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PENTECOST (Year A)

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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

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

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

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

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow
Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

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

Gospel: John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Lila Di Vecchia

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Jo
Payne, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Jim Reid,
Peter & Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette &
Gilbert, Florens, Luigi Mazzotti, Kate, Tim Lawson, John
Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy,
Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh,
Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian
Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna
Zammit, Michael Jordan, Anne Moroney, Catherine Fields, Sam
Lawson, Trish Macpherson, Geoff, Grace Quinlivan, Bianca, ,
Mary Ovans, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer,
Cathie & Jose Grima, Darren McInnes, Rose Roberts, Roman De
Angelis, Tedi & Santi

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen.**

RECONCILIATION

10am Saturday morning or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six
month's notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

PARISH OFFICE

Please call 0448 658 418

PASTORAL WORKER

Wednesday 10.00am- 3.00pm
Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required please contact the Lilydale Centre on
1800 305 330
Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

CARE GROUP

Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards,
Sharon Jacob,
Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418



We have recently switched to NBN and having trouble accessing our office phone message bank. If you need to contact the office please call 0448 658 418.

Masses are back with changes!

St Patrick's: **Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm**
 Sunday: 10.30 pm
 Tuesday: 9.10 am
 Wednesday: 9.10 am
 Friday: 9.10 am

For Masses at St Patrick's, Lilydale, phone: 0448 658 418

Please note no Tuesday evening mass

St Brigid's: Sunday 8.30 am and
 Thursdays 9.10 am. (Please note: no
Wednesday evening Masses)

To book to attend a Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville,
phone: 0448 664 731.

As of 1st June Only 20 people, plus Father, a reader and a server are permitted to attend each Mass. Protocols for sanitising and social distancing will be strictly observed. Bookings must be pre-arranged. A waiting list applies for those who would like to attend Mass regularly, and priority will be given to those who have not yet been able to attend Mass since the shutdown began.

WOULD YOU APPRECIATE A PHONE CALL?

If you would like to chat to Fr Francis or to Parish staff, please contact the office. Our problems seem lighter when shared! Parish staff are still available by phone to pass on any information you may need, and to care for your family in this time of stress and uncertainty. Debbie's phone number is 0448 664 731 and Sharon's is 0448 658 418.

Parish email: lilydale@cam.org.au

Pentecost Sunday

We tend to think of Pentecost as an exclusively Christian feast. In fact, Pentecost is the Hellenised name for one of the seven annual Jewish feasts, the 'Festival of Weeks' (in Hebrew, *Shavuot*) celebrated 50 days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Pentecost was always a joyful celebration, being as it was, a feast of thanksgiving to God for the incoming harvest. In the Christian dispensation the feast of Pentecost is given a new significance. Instead of celebrating this agricultural feast of the bountiful harvest, Christians rejoice in another kind of harvest - the rich spiritual bounty of souls who come to faith in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Christian feast of Pentecost marks the fifty days following Christ's Resurrection from the dead. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles marks the beginning of an age of new spiritual fecundity in the harvest of souls who will be counted among the elect. As Christ foretells, "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few!" (Matt 9:27).

Who exactly is this Holy Spirit who is sent upon the apostles? The Holy Spirit is the living love of the Father and Son, who has been poured into the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit animates the Church, the Body of Christ, much as a soul animates a physical body. Without the Holy Spirit the Church would simply be a human organisation, nothing more. But the presence of the Holy Spirit sanctifies the Church, making her divine, and we can even say, *holy*. The creed formulated at Nicaea (325AD) was rather sparse regarding the Holy Spirit. At the Council of Constantinople (381AD) the Church was able to enrich the Nicene Creed with additional articles of faith regarding the third person of the Holy Trinity. Here the Holy Spirit was defined as "the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets." This 'Giver of Divine Life' is poured into the souls of the Christian faithful at our baptism, enlivening us with Divine Charity. As living temples of the Holy Spirit we are called to set the world aglow with the fire of the love of Christ. The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable the mature Christian to live up to the demands of the Christ's teaching, difficult though they often are. Through the Holy Spirit God gives us the means to live a life of holiness, because "with God nothing is impossible" (Matt 19:26). Growing in a deeper awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit can enable the Christian to better use the gifts

given to us at Baptism and perfected in Confirmation, in our daily struggle for holiness.

In spite of our total dependence upon Him, the Holy Spirit is probably the most elusive and mysterious of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. Perhaps for this reason many Christians through the ages have felt more inclined to pray to God the Father or to Jesus Christ, than to invoke the Holy Spirit. Yet, in the treasury of the Church's liturgical prayers we have a number of beautiful hymns addressed directly to the Holy Spirit. Today's liturgy is embellished with one of these: the so-called 'golden sequence' of Pentecost, *Veni, sancte Spiritus* (Come, Holy Spirit) which precedes the Gospel. This powerful and evocative ancient hymn invokes the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts and souls, bringing warmth, consolation, vigour and freshness! The following is one of the better poetic renderings of the Latin original into English by Anthony Petti.

