



### 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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### Pentecost Sunday, Year A

31 May 2020

#### 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.

31 May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

With restrictions being eased, from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we can now accommodate 20 people at Masses in addition to those required to perform the service.

This week, Masses will be celebrated at the following times:-

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am (**no bookings required**)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm (**bookings required**)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am and 10.30am (**bookings required**)

Bookings to attend a weekend Mass can be made as follows:-

**Online Bookings:** For parishioners **with internet access**

Mass attendance is via TryBooking.com. Go to 'Buy Tickets'(free), 'Search Events'(or 'Find Event') and put in **Mass St Peter's Church Keilor East** and find the Mass you wish to attend. Add your details and confirm booking. If all 20 spots are filled, you will not be able to book that particular Mass time. Bookings for Masses at 6pm, 8.30am and 10.30am on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June, will open at 9am on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and close at 5.00pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, unless filled earlier.

**Phone Bookings:** For parishioners **without internet access only**

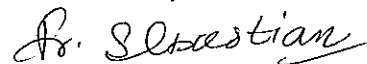
Please call the Parish Office on 9337 4141 from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We will let you know if there is availability for the weekend Mass you wish to attend, and book you in if requested.

If you have not had an opportunity to attend a weekday or weekend Mass and would like to, or you know someone who may not be aware that Masses have resumed in the Parish, please let us know so they can be given priority to attend.

Please provide your contact details as you enter the narthex and observe all the social distancing and hand sanitising requirements. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home but let us know if you have booked but are not attending a Mass. The health and wellbeing of our parishioners and our community remain our number one priority.

Weekend Masses will stay online until we are able to accommodate our usual attendees.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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## IN YOUR PRAYERS

### SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our community and all suffering from COVID-19.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Chircop

### ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Caridi

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FR SEBASTIAN ON 30TH MAY

*May God's love and peace be with you always.*

### MINISTERS' ROSTER – JULY-DECEMBER

A roster will still be prepared in anticipation that things will go back to "normal" sometime during the second half of the year.

*Can you please notify the Parish Office by 15<sup>th</sup> June any 'away' dates.*

### CONGRATULATIONS

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Mark Edwards OMI as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. We wish Bishop Mark God's blessings on his new appointment.

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS EASED

From Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, the following is allowed, depending on separate space density requirements – one person per four square metres & physical distancing of 1.5 metres.

- Up to 20 people allowed at a Mass as well as the minimum number of people required for the service.
- Weddings may have 20 people in attendance in addition to the couple and the celebrant. Children are counted in the person limit.
- Funerals may have 50 people in attendance in addition to the Priest and funeral staff.

### FEAST DAYS NEXT WEEK

Mon 1 June Mary, Mother of the Church

Wed 3 June St Charles Lwanga &

Companions

Fri 5 June St Boniface

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## A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this 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 to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen.