



# 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 death 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 a messenger of Jesus in our day-to-day life. -Neville



### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson

9am 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

### Next Weekend Masses

**Sat: Cobden** 6.30 pm

**Sun: Timboon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

**(Lay Assembly – Lismore)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9. 2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Paul vi, Pope

Tues- St Joan of Arc

Wed- The Visitation of Virgin Mary

Thu- St Justin, Martyr

Fri- Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

Sat- St Charles Lwanga

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Catherine O'Flynn, Gryff Dwyer and Shirley Fletcher.

**Recent Deaths:** Chris Mayers & Marie Burns

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia Stevenson, Ellen Dunstan, Bob Jenkins, Noreen Binek, John Lee, Bridie Darcy, Stella Fitzgerald.

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. Thank you.

**We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.**

The Feast of the Pentecost, Year A. 28/05/2023

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and **worship Our God.**"

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Congratulation to the children on their Confirmation last Friday: Poppy Gaut, Thomas Dixon, Leroy Fisher, Baxter Huggins, Roy Molan, Amber Narik, Charlotte Pascoe, Anderson Pekin, Olivia Simmonds, William Sinnott, George Titmus, Lewie West, Savanna Wright and Pippa Woodmason. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Thank you to the teachers from St Pat's School and families who prepared them for the Sacrament.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$472.00 & Presbytery \$374.60. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

**National Reconciliation Week Prayer: May 27 – June 3**

The CECV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Working Party has written a prayer to celebrate National Reconciliation Week (NRW). All Victorian Catholic schools, parishes and offices are invited to join in unity and voice by saying the prayer during the week. Prayer attached. NRW website

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

**Mass Counts final week!**

This is the **FINAL** week for the Annual Diocesan Mass Counts. Counting should have been taking place over the weekends from 6-7 May. Mass Count Forms and Counter's Forms are attached. *You can use either the Excel or pdf of the Mass Count form to submit your Mass counts. Counter's forms are used to assist the counter's recording the numbers at each Mass or Assembly and should be returned to the parish office for collation onto the Mass Count form spreadsheet.* **Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends.**

- Please complete **all** columns, including what the 'usual' count would be.
- If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (eg. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc)

At the end of the four weekends you will be required to submit your completed Mass Count Form to the Diocese by Friday 9 June, 2023. If you have any queries please email [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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**Praying with Pope Francis**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Lay Led Assembly Resources:** Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Sundays 11-21 in Ordinary Time Year A 2023 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

**Post Graduate Studies in Liturgical Music**

In July 2023, ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and the ACU Centre for Liturgy are offering an intensive post-graduate unit in Liturgical Music taught by Professor Clare Johnson and special guest presenters. THLS502 Liturgical Music will be offered as a face-to-face intensive on July 3, 4, 5 & 6 (9.00am - 5.00pm) at ACU's Melbourne Campus. Teachers, parish musicians, clergy, diocesan personnel and interested others are most welcome to enrol in this unit as professional learners (not for assessment) or auditors. For further information go to the website <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/professional-development>

**Vinnies Winter Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking

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assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

## **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.'

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***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:** 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

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 supercharged 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.

28-May-2023	Pentecost Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Gleeson	M McKenzie	
11am: Camperdown		M Saunders	C McCarthy	S Grinter
Counting Team:		B & M Hewitt	Altar C'down	D Daffy C McCarthy
Church Cleaning:		MRC	Altar Cobden:	Helen Watts
Marian Statue:		L & J Delaney		

04-June-2023	The Most Holy Trinity	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		K Daffy	B Hammond	
11am: Camperdown		S Gillett	R Henry	H Seuren
Counting Team:		M, J & P Conheady	Altar C'down	S Swayn G Lucas
Church Cleaning:		D Cheslett	Altar Cobden:	Angela Horan
Marian Statue:		M & B Brown		

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