

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

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

*R/ Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.*

SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians* 12:3-7

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

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.* 20:19-23

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.'

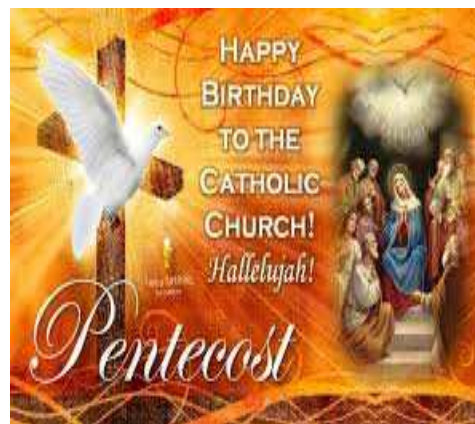
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'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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Pentecost Sunday – Year A

30th/31st May, 2020

*O Lord God,
May Your life-giving Spirit
lend fire to our words
and strength to our witness.
Send us forth to the nations of the world
to proclaim with boldness
Your wondrous work
of raising Christ to Your right hand.
Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church. The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled, that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation. For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Mon 1st June - *The Blessed Virgin, Mary, Mother of the Church.*

Tues 2nd June - *Sts Marcellinus & Peter*

Wed 3rd June – *St Charles Lwanga & companions*

Fri 5th June – *St Boniface*

Sat 6th June – *St Norbert & St Marcellin Champagnat*

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:**LIMITED NUMBERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday 7.00 pm
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
 Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: People who identify within themselves the need for Confession should contact Fr Thomas directly 9758 1029

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are to be postponed unless there is an urgent and pastoral need. Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

Pentecost Sunday – Year A
30th / 31st May, 2020

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Orlando Luciano; Cladinollo (Glen) Zollo ,
 Walerian Koroluk.

And those who we remember at this time:

James Prenter, Betty Cameron, Raymond Daniels,
 Mollie Dennis, Jean Agius.

The sick: Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson,
 Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Wilma Neville, Lea
 Hartley, Cosimo Petracca, Giuseppina Zarro, Catherine
 Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne,
 Mary Edmunds, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara,
 Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans
 Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive
 Geach.

NEW GUIDELINES SICK LIST—names will remain on the sick list for 6weeks, then removed, unless notification to continue is received at the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

KEEP IN TOUCH: We would love to be able to keep in contact with you during these unprecedented times. Please let us know your current email address, and phone number by contacting the Parish Office by email office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or phone 9758 1029

You are dispensed from your Sunday obligation from this time. **Try participating in a Mass online:**
<https://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos> or
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or
<https://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/>
 or **if you don't have a computer:** Mass can also be heard on **The Light FM radio station (89.9 FM)** at **7am** each Sunday morning. Or **MASS ON T.V. C31 the 11am** Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to be televised free to air on C31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs) Or try Mass for You at Home on Channel 10 Sunday at 6am.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK Celebrated from 27th May – 3rd June each year, Reconciliation Week is an important occasion for all Australians; a time when we can all reflect on how we can positively contribute to reconciliation in our own communities and how we can build relationships that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their unique gifts and stories. The theme of this year's National Reconciliation Week is: "In this together."



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE INFORMATION UPDATED: WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 4.00PM The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. In relation to the latest directives announced by Government (Sunday 24 May 2020), there are **THREE KEY POINTS** that directly affect churches, places of worship and liturgical celebrations and ceremonies held within.

From 11:59pm on 31 May 2020 restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies will be eased:

- 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 officiant 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 officiant and funeral staff).

In general, conditions require: Clear signage around service schedules, social distancing and hygiene requirements; - Availability of sanitiser and disinfectant wipes, and safe disposal sites; - Churches to be cleaned after a scheduled service or opening; Maintenance of 1.5m of separation and planned entry and exit pathways; - Building capacity rules must apply – 1 person per 4 square metres. - All attendees to provide contact details.

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES – ONLINE PAYMENT

PORTAL AVAILABLE NOW: This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving The Ferntree Gully

Parish site is now live and can be found via this link [CDFpay for St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully](#) We thank all of you who have already used this wonderful tool, and hope many more will try it!

COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS

Sale Closing Date: **11 September 2020**

Draw Date: **26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm**

Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020.

Please continue to sell any tickets you can. When possible, please return sold tickets to the Parish Office.



MASS ATTENDANCE: If you would like to register to attend either a Weekend, or Weekday Mass, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029. Numbers Are limited to 20 people (from 1st June), plus Musician, Reader, Computer Operator & Celebrants. We ask everyone to be mindful of sharing this opportunity, and there will be a waiting list, to try and allow for all needs to be met over time. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

BISHOP MARK EDWARDS OMI APPOINTED NEXT BISHOP OF WAGGA WAGGA

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Mark Edwards OMI as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. In accepting his appointment, Bishop Mark wrote to the people of Wagga Wagga saying, "I

experience this appointment as a call from God to be with you and to journey with you as disciple, brother and bishop." Archbishop Peter A Comensoli thanked Bishop Edwards for his service as an Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne and acknowledged his missionary zeal, "especially in his work with our young people and tertiary communities, and with the people of the Western Region of the Archdiocese for whom he has cared for these past years as their Regional Bishop. He will be well-placed to listen to and lead the people of God in Wagga Wagga."

ASYLUM SEEKER CENTRE, DANDENONG.

Thank you to those who have continued to donate by leaving items at the Parish Office during these COVID 19 times. This is very much appreciated should anyone wish to donate, please leave items in the basket at the back of the church (when open!) or at the Parish Office. The main goods collect by our church are: Tea towels and face washers, cooking oil (blended vegetable oil only), washing powder, dishwashing detergent and feminine hygiene products. However, most items are welcome!- Patrick, Social Justice Group mob: 0434072831

ROSTERS: Mon 1st June to Sun 7th June

Flowers	Marg H, Judy G
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers 6pm	Help Needed, Lia U
9am	Peter C, Neil & Lorraine
11am	Help Needed
Lectors 6pm:	Help Needed
9am:	Caroline Q
11am	Help Needed
Counters	Steph H & Help Needed
Gardening	Barry B