



**Sunday 5th June 2022**

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.00am-10.00am & 5.45pm-6.15pm  
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**St Peter's:** 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm

**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

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**THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES**

**Mass at Home: St Patrick's Cathedral:** On Channel 31, 44 on Digital TV, for Sunday Mass at 11.00am

**Mass for You at Home - Diocese of Wollongong:** Sundays on Channel 10 at 6am, Foxtel Channel 173 at 10am, and online at  
[www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)



Let us celebrate and ask to feel a sense of Spirit-filled awareness and joy, as we pray that we may work with Trinity and each other in the service of the Church.

**Pentecost Sunday Year C, 5 June 2022.**

**Fr Brendan Byrne SJ**

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflection---the-spirit-of-god-has-made-his-home-in->

**Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.**



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**Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.**

## PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

**The Partnered Parishes THINK AND BREATHE Child Safety – KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.**

**With the return of families at our Masses and as our toilets are out of view, parental supervision of your children is required while using the facilities.**

The Partnered Parishes' clergy, employees and volunteers commit to safeguard the health and wellbeing of children and young People.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration upon their commencement in the Partnered Parishes. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Declaration every three years.

**Forms are available in our Churches or you can download these from our websites.**

### ALIGHT YOUTH GROUP

This invitation is open to all young people within our Parishes aged between 15 to 30. Our youth group meets on the 1st Friday of every month at 7.30pm. We come together in friendship, fun and to become "Alight" in our faith.



**Our next gathering is scheduled for Friday 3rd June in the Gathering Space at St Mary's Parish.**

If you would like to find out more or register your attendance to come along to our next gathering, please contact Nicole Ridler, 0403 714 045.

### UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES 22nd APRIL

**IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO WEAR A FACE MASK IT IS ONLY RECOMMENDED.**

Close contacts of positive cases are to wear face coverings indoors, and to avoid "sensitive" or group settings. It is still recommended to wear a Face Covering when social distancing cannot be maintained over a period of time.

It is recommended that those who distribute Holy Communion continue to wear a Face Covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.

In accordance with the guidelines from the Archdiocese, Hand Sanitiser is still available in our Churches.

All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop.

### ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Free online conference via zoom. "How do we know Christ now?"

Celebrating 50 years of CTC. Friday 17th June. 9.30am-12.30pm For further information visit our website: [ctc.edu.au](http://ctc.edu.au) Contact Dr Christopher Morris: [christopher.morris@ctc.edu.au](mailto:christopher.morris@ctc.edu.au)

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Online Open Day Information Session  
**Tuesday 21 June at 7pm (AEST)**



Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/open-days](http://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

For more information contact: [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

**TEACHING MEDITATION AND PRAYER:** Online unit via zoom.

Four Saturdays: 18th/25th June and 8th, 15th October.

To enroll and for further information: Undergraduate: [dean@ctc.edu.au](mailto:dean@ctc.edu.au)

Postgraduate: [postgrad@ctc.edu.au](mailto:postgrad@ctc.edu.au)

A vibrant poster for a Pentecost celebration. At the top, a white dove is shown in flight against a fiery orange and red background. Text includes a quote from Acts 2:1, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place". Below this, it says "CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL FAMILY INVITES YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF Pentecost". The date is "SUNDAY, 5 JUNE 2022" at "OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, 49 NICHOLSON ST., EAST BRUNSWICK". A portrait of Archbishop Peter Comensoli is featured on the left. On the right, three people are shown in a worshipful pose. At the bottom, it lists the celebrant "ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI, ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE" and the "PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP RISEN LORD COMMUNITY MUSIC MINISTRY". The schedule is "2 45 PM ROSARY | 3 10 PM PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP | 4 00 PM HOLY MASS" followed by "REFRESHMENT AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS IN THE HALL UNDER THE CHURCH". The website "WWW.CCR.ORG.AU" is at the bottom.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



**Baptisms:** we pray for Freya, Sophia, Micaela, Taya, Tomas and Marcus who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in June.

**Congratulations:** to Sacred Heart catechetics Archie, Bianca, Chloe, Darcy and Keylee who celebrate their First Eucharist on Sunday.

**Thank you:** to everyone who attended the recent very productive working bee at St Peter's.

**RCIA Sacred Heart and St Thomas:** If any one is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith please contact either of our Parish offices. A new group will begin soon.

**Caritas Project Compassion Receipts:** are available at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Working Bees:** Sacred Heart school and Church 9am Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Senior Moments:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 12pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Pie & Cakes, 12.00pm in Parish Centre.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Next meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Suggestion Box at back of Church.

