

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Pentecost Sunday

5th June 2022

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 *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. And 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.

Wisdom from the Saints:

"Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you."

St Augustine of Hippo (North Africa) 354-430

Saint Augustine led a wild life before his conversion, largely attributed to the prayers of his mother St Monica who prayed persistently over 30yrs for him. The time was very similar to ours, Barbarians surged into the empire, threatening the Roman way of life as never before; the Church also faced attack from internal heretics. The potential destruction of culture, civilization, and the Church was perceived as an immediate threat. Augustine, however, answered with such wisdom, his responses are still considered by some to be the church's most important writings after the Bible.

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068
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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Reg Guggenheimer

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns,
Joan Bathgate and Marj Hynam 🙏

May our healing God touch the lives of our sick
bringing them comfort & peace.

Trintiy Sunday 12th June – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Leo O'Callaghan

Prayers of the Faithful: Carmel Vallance

Offertory Procession: The Hamilton Family

Projectionist: Carmel Vallance

Collections: 29th May

Ouyen: \$193.90

Planned Giving: \$130.00

Church Cleaning:

June: John & Merrill Boland

Presbytery Cleaning:

June: Ellen Bonica

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00pm with the
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at
4:00pm; all welcome.

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

**Holy Water!!! Yes, it's back in time to celebrate
the Birthday of the Church! At present we have 2
touchless water fonts: at the north entrance and
at the main entrance.**

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
- ~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn
- ~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced

Pope's Prayer Intention for June: For Families

We pray for Christian families around the world
.May they embody and experience unconditional
love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Mass Timetable

Wk 1	Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 st Friday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 4	U'Bool	Mass	9:00am	Sunday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

More opportunities for Mass: each Friday at
10:am

Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with
any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to
enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a
much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for
dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those
with gofers we would ask you to **please use the
gravel to drive on**, rather than the pavers which are
too narrow and have a dangerous lip. If you are
aware of any other potential hazards please notify:
Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: Deacons Matt
Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests
for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22,
2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at
7.00pm. Please keep both Bill and Matt in your
prayers as they draw closer to their ordination.

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Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for their first Reconciliation: **Chloe Brady, Matilda Brady, Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco**. This week we are focusing on: Jesus Life, His miracles, and the main events of His life, so that the children can come to know Jesus better and begin to start a deeper relationship with him.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop: The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information see the brochure on the board at the back of the church.

Walking in the Spirit: As we are approaching the lead-up to the final Assembly of the Plenary Council in July, people across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. I ask you to pray specifically that all members of the Council will put aside any personal agendas and be truly open to what God is asking of us as 'the Church in Australia'. The "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign runs until the opening of the Second Assembly, on Sunday, July 3. You can find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit/

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN has launched its "Helping form the Aid to the Church in Need Priests of Tomorrow " global campaign. For 75 years, the benefactors of *Aid to the Church in Need* have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees



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👨👧👦 Teenage Psychology - What's Really Important: A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and the floor was spotless. Then he saw an envelope on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With trembling hands the father opened the envelope and slowly read the letter.

"Dear Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing to you. I've eloped with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I love my family but I've fallen in love with a girl called Monica. She is so nice but I knew you would not approve of her because of her body piercings, the many tattoos, motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only about the passion, dad. We're expecting a baby in the summer. Monica believes we will be very happy together. She owns a caravan in the bush and has plenty of firewood for the approaching winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Don't worry, dad. I know I'm only 15 but I can take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll come back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Much love, your son, Josh."

The father went white then saw the P.S. at the bottom of the letter.

"Dad, none of the above is true. I'm actually over at Pete's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table.

Call me when it's safe to come home."

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