

The Living Word

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

19 May 2024

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

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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

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

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

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

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 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.

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

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.'

or Ad libitum for Year B

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

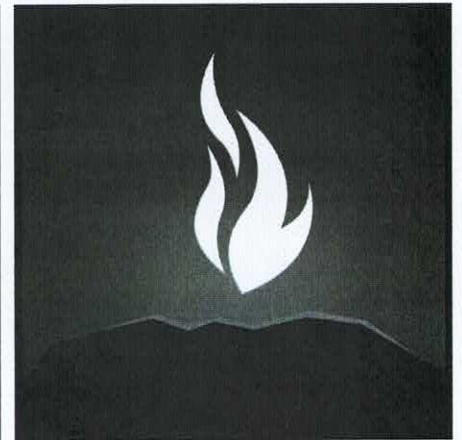
The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the
outset.

I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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Entrance Antiphon: Wisdom 1:7
 The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11
 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia. ©Liturgy Help 2024

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DATES FOR THE DIARY
May 20: Biggest morning tea: 10-12.30pm at Tennison
May 29: Ex. students of St Joseph's 10 for 10.15 K&GZ
June 1&2: First Holy Communion
June 1: Women's Morning tea Workers Club: 10am
June 9: Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser. 8am-4pm
June 30: Parish Luncheon (Sts Peter & Paul Feast)

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday ----- 5pm SPP Goulburn
 5pm Taralga
Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
 9am (Crookwell)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SPP BBQ fundraiser: Bunnings Sunday 9 June between 8am- 4pm..If you can help please contact: **Dennis Burke on 0415210245.**
First Holy Communion: program has begun, lessons Wednesday 3.30pm Crookwell, 4pm OLOF
Confirmation Lessons begin on
 8th August Goulburn

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday)
 Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)
 Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)
 Tuena - Nil until further notice
 Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

WOMEN'S MORNING TEA
 The monthly women's morning tea is on in the STATION ROOM at the workers club Goulburn on Saturday June 1st, attending for a 10am start!

CONFESSIONS
SPP: 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 4.15pm
OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am
Taralga: 4.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Men's breakfast
 The bi monthly men's breakfast will next meet on the 3rd Saturday in June, just this once. 15/06/24. The Guest speaker is Brian Welsh, A catholic street Preacher. RSVP Michael Lamarra on 0419 019 304

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
 SPP 11am Fridays
Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF

Rosary bead threading! Please contact the office! We would be grateful for advice on knotting and for any assistance in the creation process.

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),
 Wed, Thurs, Fri - 12md (SPP)
 Sat - 9am (OLOF)
Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central collection boxes.
ROSTER Coordinator-
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BAPTISMS: Book through the Parish Office.



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The Biggest Morning tea
 Hosted and catered by the Tennison Aged care Residents, come and enjoy a cuppa with Scones, jam and cream for \$5.00, and a chat!
When: Monday 20th May 10am- 12.30pm.
Where: 19 Upper Sterne St Goulburn

Recently Deceased: Rodney Williams, Bernard Croker, Faye Croker, Sue Owen, Stephen Armstrong, Dwain Berggren, Joe Patti, Steven Thorne, Dwain Berggren, Joe Patti, Joseph O'Neil, Violeto Policarpia, Rita Berrell, Carmen Williams, Myra Kanowski,

Anniversaries: William Sharp Charlie James, Jim Murphy, Phillip Cummins, Rod McCabe, Rosanna Bourd, Florence Anable, William Bourke, Rev. Fr. Peter Murphy, Peter O'Brien, Anne Murphy, Bessie James, Mavis Lee, Stefan Karwowski and family, Zdzislaw Peplowski, Irene Bobrowski, Janet Fisher, Anne Fisher, Frances Owens, Arthur Cracuin, Mick and Ena Webb, Marie and Jack Druett, Nancy Dane, Noel Plumb, Winnie Elliott, Yvonne Hoare, Selby William (BILL) Burgess, Perry McCormack, Pat McCormack, Val Elliott, Pam Lee,

Prayers: Dorothy Brewer, Damien Gleeson, Leslie King, Sue Harris, Karla Zalapa, John Lizzio, Ruth Read, Gavin McKenzie,