

## 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 Corinthians* **12:3-7, 12-13**

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.*

## 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.*



**COUNTDOWN TO WORLD YOUTH DAY -  
1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023 - 9 WEEKS TO GO!**



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## **Pentecost Sunday –Year A**

**27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

*Lord God,  
May Your life-giving Spirit  
lend fire to our words  
and strength to our witness.  
Now more than ever, we need you.  
Bestow Your Spiritual Gifts upon us.  
Send us forth to the nations of the world  
to proclaim with boldness Your wondrous work  
Holy Spirit, Come! 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. Jesus breathes his Holy Spirit on the disciples, this Spirit comes upon them with power. In the name of Jesus, in every language, they are empowered to preach about “the great things God has done. **“Come, Holy Spirit”, or its Latin, ‘Vene Sancte Spiritus’**”, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains **a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation**. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to ‘Come’ indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit’s intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

**LAUDATO SI’ ACTION PLAN** Have a look at the Josephites Sisters Action Plan- Explore, Embrace, Embody They have just released a new video called “Plastics Paralysis”. [Plastics Paralysis - Soft Plastics Campaign 2023 - Video 2 - YouTube](#)

**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](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

**FEAST DAYS** **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> June** St Justin  
**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June** Sts Marcellinus & Peter **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions.

*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 7.00pm  
**Wed & Thurs 9.15 am**  
**Friday 11.00 am**

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5.15 pm

**GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm**  
**WILLOWBROOK MASS 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11am**

**BAPTISMS:** Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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**  
**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*

Jacob Warmerdam

*Those who we remember at this time:*

Cladinollo Zollo, Conchita Censon, Betty Cameron, Raymond Daniels, Mollie Dennis, Jean Agius.

*The sick:* Barry Beavis, Elsie Johnson, Peggy Spencer, Alan Alcock, Ann Good, Ben McLaey, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, 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.

**ROSARY** is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

**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** The group meets informally every Thursday, at 10am in the Parish Hall. Please drop in for a cuppa, a chat, or to borrow a book from our library, or perhaps a have a game of cards, All welcome.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** in the Parish Hall from 10.15am Tuesdays, followed by a shared lunch. All welcome.

**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP** 9am-10am, in the Parish Office. All welcome.

**'PASSION ON THE BIG SCREEN – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc' (in-person event), Saturday 17 June 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)** We often refer to Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But Colossians 1 proclaim Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality, The 20<sup>th</sup> century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc ~ author, lecturer, founding member of The Film Critics Association and priest. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 03 9890 1101.



**DIARY DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**28 May Pentecost Sunday – Volunteer and Liturgy and Social Group Expo**  
**WYD – Cake Stall and raffle**  
**11 June First Eucharist**  
**17 June First Eucharist**  
**25 June Feast of Saint John the Baptist (special Parish event)**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OUR WORLD YOUTH DAY CANDIDATES** A HUGE Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners for your generous support of our Pilgrims Vicente and Elyssa. The amount raised was \$1,127.75.



**CATHOLIC MISSION SEEKS A DIOCESAN PARISH APPEALS COORDINATOR. THIS COULD BE YOU!** Part-time 3 days per week, fixed term

(18 months) position based in Melbourne VIC.

- Work within community engagement in a creative and innovative role.
- Become a member of an experienced Diocesan team.
- Recruiting and supervising a team of Parish Ambassadors across Melbourne;
- In concert with the Parish Ambassadors, recruiting a team of speakers to promote Church appeals.
- Overseeing a formation Program to support a growing team of Parish Mission Ambassadors.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese at

[Melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au)

**SAVE THE DATE: THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS VICTORIA** would like to extend an invitation to the Catholic faithful throughout Victoria to attend the 2023 KSCV Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund, to be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on **Friday 1 September 2023, commencing at 7pm. Cost: \$160 per person. Dress: Black ie, business suit, after 5 wear. The Guest speaker:** - Very Rev Dr Cameron Forbes Fr Cameron Forbes trained at Corpus Christi College, the regional seminary for Victoria and Tasmania, and was ordained a priest in 2009 for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Before joining the seminary, he studied *arts* and law and worked in governmental and legal fields.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS - 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Mass at 11 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

**INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS: PENTECOST SUNDAY EVENT – 28 MAY 2023** –We invite all parishioners to attend the school hall after the 11am mass on Pentecost Sunday to *celebrate our parish community and all its gifts and services.* See the flyer. **OUR WYD CANDIDATES**, Vicente and Elyssa, will host the sausage sizzle and have a cake stall and a raffle. **Please come and join us Sunday 28 May 12pm in the School Hall for this special event.**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY NEWS WYD Cake Stall May 28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost** Calling all bakers! We need your help to make cakes, muffins, and cookies. We need volunteers to bake and make the sweets, wrap and label the ingredients. There will be a packing and tagging session after the 9 am mass on Sunday 28th. If you can assist, ingredient slips are available in the foyer or contact 0414264116 for more information.

**FRUITS OF THE ROSARY 'ESSENTIAL' FOR OUR TIMES** – On Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May, Catholics around the country are invited to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Australian Nationwide Rosary. Beginning in 2022, the Nationwide Rosary is the initiative of Theresa Blatchly and Yvette Kaminski, two women who are passionate about the power of the Rosary and who hope to establish this as an annual event, with parishes around the country taking part. That the Nationwide Rosary is to Our Lady Help of Christians should be significant to Australians, Yvette thinks. Not only has Our Lady Help of Christians been the patroness of Australia since 1844, but in the early years of colonial Australia, it was the Rosary that sustained Catholic communities when they didn't have priests or weren't able to celebrate Mass publicly. Each mystery of the Rosary has a certain fruit associated with it. For example, the fruit of the Fourth Sorrowful Mystery, 'The Carrying of the Cross', is patience. These fruits enhance our character and are just some of 'the gifts that are available to us from God.' You can access the program for the event [here](http://www.olhrosary.com.au). For all enquiries, email [olhrosarynationwide@gmail.com](mailto:olhrosarynationwide@gmail.com).

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May to Sun 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Marg H & Judy G
<b>Linen</b>	Alvi M
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>6pm:</b> Peter G, Wilma H <b>9am</b> Joanna C & Thelma <b>11am:</b> Anna M, Priya H
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>6pm</b> Rosina L <b>9am:</b> Caroline Q <b>11am:</b> Priya H
<b>Counters</b>	Tony B, Steph H & Peter F
<b>Gardening</b>	Roger K & Henner T