

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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Pentecost Sunday

28th May 2023

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us,
alleluia.

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

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 1 Cor 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.

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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 Jn 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.’

Communion Antiphon

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

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God’s chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai.

In today’s First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles.

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised.

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today’s Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a “mighty wind” sweeping over the face of the earth. In the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as “a strong, driving wind” to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today’s Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles.

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today’s Epistle.

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a “new creation” in Baptism. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

Prayer to Receive the Holy Spirit

O King of glory,
send us the Promise of the Father,
the Spirit of Truth.
May the Counselor
Who proceeds from You
enlighten us
and infuse all truth in us,
as You have promised.
Amen.

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Recent Deaths: Rusty Brown
Anniversaries: Jill Holland
Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, John Nihill, Kath Monaghan and Ellen Bonica.
May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace. 🙏

Trinity Sunday, 4th June
Ouyen: 11:00am
Welcomer: Gerald Leach
Reader: Lorna Keam
Prayers of the Faithful: Carmel Vallance
Offertory Procession: Beryl & Les Gregg
Eucharistic Minister: Marlene O'Callaghan
Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 21st May
Ouyen: \$139.35
Planned Giving: \$110.00

Mass Timetable
Ouyen each Sunday at 11:00am
Underbool 4th Sunday at 9:00am

Weekday Masses this week: Friday at 10:00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Thursday from 2pm – 5pm, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy said at 3pm and the Rosary at 4pm; all welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available after the 11:00am Mass, or at any other time by appointment.

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world, in atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church Cleaning:
June: Merril & John Boland
Presbytery Cleaning:
June: Faye Nihill

Pope's Prayer Intention for June: *For the abolition of torture* - We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Feast Days this Week
29th Mary Mother of the Church
31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1st June St Justin, martyr, layman and philosopher

Prayer for Freedom of Religious Belief
Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work with faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, to protect religious freedom within our institutions. We pray for the pastorally sensitive formation of children in accordance with sound biological anthropology and the traditional teachings of the faith of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Australia's patronesses, Our Lady Help of Christians and St Mary of the Cross. Amen.

Beginning in June, our monthly dinners restart
Father Shaiju has welcomed the opportunity of gathering as a parish with whomever is able or available, to have dinner and discussion. Father is offering to give Benediction and say the rosary of a Thursday afternoon at 5pm followed by dinner at the Club. As noted in our Parish Meeting, we will also look at rotating these events to dinner & lunch options for those who find the night time more difficult. At this stage no date has been set but we will begin in June.

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The Annual Diocesan Mass Count continues this weekend and throughout May.

Save Calvary Hospital On Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979. Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce, led by Father Tony Percy, to challenge the ACT Government's plan. He has supported a petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>). This forced takeover of a Catholic apostolic work (hospital) that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse is asking for our support via the 'Save Calvary' petition and in any other way you are able. Some of the concerns are: The legislation was drafted and tabled without any consultation with Calvary Hospital, management, staff or patients.

The proposed timeframe demonstrates a complete unwillingness on the part of the ACT Government to dialogue with its citizens,

The ACT government does not have the competency to run a second hospital, as it is already struggling to provide adequate services at the Canberra Hospital.

The government will target other faith, welfare and community groups without consultation.

Parish Leadership Team Meeting – Friday 2nd June after the 10:00am Mass

Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity - God of justice and truth, we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call to do good and to seek justice. May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ, and walk in the way of peace and reconciliation. May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth. May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. Amen

The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their **"Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified"** global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of **5,014 Christians** were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. Please pray for the people of Nigeria. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. If you are interested there is a brochure on the table at the back and for any questions please call 02 89124818.

"Prayer begins by talking to God, but it ends by listening to Him." Ven. Fulton Sheen

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