

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

In 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you

will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

23 MAY 2021

THE EMPOWERING SPIRIT

If last week spoke of the transition between the time of Jesus' ministry and the time of the Church, then the feast of Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognise that we have also been empowered for mission. It is a reminder that we are not alone and that the Spirit is with us to help us by giving us the means to confront the challenges before us. While there is a sense of transition there is a sense of continuity as well. The Gospel for today shows Jesus' taking great pains to prepare the disciples for the time of the Spirit that will come after his departure. On one level there is loss, and yet they are assured that what the Spirit will bring will be in harmony with what the Father had already entrusted to Jesus, and what Jesus had given them.

A great deal of Paul's energy was taken up with guiding fledgling communities as they learned to give voice, in their daily lives, to the experience of the Spirit. It is an experience that must lead to the bearing of very concrete and tangible fruits; fruits that ripen when we leave behind self-centredness and turn to our brothers and sisters in love. For Paul the gift of the Spirit is not only God's gift to us, it also contains a dimension of responsibility. In a sense, the invitation and challenge of Pentecost are always whether we can learn to speak in the language of love, a love that goes beyond oneself and reaches out to the other.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

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

Gal 5: 16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The fruit of the Spirit.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course.

23 May 2021
Pentecost

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9 am and 5.30 pm

CONFESIONS
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon: *No Mass Tues: *No Mass
Wed: 12pm Thur: 9am
Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *The spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, and that which contains all things understands what is said, Alleluia*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia.*

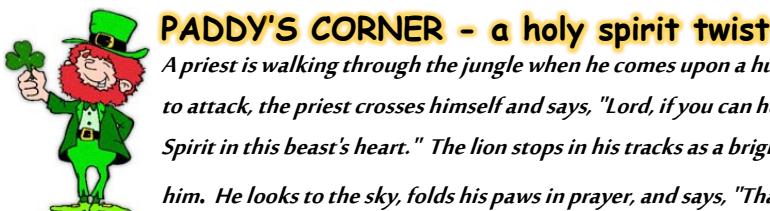
May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Sr Bede Hintz, Mary Platter, Fr Peter Liu, Peggy Bussell, Lawrence Hartley, Margaret Barnes, Blagyna Nikolovski.

Anniversaries: Peg MacRae (2/5), Joseph (5/6), Bill McLean (8/5), Hugh O'Brien (18/5), Sandy Murray (22/5), John Varga (1/6).

Deceased: John Parker, Rodney Oatley, Patrick Valentine McNicholas, Dalis O'Brien, Thomas Brown.

Sick: Maria Mood, Fr Bernie Flood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Brindley Cavallaro, Jack & Marge Attard.



COMING EVENTS

24 May: Solemnity of Our Lady Help Of Christians

31 July: Launch of Online Men's Gathering 2021

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

1st Coll: BSB 082105 ACC 001023642

2nd Coll: BSB 082105 ACC 001041198



*May God bless and strengthen you. Confide all to God.
See how God carries us through the storms.*



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SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CORONA VIRUS: A huge thank you for your generosity for the special collection for India. An incredible total of \$1,167.45 was collected.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST are being sought for the proposed new Parish Pastoral Committee. The Committee will be formed in the coming weeks to meet many new and exciting challenges as the Parish grows into the future and embraces new and important pastoral opportunities. Please contact Fr Anthony or email the Parish if you feel you can contribute your special gifts to assist.

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE will be conducted again this weekend for the last weekend. This week we are asked to record age by broad grouping; no other information about attendees will be collected. This is a count of attendance at ALL MASSES celebrated in the Diocese, including all parishes, non-parish centres, hospitals and chaplaincies. Volunteers for counting heads will be gratefully accepted.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. The Diocese of Armidale will be holding its own Diocesan Catholic Men's Gathering as an in-person event on Saturday 16th October in Tamworth. This event will include the input being prepared by the ACBC for the National Catholic Men's Gathering as well as local input and content. *Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.* Further to come.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit www.yearofstjoseph.com.au

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND ADVOCACY FOR CHINA: Parishes are requested to pray during the week of 23-30 May for the people of faith in China who are routinely persecuted, imprisoned and tortured.

DIMMING IN THE CHURCH: Replacement of the church lights is imminent and of significant cost. We have seen the improved savings made with updating of lighting in the presbytery and grounds and we would like to see the same in the Church. We hope to be able to address the issue in the not too distant future.

CRACKER'S TALES: To assist with the lighting project, we will aim to clear the stock of Cracker's Tales. The bargain price of \$10 will get you all the laughs you need. Please contact the office or speak with Fr Anthony after Mass or at the office if you would like to buy a copy

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 23/5/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman
9am Sun: R R Paull M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team O and J Whale; D Bolitho
Sat Cleaning 29/5 B & B Lane
Altar Linen E Smyth

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 30/5/21

Vigil: R D Bolitho R Palmer
9am Sun: R C Monet O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team P Sheils A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 5/6 K O'Brien J Cunningham
Altar Linen H Reid