

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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

**R/: Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the of First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

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.'



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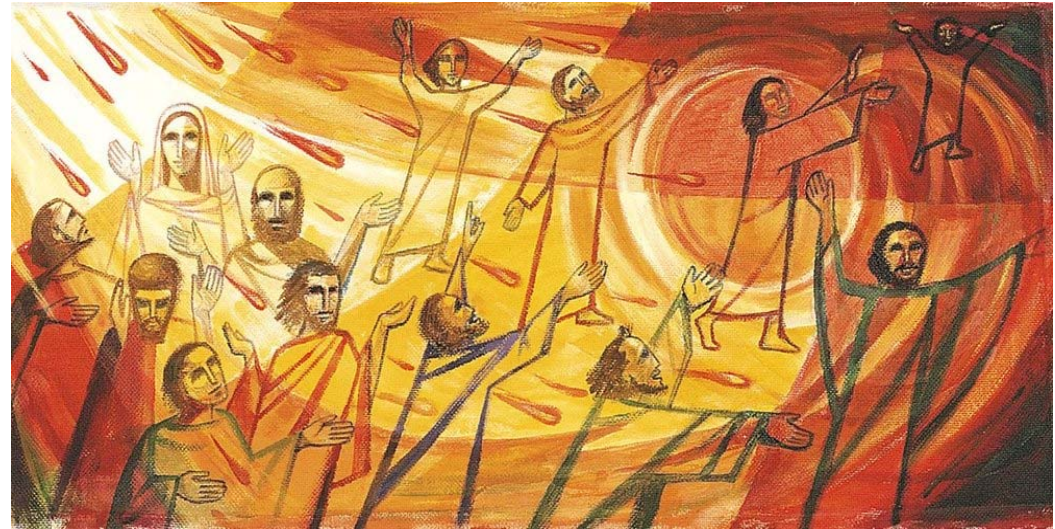
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year A

30th and 31st May, 2020



Focus on the Readings...

Despite the promise of Jesus that He would not leave His disciples 'orphaned' (see Sixth Sunday of Easter), they huddle in fear in the upper room after his death. He comes among them, not offering recriminations at their lack of faith, but offering peace — a peace won through the cross and resurrection. Just as Jesus is transformed by this experience, so too the disciples' fear turns to joy. In the giving of His Spirit, Jesus literally breathes life back into His disciples. They are empowered to go out and continue His work to bring Divine justice and forgiveness, to the world.

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday (Suspended) 6:30 pm
Sunday (Suspended) 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Tuesday 6.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15 am
Saturday 9.00 am
Currently 20 people permitted per Mass. 'Book in' via the Parish Office at least a day prior.

COMMUNION SERVICE:
Monday (Suspended) 9.15 am

RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: (Suspended) 9.30am & 6pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

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PRAYING FOR:

Roger Stapleton
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Norman Figredo, Anne McKeown, Greg Lannan
...and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY MASSES

News: With the Victorian Government's easing of COVID-19 restrictions, effective 1st June, the number of congregants permitted in a "Place of Worship" for ceremonies other than funerals (where 50 are permitted) has been revised to **20**. As a consequence the schedule of Weekday Masses at OLA will recommence this Tuesday 2nd June:

i.e. Tues. 6pm, Wed.-Fri. 9.15am & Sat. 9am

The restrictions still in place dictate that this reopening take place in an orderly fashion, and that there be a cleaning regime of surfaces within the church, prior to, and following each liturgy. We're also obliged to record the date, time, the names and phone numbers of each of the **20** congregants present, plus anyone else integral to the Mass, e.g. celebrant, lector, sacristan, etc.

Please note: This limitation on numbers means that those wishing to attend a weekday Mass will need to 'book', by contacting the Parish Office prior to the day of one's preferred Mass. Regular weekday Mass attendees are asked to be mindful of this imposed limitation in order to accommodate all who would wish to attend. We ask that you book in for no more than two weekday Masses each week, for as long as the 20 person limit remains in place.

Re. the resumption of Sunday Masses: We still await the lifting of current limitations, to accommodate much larger congregations and avoid any discrimination. The Australian Bishops' dispensation from one's 'Sunday Mass obligation' remains in place.



The Archdiocese of Melbourne provides a **Coronavirus Update** on its website where you can download current information & guidelines (updated: 27/05/2020) <http://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

FREE EBOOK The recently published 'Catholicism in the Time of Coronavirus', is available from Word on Fire Institute <https://www.wordonfire.org/covid> In the book the author, Stephen Bullivant, looks at the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the Church, and how the Church's pastoral and evangelistic mission might most effectively respond.

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS:

Kilbreda College invite you online to explore the quality education and programs that your daughter will experience as a Kilbreda girl, all in the comfort of your own home! Register today at: kilbreda.vic.edu.au

St Bede's College enrolments are now open for current Year 5 students who will in attending Year 7 in 2022. Closing date 21 August 2020. Applications are available on the college website: stbedes.catholic.edu.au

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR FAITH FORMATION & INFORMATION:

The **Christian Classics Ethereal Library** is a digital library of hundreds of classic Christian books: <https://ccel.org/>

Lectio Divina May 2020 for daily prayer: <https://ocarm.org/en/carmel/lectio-divina-may-2020>

The **Holy See** to view the written works of Pope Francis, and news from the Vatican: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

The **Greek Interlinear New Testament** - https://www.scripture4all.org/OnlineInterlinear/Greek_Index.htm

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK Celebrated from 27 May – 3 June each year, **Reconciliation Week** is an important occasion for all Australians. The theme of this year's **National Reconciliation Week** is: 'In this together'. Can we build relationships that value Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and their unique gifts and stories? Online resources:

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria:
<https://www.cam.org.au/acmv>

& **National Reconciliation Week**
<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) are accessible here: www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column.



THE SWAG MAGAZINE: With the suspension of Sunday Masses around the country, 'The Swag' will now be offering parishioners free online access to a Page Turner and a PDF of the Winter 2020 edition. Go to www.theswag.org.au and click on the yellow box.

COUNSELLING: All counselling will now be over the phone or video consultations due to COVID-19. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact AnneMaree Eddy directly on: 0403 284 536, and leave a message indicating you are a parishioner.