Come Holy Spirit, God of light, fill us with your radiance bright;
Gentle father of the poor, make us, by your help, secure;
Come, your boundless grace impart, bring your love to every heart.
Lord of consolation, come, warm us when our hearts are numb;
Great consoler, come and heal, to our souls your strength reveal;
Cool, refreshing comfort pour, and our peace of mind restore.
Light immortal, fire divine, with your love our hearts refine;
Come, our inmost being fill, make us all to do your will;
Goodness you alone can give, grant that in your grace we live.
Come, our lukewarm hearts inspire, mould our wills to your desire;
In our weakness make us strong, and amend our every wrong;
Guide us when we go astray, wash our stain of guilt away.
Give to every faithful soul, gifts of grace to make us whole;
Help us when we come to die, so that we may live on high;
Ever let your love descend, give us joys that never end. Amen.

Happy Feast of Pentecost!
Fr Francis Denton



Prayer Requests

Fr Francis and Fr John are continuing to record weekend Masses, which are available to be viewed at any time. The link is <https://bit.ly/StBsHville>. During this time of physical separation, we continue to pray for each other. If you have a prayer request for a special intention, please email the parish, lilydale@cam.org.au. Father will remember our special intentions as he says Mass, and we will pray for all parishioners' prayer requests in the Prayers of the Faithful each week. Special intentions will not be publicly mentioned, but we will all be praying together with one voice in support of those big challenges our parishioners are facing. If you would like to chat to Father, or parish staff, please let us know.



The magnificent Solemnity of Pentecost always captures my imagination. Such a dramatic, interesting and striking 'scene' holds my attention each time I think of it. The account from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of a wind, followed by the appearance of tongues of fire settling on the heads of those present that day. The apostles, filled with the fire of God's love, rushed 'out', catapulted into action with enthusiasm and conviction, to do the work that they had been commissioned to do. The image of fire is a wonderful analogy of the fire of God's love burning within the hearts of all touched by the Holy Spirit, and the symbolism of the wind is equally descriptive. You can't see the wind. You can't capture it on film. You can see its effects however. So it is with the Holy Spirit's effects in our Parish. We may not see a dove, or tongues of fire, but we can see the Holy Spirit working through the people of God: through the Rosary Group, the Meditation Group, the Knitting Group, and through the faces of those who count our collection each week. The wind stirs leaves, and bends branches. Our Morning Cuppa and Care Group lunch organisers quench loneliness and encourage friendships. The Over 50s Groups bring people together, our sacristans and our cleaners serve us in our church. Those who fold our newsletters each week do so with care and with love. Our gardeners share their gifts with us. Our education groups share the Good News with those who thirst. Our prayer groups pray for us. And each week we gather, to worship in God's presence. Generosity is inspired through the action of the Holy Spirit, thankfulness flows from gifts shared. Just like the apostles, we too move 'out' to others, personally and as a community, even when we are still. We are so Blessed!

Caritas Prayer for the COVID-19

Pandemic May we, who are experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia and are coming to terms with a new reality, remember the words of scripture "Be still and know that I am God". May we, who as adults struggling to process what is happening in our world, remember children who are fearful of a reality they cannot comprehend. May we, who complain about the scarcity of commodities, remember those who are working to maintain the supply chain. May we, who observe the long queues of those seeking support, remember those for whom there is no government assistance or financial aid. May we, who rely on essential services, especially those in the medical profession, remember all those working on the front line. May we, who work to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity, remember those living and working in vulnerable communities. May we, who are working from home, remember those who have no employment or home from which to work. May we, who have access to medical facilities and services, remember those who do not have basic health care. May we, who are beginning to experience border closures, remember refugees who cannot return home. May we give thanks for those who are working to help or bring some kindness, joy or humour to others, showing us the light of Christ lives. During this time of isolation as we close our doors, may we continue to keep our hearts open to our family, friends, local and global communities. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen St Oscar Romero, patron saint of Caritas Internationalis, pray for us. Patron Saints of Australia, Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us St Francis Xavier, pray for us. St Therese of Lisieux, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

HUMOUR

Last year, I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive double pane energy efficient kind. But this week, I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work had been completed a whole year and I had yet to pay for them.

Boy, oh boy, did we go around! Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year. He said that in one year, the windows would pay for themselves. There was silence on the other end of the line, so I just hung up, and he hasn't called back. Guess he was embarrassed!

A little more Humour

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'