

LITURGY OF THE WORD Pentecost Sunday

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

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

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.

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.

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.

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SECOND READING from a letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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

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 from the holy Gospel according to John

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

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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.

ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

Priest: Fr. Matthew Thomas PP

Parish Secretary: Glenda Klabbers

Parish Council Chair: Michelle Haeusler

Parish Safeguarding Officers:
Karen & Damien Kelly

St Mary's School Principal: Greg Lane

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Parish Office: Tuesday 10.00am - 2.00pm
Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm



Pentecost Sunday

Year A

4th June 2017

Presbytery: 62 Splatt Street Swan Hill 3585

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises of the faith Communities of:

St Marys Swan Hill,

St Joseph's Lake Boga

Mass Next Weekend:

Saturday	6.30 pm Vigil	Swan Hill
Sunday	10.30 am	Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Tuesday:	5.30 pm
Wed:	10.00 am
Thursday:	10.00 am
Friday:	11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 noon

Mass Intentions:

Saturday: Laura Mollo
Tuesday: Marcello Marano
Friday: Kevin Mikes



Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Mary Spong, Graeme Hill, Marcello Marano.

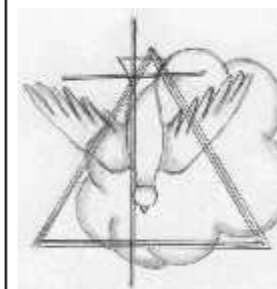
Anniversaries: We remember: Maxine Gaylard, Bill Hinton, Jean Webb, Betty Leschke, Margaret Bridgeland, Rosemary Pearce, Clem Kelly, Veronica Gleeson, Maude Dobelli, William Willocks, Antonio and Phillip Milazzo, Marina, Catarina,

Prayers for the Sick: Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Joy Parsons, Jarrod Crimmins,

If you would like a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission. After one month names will be deleted from the list unless otherwise advised.

WELCOME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The children are: Mitchell Anderson, Rory Bell, Blake Condely, Ben Foster, Archie Gilchrist, Myles Hawkins, Maddox Hyland, Max O'Reilly, Max Parsons, Jack Webb, Claudia Blair, Maddison Blair, Mikaela Mitchell, Indi O'Brien, Tess Thomson.



We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Stella Carbone daughter of Martin and Lyndel. May she grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community

CUPPA AFTER MASS TODAY SUNDAY

Please take home a copy of Australian Catholics after Mass. This quarter we celebrate the gifts women bring to our schools, parishes and other ministries.

Divine Mercy Devotions, Monday 1.45pm.

CWL this Tuesday, June 6th at 1.30pm. New members welcome. Check our website for more information, www.cwlvicww.org

Rosary in the Park this Saturday, June 10th, 10.00am at the rotunda, BYO chair.

Over 60's meet next Monday 12th June at 1.30 pm All welcome.

Young people: Pope Francis wants to hear from you!

Online Survey now open

This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**.

Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

For more information:

youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Fr Marcello's address: 3 Chesterfield Court, Soldiers Hill, Vic , 3350

ST MARY'S MINISTRIES for 11th June 2017

Ministers of the Word:

Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Mary Nolen
10.30am: Yvonne Richardson, Josie Caccavello.

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil: Margaret Hoare, Bev McCartney, Helen Lewis, Cathy Page.

10.30 am: Dorothy Bishop, Raelene O'Halloran, Damien Kelly, Brenda Ford, Graeme Learmonth,

Presentation of Gifts:

Vigil: Valma Barry, Nola Grant,

10.30am : Scott & Carolyn Zambelli

Music Ministry:

Vigil: Bernice Murray & Brenda Grace.

10.30am: Brian Wood

Counters: Brenda Ford, Pina Rosaia

STATE OF THE NATION

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)		\$ 1,142.80
(Support of Priests & Bishop)		
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes	\$ 1,203.00
(Support of the Parish)	Credit Card	\$ 0.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 0.00
	Loose Plate	\$ 157.80
		\$ 1,360.80

Thank-You!

READINGS NEXT WEEK 11th June Year A

1st Reading : Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Car Park Just a friendly reminder that the car park in the church grounds is for those with a Disabled sticker, or people being dropped off and picked up. We ask that you do not park on the grass, as we have had to replace the sprinklers a couple of times. Thanks for your assistance with this.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton

On October 20 & 21 21, 2017 we will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton – this is also Charlton Show weekend. We invite any past pupils and staff to attend our celebrations. Please contact Anne, ph. 0408547973 for further details.

Family Matters - Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum

All are welcome to attend this Forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held in Ballarat on June 24, Warrnambool July 22, and Mildura August 26. These free events are being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. Please register your attendance at one of the venues listed: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> Details about workshops will be released soon. Alternatively, contact Danielle Peters or Tony Haintz - social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Reflection

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

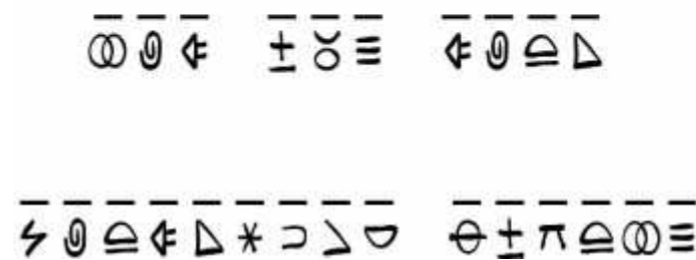
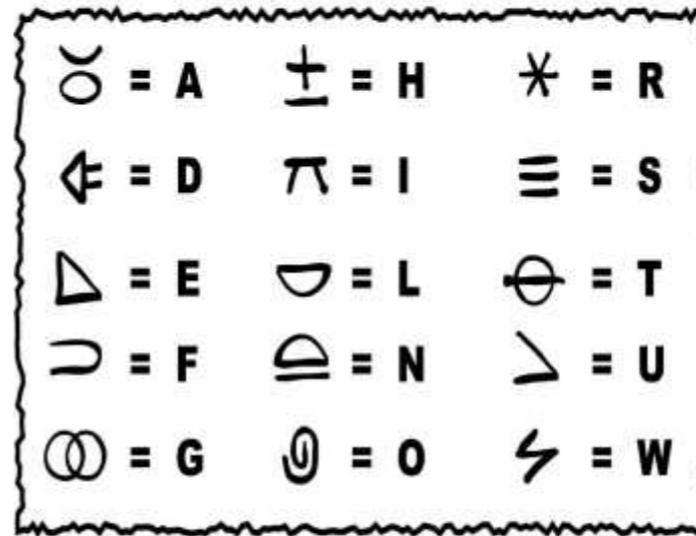
The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was super-charged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.



Draw a picture of someone you know who is filled with the Holy Spirit - It could even be yourself!

The Spirit Brings LOVE I can show love by _____

 _____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit Brings PEACE I can be a peacemaker by _____

 _____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit Brings JOY I can show joy by _____

 _____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.