Email address: [ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com)

### Rosters for Weekend 12th June

#### Sunday 9.00am Sacred Heart

**Reader:** R. McEvoy      **Commentator:** F. Ledda      **Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Cusack, J. Bruce

#### Saturday 18th June St Peters

**Reader:** E. Gittens      **Commentator:** B. Flynn      **Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Keenan

***Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:***

*Mario Molinaro, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Tony Ledda, Margaret Holland, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Bernadette Hobbs, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, John Downey, Lina Molinaro*

***We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:***

*Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Pauline Georgiades, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker, Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri.*

## ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

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](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au) Tel: 9326 1895



### Heart of Life:

**Spiritual Nourishment for Carers', Thursdays 16 June & 21 July 2022, 1pm-4pm**, attend via Zoom or in-person, according to personal circumstances. Carers live with profound beauty amidst the challenges of daily life. We offer these reflection/retreat days for carers who may need support, a place of welcome and some nurturing. The session will offer an opportunity for carers to take some time out for themselves, if they are able, and join us for one or both of these reflection days. Each day is offered as an oasis, with space and time to be silent, reflect, with the opportunity to share if you wish. We invite you to re-energise your mind and replenish your spirit. Led by Heart of Life spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Cathy Beaton. Cost \$30 per session. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

**'Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing', Saturday 18 June 2022, 10am-3.30pm.** This popular reflection day explores the various personality types under the Myers Briggs model. Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Our graced selves, praying, communicating...

Facilitated by Heart of Life Lecturer, Peter Malone msc. Cost \$60. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



**RCIA:** If any one is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith please contact either of our Parish offices. A new group will begin soon.

**St Thomas Parish Pastoral Council: Next meeting:** 15th June, 7.00pm **Email address:** [stthomasppc@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasppc@gmail.com)

**Contactless Payments:** We are now able to allow electronic transfer of funds through the purchase of a Square Tap Machine. Parishioners will be able to 'tap and go' for the Presbytery and Parish collections.

- You can tap, swipe or insert your card.
- You can choose from Church Donation, Priest Donation, Baptism or Parish Levy.
- Enter the amount.
- To go back to the main screen choose **Library** at the top of the screen.
- The tap machine will be situated near the newsletters.

 Square



This will enable those who want to have less reliance on cash to be able to keep supporting the Parish and our Priests.

### **St Thomas Funeral Ministry Team – WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

St Thomas' Funeral Ministry Team is a very small group of parishioners who assist the priests with any funerals held at St Thomas'.

We do a variety of things to help such as:

- join with the presiding priest when meeting with families to assist with planning
- assist with setting up and tidying up the church before and after funerals
- assisting with the Audio Visual
- assist with Communion
- welcome families on the day of the funeral

Not everyone on the Team does all those things, as each one of us has a variety of skills which we use to assist where appropriate.

We really need a few more to join our team because we are not all always available and it is best to have a couple of us there on the day. If you decide to join us, we will give you lots of training to build up your skills and confidence.

Fr Steve and Jacinta Bright are going to run a Workshop for our Team on the **13th July which will run from 10am till 3pm.**

At this Workshop you will meet the other Team members and it will help to develop your understanding of what is involved when celebrating a funeral in the Catholic church.

To be able to assist families at such a sad time is actually very rewarding, so please consider joining us.

Please contact Lisa at the Parish Office if you wish to join us or if you have any queries.

### **Diamond Valley Refugee Support for the Brigidines' Asylum Seeker Project:**

Many thanks to all participating parishioners for continuing to support the project. Please ensure all donation envelopes are handed in by the 25/26th June at the latest. Please drop in your envelopes in the St Thomas or Sacred Heart collection bowls or alternatively place them in the letter box beside the front door of the Presbytery at St Thomas (Not the Front Gate).

This will be the last collection for banking before the end of the financial year 2021/2022. The Brigidines' Asylum Seeker Project will be issuing receipts sometime in July. For queries, please ring Lilian Hobson (0402 823 679). Our Parishes will continue to support the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project; new envelopes for 2022/2023 will issued in July/August.

### **Rosters for Weekend 11th & 12th June**

#### **Saturday 6.00pm**

**Reader:** P. Carty

**Commentator:** D. Haesler

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Bohan, T. Holland, L. Leahy

**Set Up:** M. Mc Kenzie

#### **Sunday 10.30am**

**Reader:** B. Iacobucci

**Commentator:** M. Bates

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kerr, B. Riordan, C. Riordan

**Set Up:** C. O'Brien

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*Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis, Miran Kasalo,*

***We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:***

*Pauline Georgiades, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker, Gordon Shannon, Saverio Posterino*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

*Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"*



## PLEASE NOTE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Francesca and Sharon will provide for our **secretarial needs on Tuesdays 9am-5pm and Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm** and Jacinta's **days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-5pm.**

Please continue to send any bulletin contributions to Francesca and Sharon at [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin.

