

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 Letter of St Paul to the Galatians

5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the

kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!*

GOSEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

15:26-27, 16:12-15

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Pentecost Sunday – Year B

22nd / 23rd May, 2021

*Heavenly Father,
take our hearts and set them on fire.
Take our lives and transform them.
Take our Church and resurrect it with your
life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and show us
how to use them for the fulfilment of your
vision of peace and unity. Amen.*



Pentecost

FOCUS ON THE WORD 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 gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. 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. © Greg Sunter

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

FEAST DAYS: Tue 24th May *Our Lady, Help of Christians*

Tues 25th May *St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII & St Mary Magdalene*

Wed 26th May *St Philip Neri* Thurs 27th May *St Augustine of Canterbury*

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

(John 10:10)

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

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm

WILLOWBROOK MASS: 3rd Thursday 2pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.

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.

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YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Luigi Albicini

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Elaine Hayes, Lorna Feeny, Ljuba Pek, Barbara Loidl, Ada Parente, Cladinollo Zollo, Antonio Franchi, ,Betty Cameron, and Karen Stephens.

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

WEEKDAY ROSARY on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Rosary will be recited 25 minutes prior to the Weekday Mass. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: *first Saturday each month at 10.30a.m.*
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING Would you like to make a shawl or knee rug to be blessed and given to someone in ill health? And / or make you choice of a beanie, scarf, gloves, small children's wear or rug squares to be given to **KOGO- Knit one Give One**, a charity that donates to the most vulnerable. Come on **Thursdays between 10am and 12.00pm** in the Parish Hall. Wool available at no cost. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome anytime to have a chat, play cards or knit. New members welcome.

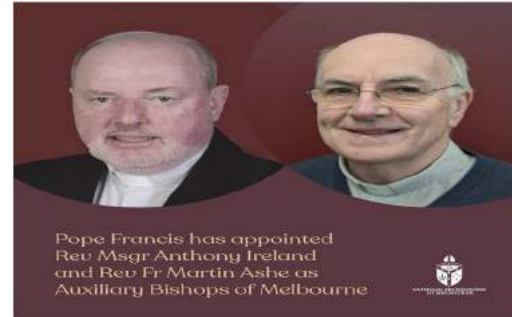
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesdays at 10.15am in the Hall for prayer and praise. All welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS Tuesday Mornings at 9am-10am in the Parish office. Enquiries: 9758 1029.

40th BIRTHDAY & REUNION LUNCH an Invitation to all Lady Tennis Players past & present who have participated in the **Mountain Area Ladies Tuesday Tennis Association**. This event will take place on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 12 Midday, at the Dorset Gardens Hotel Bistro. Please **RSVP by 15th June to: glenda.jean@hotmail.com**



FUNERAL MASS – There will be a **Rosary at Le Pine FTG**, for the late **Luigi Albicini on Wednesday Evening 26th May, at 7.30pm**. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated here at St John's Church on **Thursday 27th May at 11.00am**.



GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR Recently, on March 14th 2021, Cardinal Bo delivered a statement to the faithful of the world in which he said: "On behalf of the Church throughout Asia, as President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, I would like to call on the faithful to extend 14th of May to a Week of Prayer for the Church in China and the peoples of China, **from Sunday 23rd May until Sunday 30th May**. It is right that we should pray not only for the Church but for all persons in the People's Republic of China." Let us respond to these calls for prayer in a spirit of international and ecumenical solidarity for the Church and the Peoples of China.

COMING TOGETHER AGAIN – THIS WEEKEND on **Sunday 23rd May**, we wish to invite Parishioners new and old, to **gather after the 11am Mass in the school hall** to celebrate our gifts and talents. Please come and be a part of this fun event. Grab a **sausage at our sizzle**, or a cuppa or cool drink. We are looking forward to offering some displays showing some of the marvellous groups and wonderful people our Parish has to offer!

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021 27th MAY TO 3rd JUNE Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

SPECIAL COLLECTION CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL Thank you for your generous contributions. The amount raised was \$732.80

QR CODE REGISTRATION AT MASS IS NOW MANDATORY. via the **Service Victoria App**. If you don't have this app on your phone, you can find on the government website at: <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/> and follow the instructions there to download it. If you need help call the Department of Health COVID hotline – open 24 hours, 7 days, Ph: **1800 675 398**. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass to allow time for registration using the QR Code. **If you do not have a smart phone, you will receive assistance.**

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL is coming up on the weekend of **June 5th / 6th** – You are invited to support this appeal by donating non-perishable food for the weekly food hampers that are distributed, making a generous financial donation to support our food store, volunteering your time in our Op Shop on Ferntree Gully Road, Donating clothes or household items to the Op Shop or contributing to the Knox Vincentian Scholarship Scheme. You will notice that there are blue bags at the back of the Church, which you can take to fill with food donations and return for distribution. Please see the insert in the bulletin for the list of non-perishable items that would be much appreciated. We thank you for your generosity. Jenny Keating :- **President** SVDP FTG conference

HEART OF LIFE Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral formation is offering 'The Barefoot Mystic - Reflection event via Zoom', on Saturday 5 June 2021, 10am-3pm. A person places themselves in the presence of God. This is not a goal to be achieved; rather, it is a natural state where we find and embrace our true selves. This reflection event is an invitation to be silent and to rest in God. Facilitated by Paul Beirne of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, via Zoom. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101

ROSTERS: Mon 24th May to Sun 30th May	
Flowers	Margaret H & Judy G
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm: Help needed 9am: Help needed 11am: Help needed
Lectors	6pm: Louise Di B 9am: Peter F 11am: Edwardo M
Counters	George & Genevieve, Bindu M
Gardening	Tom Noonan & Help Needed Please