

Pentecost Sunday Year B

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

The word of the Lord.

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.

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.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians **Gal 5:16-25**

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Alleluia !

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel : Mt 28:16-20



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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:
We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	10.30am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for the Pentecost Sunday Year B — 23rd May, 2021

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost marks the definitive end of the Easter Season. It occupies a very important position in the Church's life and liturgical calendar. This is because, it marks the beginning of the church's missionary endeavor. Pentecost day is a day of renewal and empowerment.

From the first reading of this Sunday, we see the reward of obedience and steadfastness in prayer. Therefore, today we celebrate a great feast, when Christ fulfilled his promise to us. As Christ's disciples, every true believer has been empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the mutual love of the Father and the Son. He empowers us to go into our world to bring peace, unity, joy, love and salvation to nations.

In the second reading of today, Paul makes a very important statement: "No one can say Jesus is Lord, except through the Holy Spirit." This means that, it is God himself that enables us to recognize and accept the lordship of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Due to pride, it is difficult for Satan to acknowledge and accept the lordship of Christ. To say "Jesus is Lord" is to humble oneself. It means to accept Christ as the Lord and Saviour of one's life. Truly, this is only possible through the spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit.

In the gospel, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon his disciples in order to restore their peace and to free them from the slavery of fear. Christ knew that the Holy Spirit empowers and liberates. So, the Spirit we have received, "is not the spirit of fear and timidity, but the Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline." (2 Tim 1:7)

According to our Catechism, the Holy Spirit empowers us, makes us strong Christians and soldiers of Christ (CCC 1302). This empowerment comes through the different gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit. Through them, we become bold to call God our Father (Rom 8:15), and above all, to proclaim to our world that, Jesus Christ is Lord. Also, the Holy Spirit helps us to bear good fruits in Christ (Gal 5, 22). He leads us into the kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy.

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Today, we must ask ourselves: "What does the Holy Spirit wants me to do? Where is He leading me to?" It is important to reflect on these questions especially, now that our world has become so complex, and many of us seem confused. We must pay attention to Him. We must be docile to him. We must let him lead and show us the best way.

Only Him, can help us navigate the rough waters of this world. Only the Holy Spirit can calm our fears and restore order to our lives. He alone can empower us to face the daily challenges of our lives, families, communities, and our world at large. He alone can give us the right insight we need to navigate through the complex moments of this life.

In view of this, daily and prayerfully, we must pause to listen to what the Holy Spirit has to say to us in order to know the direction he wants to lead us. Let us give him the chance to direct our lives, families, business and studies. If He leads us, no matter how complex our world becomes, we shall never be confused. We shall always find our way forward.

Finally, rather than always walk by sight or mere instinct as many of us do today, let us walk with the Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Advocate. This is because, we shall succeed "not by power nor by might, but by my spirit, says the Lord Almighty" (Zech 4, 6). So, let us humbly pray: "O Lord, send forth your spirit and renew the face of the Earth. Alleluia."

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: Des O'Dwyer, Fr. Raymond Deal, Carmine Parente, Joseph Gawronski, Doris Peart, Bill Hitchcocok, Amber Kempster, August Langenegger, Betty Smart, Anthony Kosena, Annie Banks, Noreen Ring, Evan Glen.

Prayer for the deceased:

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Peter Champion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

'The Barefoot Mystic - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 5 June 2021, 10am-3pm. A person places themselves in the presence of God. This is not a goal to be achieved; rather, it is a natural state where we find and embrace our true selves. The first thing one must understand is that 'God's first language is silence' (St John of the Cross). This reflection event is an invitation to be silent and to rest in God. Facilitated by Paul Beirne of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, via Zoom. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

'Mindfulness & Meditation', Saturday 19 June 2021, 10am-3pm. When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. Facilitated by Paola Cheng at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Please pray before the Recessional Hymn

St Joseph Prayer



Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans
to embrace your dream for us.
You invited his help in caring
for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,
and the Revealer of your wonderful love.
Enable us to live by your loving plan
and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams
and trusting steward, pray for us.

Lord Jesus,
You grew in wisdom and maturity
as you lived in the family
of Nazareth in daily communion
with St Joseph and Mary your mother.
From St Joseph you learned
the dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom
to support their children and to guide them
in the way and work of your Kingdom.

St Joseph, faithful parent
and diligent worker, pray for us.

Creator Spirit,
We see in St Joseph a tenderness
and reverence for all your creation.
We learn from him to approach others justly
and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed
with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another
and to be of humble service to all of creation,
empowered by your life within us.

St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant,
pray for us.

New Auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

On the 14th of May, 2021 Pope Francis has announced that Msgr Anthony Ireland and Fr Martin Ashe, senior priests in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, will serve as auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese. The episcopal ordination for them is expected to take place in late July, 2021.

Fr. Anthony Cruz

Dear parishioners,

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has planned for a Lay Leadership gathering on 22nd of this month. I wish and encourage that our parish leadership team members represent our parish. From each mass centre of our parish we need the laity participating in it. Kindly use the link below for bookings. Many thanks God bless you.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQZVR>

"Self Compassion: in Difficult Times"

Do you want to understand better ways of coping with day to day difficulty- particularly in COVID times? We will explore (& practise) some of the principles explained by Dr Kristen Neff -US Research Psychologist.

This session will be offered at *St Thomas More's Church* in Belgrave on Sunday 23rd May after mass.

10.15am-11.30am

Morning tea provided.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

God grant me:

The Spirit of Wisdom

that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal

The Spirit of Understanding

to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth

The Spirit of Counsel

that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven

The Spirit of Fortitude

that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation

The Spirit of Knowledge

that I may know God and know myself

The Spirit of Piety

that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable

and The Spirit of Fear

that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Amen.

Sacrament Workshop

SACRAMENT	St Thomas More	St Paul's Church
CONFIRMATION	Sat 29 May 12pm	Sat 29 May 2pm
Workshop - Parent/Child	Tuesday 27 April 6.30-7.30pm	Wed 31 March 3.30pm
Run through session in Church for parent/child/Workshop	Thurs 27 May 3.30 - 4.30pm	Tuesday 18 May 3.30pm
To enroll, please call the parish office during office hours.		
FIRST RECONCILIATION ceremony	Thurs 17 June 3.30 - 5.30pm	Wed 16 June 3.30 - 5.30pm
Workshop - Parent/Child	Wed 9 June 3.30 - 4.30pm	Wed 2 June 3.30 - 4.30pm
To enroll, please call the parish office during office		
FIRST EUCHARIST ceremony	Sun 22 Aug 9.00 am	Sun 15 Aug 10.30am
Workshop - Parent/Child	Thurs 29 July 3.30 - 4.30pm	Wed 14 July 3.30pm
Run through session in Church for parent/child/Workshop	Thurs 12 Aug 3.30 - 4.30pm	Wed 11 Aug 3.30pm

Baptism

Let us welcome **Sebastian Edward Sebire and Harry Leonard Sebire** into our faith community as they are going to be baptized this weekend at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave. May they be richly blessed throughout their life's, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.