

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

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

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

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the 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.'

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

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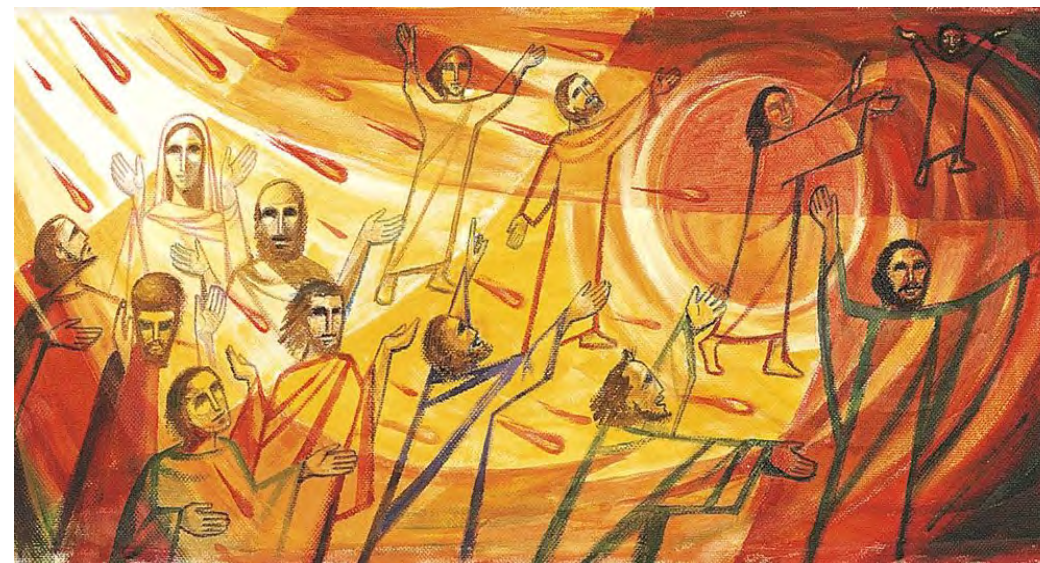
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## PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2023



The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to proclaim His Gospel to all nations.

In John's Gospel, the Spirit is called 'The Advocate' or 'The Paraclete,' and the role of the Spirit is to teach and remind the disciples of Jesus' words. These are functions that happen within a community where people gather to share stories, to ask questions, to try to find meaning in the events of their lives. Jesus promises that when Christians gather for this purpose they will not be alone. Jesus promises that he, and the God he calls 'Father', will make their home with us, and the Spirit will be there to guide and enlighten us.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT  
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:  
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm  
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:  
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am  
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm  
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am  
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am  
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am  
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE  
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
Wednesday 9:45 am  
Saturday 9.30 am  
i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY – Yr A 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

### PRAYING FOR:

David Cosgriff, Mary Walsh, Frank Meade,  
Marie Therese Stanley,  
...and all who died recently.

### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Dennis Butler, Flor Pardo, Saturnina Lucas,  
Pelagio Aviles, Clara Tetteroo,  
Elias Monera, Rosie Steele,  
Rosalia Lomacchio, Antonino Gullo,  
Frederick Herft, Gregory Lannan,  
Jim Malane,

....and all whose anniversaries occur about  
this time.

...and we keep in our prayers all who are  
currently unwell.

Readings for the current liturgical year from  
Advent 2022 to Christ the King 2023 are  
taken from Year A in the Lectionary cycle  
Should you wish to view the Scripture  
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical  
Calendar) please visit:  
[universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass](http://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please make sure that your  
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are  
current, that is, have not expired, and copies  
made available to the Parish Office.

**UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS:**  
General Guidelines from the Archdiocese  
(Update #62: 26 November, 2022) are available  
online at: [melbourne.catholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](http://melbourne.catholic.org/covid-19-guidelines)

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** Thank you to all  
parishioners who continue to support both the  
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through  
your generous contributions. Both OLA & St  
Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:  
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:  
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

## ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH



The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at **12 noon on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**, at the **Highett RSL**. All are most welcome.

**Please RSVP by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** to:  
Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350  
or via email: [karen.mitri@gmail.com](mailto:karen.mitri@gmail.com)

**THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT** concludes  
this weekend.



**OLA KNITTING GROUP** will  
next meet on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May** at  
**1pm** in the Church Meeting Room.  
All are most welcome.

**FR LAURIE McNAMARA CM** will be  
presenting a programme at OLA entitled:  
**'AGEING and AWAKENING: LIFE'S  
SURPRISING GIFTS!'**. Fr Laurie is  
offering three two-hour sessions where  
participants have the opportunity to explore  
the sources of meaning and the possibilities  
for growth, as many members of our parish  
communities journey into old age. Dates:  
**Wednesdays May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup> & June  
14<sup>th</sup>, from 10.30am to 1pm**. Program outline  
leaflets and sign-up sheets are available in  
both our churches' foyers.



**2023 PROPAGATION OF  
THE FAITH APPEAL**  
With Timor-Leste's fragile  
infrastructure, reliance on  
local health practices, and limited access to  
medical care, many health conditions only  
worsen, and sadly can result in death. Next  
week Catholic Mission will offer you the  
opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and  
the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-  
Leste, where your gift can help continue a  
life-saving program to help address this  
reality. A special collection will be taken up  
at all Masses next weekend.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
VICTORIA AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL  
SERVICES AUSTRALIA** invite you to join  
them in a Webinar Series on the: **'Indigenous  
Voice To Parliament - Moments for healing  
this country'** which begins this coming week.  
The Series is an opportunity to better  
understand the Uluru Statement From the  
Heart, the process that led to a referendum in  
2023 and what a Voice to Parliament might  
entail. With the referendum approaching, it is  
important to understand why and what we are  
being asked to vote on and what implications  
this may have for Australia, and reconciliation  
more broadly, moving forward. Professor  
Melissa Castan, Director of the Castan Centre  
for Human Rights Law at Monash University  
asks: What is the Voice to Parliament all  
about?, and explore some fundamental  
questions about the upcoming referendum.  
Dates: **Thursdays 25<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> June and  
27<sup>th</sup> July from 4-5pm**.

Venue: **via Zoom** (link will be provided)  
Enquiries: Kate Stilwell: [office@css.org.au](mailto:office@css.org.au)  
Book here: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799)  
for selected, or all, sessions. Registration is  
essential. Tickets for CSSV & CSSA members  
are free and non-members can purchase tickets  
for \$12 per session or \$30 for all three sessions.



**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**,  
you are invited to stay on  
for a 'cuppa and a chat'  
**after the 9am & 11am  
Masses**, in the church Meeting Room.

**ST AGNES' PARISH SCHOOL** invites you  
to attend **'The Grand Opening of our New  
Learning Spaces'** on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**.  
Celebrations will commence with a Blessing  
by Bishop Tony Ireland at **3.30pm** in the  
Church, followed by a ribbon cutting, walk-  
through and light refreshments. Please RSVP  
to [nfield@sahighett.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nfield@sahighett.catholic.edu.au) by Tuesday,  
6<sup>th</sup> June.