

Entrance Antiphon Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts of the Apostles 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

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians Galatians 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

indecenty 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 **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John John 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

Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11

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

Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12
Second Reading	Romans 8:14-17
Gospel	Matthew 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	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk
		Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Main Road	17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B - 18th/19th May, 2024

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'At Pentecost,' says Pope Francis, 'the Spirit made the apostles go forth from themselves and turned them into heralds of God's wondrous deeds.' The Pope mentions this in Evangelii Gaudium, his Apostolic Exhortation focused 'on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world.' In it, he points out that 'Jesus wants evangelisers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence.' Highlighting that we are called 'to pray and work,' the Pope is concerned to encourage Christians to joy-filled action. Pentecost is not only about what we receive, but what we do in response. However important or useful our interior prayers and personal pieties might be, any authentic response to the Spirit should make us look beyond ourselves. 'Mystical notions without a solid social and missionary outreach are of no help to evangelisation,' the Pope suggests. We are not called to be passive receptacles, storing up fuzzy feelings. Action, therefore, is crucial for Christian living. While acknowledging the worthiness of initiatives like regular Eucharistic adoration, the Pope stresses that the Christian calling should never become 'a privatised lifestyle.' Our prayer should direct us to sharing the love of Christ with others, especially those in need. 'In union with Jesus,' the Pope says, 'we seek what he seeks and love what he loves.' So, at Pentecost we recall that having received the Spirit we are not meant to retreat from the world, but rather become Spirit-bearers to and in it.



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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Jeanette Zuijdwijk.

Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

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

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickethall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Philis Willoughby.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

Reading Roster — 19th May
Helen Garrick & Eileen Collins

Baptism

Let us welcome **Ayla Langworthy** and **Alexei Grzebieta** into our faith community. May they be richly blessed throughout their lives constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

18th May at St. Thomas more church, Belgrave

Celebrant : Very Rev. Anthony Kerin EV PP

Episcopal Vicar of the Eastern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Let's pray for our students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as they are preparing themselves for the same.

Congratulations to our 22 students and one adult who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this season!



Great Parish supporters - leaving the Parish.

This weekend we farewell Sue and Andrew Fitzgerald as they move out of the Hills in their retirement. Sue and Andrew have been stalwarts in supporting the parish in so many ways over many, many years and they will be sorely missed. It will take a **small army** to fill their shoes. We wish them our very grateful thanks for all their tireless work which they went about quietly behind the scenes, both within the church and in the church grounds. We wish them good health as they start a new chapter in their life. Our grateful prayers go with them.

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024 — Month of May

For the formation of religious and seminarians We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!!!!

Once again I stand in total awe of the generosity of the people in our widespread parish. So many people pitched in in whatever way they could, and the result is going to be FANTASTIC.

Although a final tally will be available after the final 'craft table' at Gembrook today (19/5), I can let people know that the raffle alone raised \$645.00. !!!!!

That is just a phenomenal result.

The winners (as drawn after the 11.00 am Mass at Monbulk last Sunday - with Fr. Cruz officiating - are as follows:

3rd prize	Mrs. W. Potsma (Gembrook)
2nd prize	Mirani Perera (Parish secretary)
1st prize	Chris Borg (Gembrook).

Marianne Kuyper

Our Lady Help Of Christians

Feast Day - May 24



The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of

Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

The altar at St. Mary's, with its statue of Mary Help of Christians, was erected as a memorial to Fr. Therry's name.

The statue of Mary, Help of Christians, stands in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral.

The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day.

Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer.

Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace".

Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts

our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection,

may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women

of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/24-may-our-lady-help-of-christians/>

- **To read more about her, there are booklets are available at the St. Thomas More church foyer.**