



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends, In today's gospel we see that Jesus tells Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish council (the Sanhedrin) that the Spirit of God is like a wind that blows where it wills; it can be felt and heard but no one can picture what it really is or predict the direction of its movement. In the scripture, the Spirit is described in a variety of ways, each concept presenting something of the Spirit but never truly capturing it. The Spirit may be compared to a diamond that has many sides and angles, each side presents something of the beauty of the diamond, but only partly. The liturgy offers us a wealth of scriptural readings to enable us to wonder and be awed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. In the first reading, Luke pictures the Spirit descending upon the disciples gathered in the upper room like a strong wind and resting upon them in tongues as of fire. Wind and fire are powerful natural elements and they fittingly symbolize the divine action that changes and empowers the disciples to proclaim boldly that Jesus is the Messiah whom God raised from the dead. The gospel, on the other hand, has the risen Jesus breathing on the disciples giving them the Holy Spirit. The action is less perceptible, but the effect is tremendous, that the disciples are empowered to forgive sins and renewing people in the depth of their being. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to empower and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be able to live as messengers of Jesus in our day-to-day life.



### Weekday Mass Times

**Wednesday:** 9 a.m. Cobden

**Friday:** 9 a.m. Camperdown

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – Mary Mother of the Church

Tues – Ss Marcelinus & Peter

Wed – Ss Charles & Companions

Thurs – St Filippo Saldone

Fri – St Boniface

Sat – Ss Marcellin & Norbet

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are in ill health: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien.

### Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for who has died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Bob Jenkins, Noreen Binek, John Lee, Angela O'Sullivan, Bridie Darcy, Peter Cannard, Stella Fitzgerald, Margaret Ryan, Thelma Timmermans, Kevin Gaut.

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues.

**Parish bank details:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes).

**Presbytery:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142 (Collection).

Thank you

**A Prayer in This Time of Distress:** O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in his time of distress, grant, we pray in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and Reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Masses will be celebrated** at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at Cobden and 9:00 a.m. Friday at Camperdown. Attendee numbers will be limited and attendees' details will be recorded at the Masses. Please contact St Patrick's Camperdown to register your interest.

**Mass update:** After this week's State Government COVID-19 changed restrictions, Bishop Paul Bird advises it may be possible for some churches to open for Prayer and for Funerals for up to 20 people from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Masses on YouTube**

The link to the channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

### **MASS TIMES:**

Sunday 10:30am

Wednesday: 9am

Friday: 9am

All masses can be viewed on YouTube.

Please Search: St. Patrick Church Camperdown on YouTube.

Or enter the link below into your web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

As an alternative you can also visit: <https://www.youtube.com>, enter **St Patricks Camperdown channel** and it will take you to our page.

### **Copyright obligation in response to COVID-19**

Attached is information from ONE LICENSE regarding copyright obligations for online streaming of music.

### **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section".

### **Catholic Registry to track COVID-19**

Attached are details of a new national registry to help churches track cases of COVID-19 in a bid to keep parishioners safe during the pandemic. Also attached is a social media banner which you are free to use on your social media platforms (information provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney).

### **Social Media Guide for Parishes**

The Australian Catholic Media Council has launched a resource encouraging parishes to embrace Pope Francis' invitation to share the Gospel story as the Church in Australia - in person or online. The guide can be downloaded from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **National Reconciliation Week 2020: May 27 – June 3**

The theme for #NRW2020 – In this together – is now resonating in ways that could not have been foreseen when this was announced last year, but it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation, we are all #InThisTogether. For resources and further information, go to

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/?CFID=12862572&CFTOKEN=e6a4ca29bbfd552d-D8E105CE-F113-49B7-19FBF3A050E3AA2A>

### **Bishop's Office**

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, please note the Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times, and continue being available via email or phone. Contact details until further notice: [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au), ph. 03 5337 7121, [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au), [vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au), [michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au). The Pastoral Ministry Office [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Position Available — Ballarat East Parish Coordinator**

Applications are currently being sought for the position of Parish Coordinator. This is a part-time position that ensures the effective operation of the parish office by providing office coordination,

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reception and administrative assistance. A copy of the position description and application form are available on the St Alipius' Parish website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au). Applications close Friday, June 26, 2020.

### **Message from Pope Francis to Pray the Rosary in May**

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during May and has composed two new prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. See attached or go to the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Update to Joan Chittister Melbourne Event**

Due to the current travel restrictions the evening with Sr Joan Chittister on September 8, 2020 has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a date in 2021. Sr Joan considers Australia her first priority when international travel commences. As soon as we have a firm date, we will contact everyone. Your tickets will be valid for that event. If you do not want to hold them or give them to someone else, please contact [rsvp@garrattpublishing.com.au](mailto:rsvp@garrattpublishing.com.au) to have your ticket refunded.

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program** – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries - employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 5 weeks per subject. Study Cycle 4 begins May 24. Registrations open now until May 13. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au) ph. 0407 523 424.

### **Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 postponed**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 scheduled for October in Adelaide, has been postponed. Read the full media release at <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/first-assembly-of-plenary-council-postponed/>. See a message from Bishop Paul on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### **Matthew's Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley in Dialogue with Earth's Distress**

Veronica Lawson RSM recently held a webinar exploring the Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley at this time of the Earth's distress. Watch the video here <https://vimeo.com/404735366>

## **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.'

### ***This is the Word of the Lord***

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(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.

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.

***This is the Word of the Lord***

## 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.

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the 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:** 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.'

***This is the Gospel of the Lord***

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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May 27, 2020

Hello Everyone,

From next Monday (June 1), Victorian government restrictions on gatherings will be eased. The change will apply to the numbers of people permitted to gather at places of worship and the numbers permitted at ceremonies.

From Monday June 1:

Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 20 people in a single undivided indoor space, subject to the four square metre rule plus the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony.

20 people in addition to the celebrant and couple being married can attend a wedding. If a wedding is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people is allowed, including the celebrant and the couple.

50 people can attend a funeral in addition to the celebrant and funeral staff, subject to the four square metre rule. If a funeral is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people can be present, including the celebrant and funeral staff.

Please note that the current provisions about distance between people, signage, hygiene and cleaning, as well as keeping a record of attendees, will still be in force.

In all cases, the following requirements will still apply:

- Distancing of at least 1.5m between attendees
- Signage at the church door specifying the maximum number permitted at any time, allowing 4 square metres/person
- A register of attendees, including name, phone number, date & time of attendance
- A reasonable time between events to allow for cleaning between each service
- Cleaning by wiping with disinfectant:
- Frequently touched surfaces (at least twice/day)
- Whenever a surface is visibly soiled

I thank all our local communities for your ongoing care for one another.

Best wishes as you arrange gatherings within the new limits.

God bless you all  
Bishop Paul