## MORNING MASSES 14-17 JUNE



Morning Mass at St Mary's, will **NOT** be available from 14-17 June so as to permit Fr Martin to attend the annual Clergy Conference and to not put undue pressure on Fr Tao.

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Our next gathering will be at Watsonia RSL for lunch on Wednesday 15th June at 12 o'clock. Friends and Supporters welcome. Enquiries: Maureen 94355906 or Lucy 94356990

## SUMMARY OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, 3RD. MAY 2022

Our opening prayer was led by Bhushan, where he shared some interesting stories about faith, and having trust in God. It opened up a great opportunity for us to share some of our own experiences about faith, and to appreciate God's love for us. Following this, we discussed and drafted a letter to be sent to the Safeguarding Committee to express our gratitude for the work they have done for the entire community, and also to request that they communicate their purpose and goals to the Parish community. In relation to the safeguarding of children and young people, it was agreed that Mark and Lorenzo would begin the risk assessment for our next meeting in June. After this, Jacinta discussed the feedback from the Prep Parent Connection Nights, with the overwhelming response being very positive. Since this initiative was begun by the PPC, it is important that the PPC continues to involve itself in the planning, and delivery of this event each year. Finally, Fr, Steve mentioned that both PPCs at St Thomas and Sacred Heart are working ahead.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - First Friday of the month, after 9.15am Mass until 3pm. Spend whatever time you can. All Welcome.

**ST MARY'S FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM is urgently seeking new members** capable of preparing and/or running the audio-visual presentations at funerals. Please contact the parish office for more information on 9435 1543 or email [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au)

Thank you

**St Mary's Prayer Shawl Group** Meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enq: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Special Prayers** are asked for Bridget and Glenn's baby during the pregnancy.

**June Baptisms:** Annabelle Pinto

***Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:***

Peter Mejak, Michael Mc Aleer, Helen Sinnott, Barbara Fernandez, Christos Pittas

**Recently Deceased:**

***We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this week, may they enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:***

Rebecca O'Connor, Ethna Gormley, Anna Breier, Bill Quirk, George Teycheney, Rico Coronica, Lourdes Garrovillas, Jack Gravell, Francesco Mallamaci, Anna Silvapulle, Marie Fitzpatrick, Maggie Gomes, Harold Hill, Fr Wally Logue SJ, Emilia Giusti, Ryan Peters, Gaetano Lombardo, Mary Pettigrove, Mary Ellen Conroy, Gordon Brabender, Paddy & Annie O'Kane, Joan Tilbrook, Ron Forssman, Max Febey, Beryl O'Neil, Ann Daly, Kathleen Ranavan, Mary Clifford, Samuel Marshall, Francisco Arce, George Barber, Fr Dullard, JBA De Costa, Eileen Kenny, John Giles Sr. Marjorie Remedios, Margaret Luckman, Dominic O'Neill, Joe Forssman, Noel Farr, Angila Milne, Ivy Thomas, George Bull, Doris McLean, Frank DiBlasi, Hazel Wilson, Peter Ilya Cruz, Fidel Orendain, Catherine Fitzgerald, Generoso Riel, Ken Benton, James Murphy, David Barot, William John Semmens, Fr. Des Clifford CSSR, Ron Ferguson, Antonio Chiodo, Jeremy Serong, Dennis Rooney, Therese Jean-Francois, Doris Mullavey, Phyllis Star, Pietro Chiodo, Arthur Butcher, Fidel Orendain



## LECTIONARY ART REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE.

In the readings for the feast of Pentecost there are some interesting connections between fire and water. In the gospel for the Vigil the Spirit is described as 'rivers of living water' flowing out of the hearts of believers. In the Acts of the Apostles the experience of the Spirit was likened to 'tongues of fire'. In liminal moments like this, when natural logic is confounded, the boundaries between seeming opposites are blurred and new meanings emerge.

## Pentecost Sunday, Year C

5 June 2022

### 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 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.

### or Rom 8:8-17

*Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless

you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

### 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.'

or

### Gospel Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever.  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own;  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all that I have said to you.'



### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the very old days, the 'Holy Spirit' was known as the 'Holy Ghost'. It comes from the old English word 'gust' which 'blows wherever it pleases'. St Luke's account of Pentecost tells of what 'sounded like a powerful wind from heaven'. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples' lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear.

The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. 'O Breathe on me Breath of God' is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: 'O Breathe on me Breath of God . . . until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine'. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us.

Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds 'with a loud voice' about 'Jesus the Nazarene' and the fact that 'God raised him to life'. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,

and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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