29). The same apostle in the Letter to the Ephesians speaks of a sonship due to divine adoption, since God has predestined us "to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ" (1:5).

Here we touch the goal of the mystery expressed in Pentecost: the Holy Spirit descends "into our hearts" as the Spirit of the Son. Precisely because he is the Spirit of the Son, he enables us to cry out to God together with Christ: "Abba, Father."

This cry expresses the fact that not only are we called to be sons of God, "but we are so indeed," as the Apostle John emphasizes in his First Letter (3:1). Because of this gift, we truly share in the sonship proper to the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This is the supernatural truth of our relationship with Christ, a truth that can be known only by those who "have known the Father" (cf. 1 Jn 2:13).

This knowledge is possible only by virtue of the Holy Spirit, through the witness which he gives from within to the human spirit. There, he is present as the principle of truth and life. The Apostle Paul tells us: "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (Rom 8:16–17). "You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship whereby we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" (Rom 8:15).

The Spirit reproduces in man the image of the Son, thus establishing the intimate fraternal bond with Christ which leads us to "cry out with him, 'Abba! Father!' " Hence the Apostle writes that "all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Rom 8:14). The Holy Spirit "breathes" in the hearts of believers as the Spirit of the Son, establishing in man the divine sonship in the likeness of Christ and in union with Christ. The Holy Spirit forms the human spirit from within according to the divine exemplar which is Christ. Thus, through the Spirit, the Christ known in the pages of the Gospel becomes the "life of the soul." In thinking, loving, judging, acting and even in feeling, man is conformed to Christ, and becomes "Christlike."

This work of the Holy Spirit has its new beginning at Pentecost in Jerusalem, at the apex of the paschal mystery. From then onward Christ is with us and works in us through the Holy Spirit, putting into effect the eternal design of the Father, who has predestined us "to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ" (Eph 1:5). Let us never tire of repeating and meditating on this marvelous truth of our faith.