

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY / C

5 JUNE 2022

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 symbolising 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 based on ethnic origin but on love, the greatest of the Spirit's gifts. Everyone moved by love is a son or daughter of God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Wis 1:7

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

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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 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

Rom 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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 14:15-16, 23-26

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 I have said to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF PENTECOST

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts 2:4, 11

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy

Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

COMMUNICATING OUR FAITH

Through the gift of the outpouring of the Spirit, the first disciples were empowered to preach the message of Jesus in language that could be understood by all. To this day Pentecost remains a model for the continuing life of the Church as we seek to speak meaningfully to the people of our own time.

One of Paul's greatest strengths as an apostle was his creativity and tireless search to communicate, in contemporary language, the meaning and consequences of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Like a cutter of precious stones, he was always bringing new facets to light, always searching for new ways to explain and communicate what he believed. He knew that Pentecost was only experienced by a chosen few and yet all Christians had been baptised into the love of Father, Son and Spirit. The gift of the Spirit enables all of us to call on God as Abba, as Father, sharing in the inheritance and promises of Christ himself. With this gift comes the call to respond and for Paul, this means leaving our enslaved past behind. Since the Spirit has made a home in us, we should live accordingly.

Similarly, the Gospel calls us to actualise the gift of the Spirit we have received through our faithfulness to Jesus' command to love one another. That first Pentecost the disciples spoke in ways that could be understood by all. The simplest and most powerful language we have is being faithful to Jesus' command to love one another.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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Pentecost Sunday, Year C

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASS OPEN TO ALL; MASKS / DISTANCING BE SENSIBLE & CARING / ALWAYS SANITISE;

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Trinity Sunday

Pro: 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn: 16:12-15

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am-11am

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna

Tel: (03) 9848 4483

Email: principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at DoncasterRE@cam.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: has restarted!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP:

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (has restarted)

Hopefully monthly on a Friday from 7pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: Third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Church meeting room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB: Membership enquiries: Gianna Alessio (President) 0438 410 506

Please pray for:

Those who are **sick** at this time including Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Lilia Go, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Bernadette Sheridon, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Fati, Patricia McLeod, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently, Lee Sammissimo, Cath Henry, Phan Vuong Hi, and **for the repose of the souls of** Michele Marrone, Angela Formica, Sara Bone, Nee Ong Wong, Anna Hai, Merle & Claude De Alwis, Rosa Bartone, Concetta Cusmano and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

Pentecost!

Thank you for journeying through the Lenten and Easter Seasons with me. Today, Pentecost Sunday, we remember and are caught up in the presence of the Holy Spirit leading us, guiding us, calling us, inspiring us.

With the Ascension we are given charge of the mission to go and make disciples, to spread the good news of God's love for us. With Pentecost we are given the inspiration to be capable of going out to the world and being heard. What a privilege!

Now ... what happens?

You are already giving of your time, talent and treasure—I may not see all of you giving but I know it is true. How might we grow in this journey? Five questions might be useful as we seek to live our mission as a faithful Christian community. Am I / are we:

1. A worshipping community? Truly Active, engaged, present?
2. Growing in faith; as followers of Jesus Christ?
3. Growing our lives so that we are serving the will of the Father?
4. Spending time to build our relationships as a community? Are we reaching out and actively connecting with others?
5. Giving in a spirit of gratitude for God and the graces given to us freely? Giving generously so that we can reach out to those who have not yet responded to the Good News?

If we can say Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes then we have every chance of overcoming the effects of the pandemic, overcoming disinterest, draw people to come and know Jesus Christ's love.

I listened to a recent episode of "God Forbid" the comment was made that we, people of faith, are irrelevant to most young people—yet a comment was also made that young people are intensely interested in the meaning of life. This truth is borne out by my recent experience during a Q&A with some of our grade 3/4 children. Their questions to me ranged from "Who made God?" to "How did God raise Jesus from the dead?" to "How can Jesus be bot god and man?" to "how did Jesus come to be?"

If children today have such urgent, penetrating questions, surely adults must too. We are not irrelevant if we step up and fill this thirst to know of God and God's love. It's not simple. It's not easy. It is essential.

