

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 Romans

8:1-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is

living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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
Jn 14:15-16, 23-26*

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Pentecost Sunday – Year C

4th / 5th June, 2022

***Creator God,
Send Your Holy Spirit to inflame each one of us,
with Your many gifts,
We beg You to give us Your
wisdom, understanding, and courage,
to change all that needs to be changed.
Breathe Your life into us, to renew us,
and send us out to the whole earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Pentecost is called **the birthday of the church** because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger. **But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church.** There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. **And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.**

-What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? - In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction or commitment?

What else might you need?

- In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples before Pentecost? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples after Pentecost? © St Mary's Press

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: **Mon 6th June** – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wed 8th June – Episcopal Ordination of the Most Rev. Peter Comensoli, 2011

Thur 9th June St Ephrem

Sat 11th June

St Barnabas

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 No Mass
Wed & Thurs - Communion Service 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

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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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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:
Cossimo Coviello, Lucia Abbatangelo, Adele Paterson, Ernest Williams, Marjorie White, Hermina Tenbuuren.

The sick: George & Genevieve White, Michael Jones, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, 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.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.



ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation. **Pope Francis has invited everyone to pray the Rosary with him for peace around the world. The Pope said on Sunday:**

I invite the faithful, families, and communities to join this invocation to obtain from God—through the intercession of the Queen of Peace—the gift which the world awaits.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays between 10am to 1pm for a **chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. New friends welcomed.**

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Come and join us for Praise, Prayer and fellowship. We in the Parish Hall 10.15am on Tuesday Mornings. All welcome. Enquiries: Judy on 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES – ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL for those who would like to contribute to our Parish electronically, please click on: [CDFpay](#)
Many thanks to all contributors for your support.

CONFIRMATION NEWS 2022

- This **Sunday 5th June** (Pentecost Sunday), we warmly welcome all **Confirmation Candidates to the 11am Mass, to receive a blessing.**
- **Please keep our Candidates in your prayers as they begin formation.**



CATECHIST CLASS ASSISTANCE St John the Baptist runs a catechist class for children who do not attend catholic schools. This year we are running the classes for children to receive the sacrament of confirmation. The classes are held on Wednesday at 4pm for one hour starting from the 8th June. Due to safeguarding measures, we must have more than one adult in the class at any time for this reason we are seeking extra adults to join the catechist to assist with the class, **no preparation for the classes will be necessary and no teaching is necessary.** For this year we have 5 classes with the last class on 13th July. If you think that you could be a part of this or have any questions, please contact Mary marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or phone: 0488119357.

LOOKING FOR A CONFIRMATION GIFT? We have a supply of Confirmation Gifts, available to buy in our **piety stall (located in the foyer of the church).** You may browse before or after each of our Masses. All monies raised go to St Vincent de Paul.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL “WINTER APPEAL”



COMING UP ON SUNDAY 19th JUNE

With winter upon us, it is more evident that there is an urgent need for non-perishable food items such as **CANNED FOODS** “All in one meals” such as Beef & Vegetables, Tin Ham, Soups all varieties, Sausages & Vegetables, Pasta-Sauce, Tomatoes, Beetroot, Carrots, Corn/Peas, **OTHER FOODS**, such as Biscuits, Cereal, Coffee – small jars, Tea bags, small tetra packs of Fruit Juice, long life milk, milo, rice, spaghetti/pasta, spreads - jam/honey, as well as **NON-FOOD ITEMS** such as deodorants, dishwashing detergent, nappies, soap, shampoo & conditioner, shaving cream & razors etc. **Please start collecting these items now**, and bring them along to help support others with a hand-up. You can deposit these items in the Church Foyer before or after Mass, for distribution by our Ferntree Gully SVDP conference. **All donations gratefully received.**

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Sunday June 5th is World Environment day, a United Nations initiative. Held annually on 5 June since 1973, [World Environment Day](#) is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world. This year it is hosted by Sweden.

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Saoirse Audrey Cook** daughter of Ewan & Dearne Cook, who is to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy



NEW DIRECTIONS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Christmas in JULY! Save the date. Come and enjoy a sumptuous feast at our “Christmas In July” event in our very own Parish Hall, on Saturday **23rd July at 7pm.** More information to follow, but please mark it in your diaries! We know you won't want to miss the fun, fellowship, food and Carols!

GOLBAL PARENTS DAY was on Wed 1st June. This week, the **10th World Meeting of Families was launched.** The official event will be held in Rome from **22nd June** and you can also attend ‘virtually’. There are many wonderful resources on their [website](#) and I encourage you to visit and take the virtual journey to Rome. (Note: may require online registration). So Join the Families present in Rome and become the protagonist of the event, from the comfort of your home.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: 26th JUNE. In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir. This work simply will not be possible without your support – we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

PENTECOST SEMINAR Saturday, June 4, 2022 9:30am – 12:30pm at St Philip's Church Hall, 60 Junction Rd, Blackburn North. Presenters: **David Schütz**, MTh, BTh, BA, GDipMin, GDipLM, GCatHE & **Natasha Marsh**, MA Th, BLibA, AMusA Musicianship. Cost: \$30 (includes light lunch) For any enquiries, contact David Schütz (0400 978 938) or animaeducation@animanetwork.org

ROSTERS: 6th June to Sun 12th June

Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L & Myra N 9am: Lia U & Adrian & Marg D 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Terry S 11am: Joan R
Counters	George & Genevieve W & Bindu M
Gardening	Roger K