Be sealed with the Holy Spirit, Alleluia Alleluia!!!

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are sisters and brothers.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love

NEXT WEEK 04/05 June

Sat 6.00pm
Sun 8.30am
Sun 10.30am
5.00pm

LECTORS

Frank Ryan, Anne Davine
Michael See, Queenie Wood
Aidan Leung, Chris Perera
Benedicta Wong, Francis Yim

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moira White, Peter Whitting
Joan Dineen, Rachael Kay
Robert Rukavina, Sim Dai
Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira
Sardana Family (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Carole Tang

MORNING TEA: Karen & Kai

FLOWERS: (Friday 3 June) Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli

NEXT WEEK 11/12 June

Sat 6.00pm
Sun 8.30am
Sun 10.30am
5.00pm

LECTORS

Patrick Soosay, Ward Italiano
Margaret Wallace, Philip Dunlop
Mary Stocco, Amanda Stefanovski
Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Sharon Wilkinson, Margaret Kenshole
Ray & Kay Lewis
Mary Stocco, Tony Ting
Mary Tonti-Filippini, Judy Ablaza
Alfred Lee, Stephanie Ong (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Dinah Sardana, Yvonne Tan

MORNING TEA: Angela & Angelo

FLOWERS: Tessa Leung (Friday 10 June)

FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING: be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tue/Thurs: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wed/, Fri: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

Masses with congregations: No check-in, no vaccination checks. Still we should hand sanitise and we are encouraged to wear masks if we feel the situation demands it. Parish staff & volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

Facebook: Live-streaming: Normally 9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St Kevin's or 10:30 St Gregory's (alternating). Mass with children participating will generally not be live streamed.

Lost Parishioners?: Our May Mass count suggests that only 50% of people have chosen to come back and gather in person. Who have you not seen return? How can you help them? Maybe they need help?

Transport to Mass: I am aware of at least on parishioner who would like to come to Mass but has not transport. Perhaps there are more. Are you willing to assist someone local get to Mass? Please Contact the office.

We are remembering Cath Henry that passed away earlier this week. Cath was a teacher at St. Gregory's Primary School for over 20 years. She begun teaching at St Gregory's in 1992. During her time at the school she celebrated her 50th year of teaching. Cath was the coordinator of the Sacramental Program and trained students to become altar servers for the church. This was role she was passionate about and continued to do so until her retirement. Many that knows Cath will say, she has the best interest of the students at heart. Please remember Cath in your prayers.



St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School - Open Days In 2022

Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/ events If you would like to have a School Tour prior to this date please contact the School Office on 98484483.

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming available. Room bookings can be made: st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.



To everyone who has attended and helped our **Pizza & Wine night**. It was great to see many of you after a long hiatus.

Working Bee Thank you: To everyone who came and assisted with the working bee.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

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Congratulations to **Madison Nelson** who is receiving her First Communion this Sunday



Our Lady Statue and the many blessings that come is available to have in your home. If you would like to have her in your home for a month or so she is available. You could also have her for any special dates throughout the year. Please phone Mary on 0401049984.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Workshop with Fr Elio Capra sdb

Saturday 18 June 2022, 10.00am—3.30pm,
Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville VIC 3052, Lunch and refreshments provided

\$25 per person, \$100 Parish group of 4—6 people
Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZFLT> by Tuesday 7 June 2022
Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5709



On Friday, 20th May, three altar servers from St. Gregory's were awarded the Guild of St. Stephen Medal at a special mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne for their service as altar ministers at our church masses. The guild was awarded to children that has served as an altar server for a minimum of 5 years.

"The Guild of Saint Stephen is established to foster a deeper awareness and understanding of the liturgy by ministers of the altar and to improve understanding of and participation in the liturgy by parishes and communities."

"Members of the Guild have Saint Stephen as their patron saint. St. Stephen was a deacon in the church. He assisted the apostles by his service to God's people and was the first Christian to be martyred for the faith."

Altar Servers from parishes across Melbourne were awarded the guild. And St Gregory's attendance were: Calista Arief, Anselm Leung and Sarita Tanzimat. All children were at St Gregory's The Great Primary School.