

FIRST READING

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

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.

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
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

18th /19th May 2024 – Year of Prayer

Father Most Holy,

We thank You for Your gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Through the power of Your Spirit,
may we forgive those who have hurt us
as we have been forgiven.*

May we live spirit-filled lives

doing all that You want us to do.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives with You and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen..



FOCUS ON THE WORD At Pentecost,' says Pope Francis, 'the Spirit made the apostles go forth from themselves and turned them into heralds of God's wondrous deeds.'

The Pope mentions this in *Evangelii Gaudium*, his Apostolic Exhortation focused 'on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world.' In it, he points out that 'Jesus wants evangelisers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence.' Highlighting that we are called 'to pray and work,' the Pope is concerned to encourage Christians to joy-filled action. Pentecost is not only about what we receive, but what we do in response.

However important or useful our interior prayers and personal pieties might be, any authentic response to the Spirit should make us look beyond ourselves. 'Mystical notions without a solid social and missionary outreach are of no help to evangelisation,' the Pope suggests. We are not called to be passive receptacles, storing up fuzzy feelings.

Action, therefore, is crucial for Christian living. While acknowledging the worthiness of initiatives like regular Eucharistic adoration, the Pope stresses that the Christian calling should never become 'a privatised lifestyle.' Our prayer should direct us to sharing the love of Christ with others, especially those in need. 'In union with Jesus,' the Pope says, 'we seek what he seeks and love what he loves.' So, at Pentecost we recall that having received the Spirit we are not meant to retreat from the world, but rather become Spirit-bearers to and in it.

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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

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 7:30pm
Wednesday 9.15am Service
& Thurs 9.15 am Service
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 11am

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.

Pentecost Sunday – Yr B
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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Those who we remember at this time:

Christopher Walter, Isabelle Desfosses, Conchita Censon, Angela Sawyer, Luigi Albicini, Lucia Varrasso, Sasty Sastradipradja, Ada Parente, Walerian Koroluk, Lorna Feeney, Antonio Franchi, Karen Stephens, John Bogнар.

The sick: Aileen Knox, Janet Roffey, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Peggy Spencer, Ann Good, Ben Mc Laey, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne.



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

ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP are meeting in the new Parish Community Centre this week, 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING We meet next on the 14th May in the New Parish Community Centre. Please come and join us for a Chat or a game of cards.

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.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OPEN DAYS
Enrolments are OPEN for 2025, 2026 and beyond. Enquire now to secure the chance of gaining a place. **Open Days (Principal's Tours)**

2024 Wed 15th May, Sat, 18th May, Sun 1st June. A tour of the College takes place with our Principal and is a fantastic opportunity to view the College including the new facilities.

- Visual and Performing Arts Complex
- Science Complex (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Science, Outdoor Science, Hub Space, Aquarium and Vivarium)
- STEM, Digital Technologies, Robotics Complex
- Sports Complex

You are invited to attend one of our many Open Days or alternatively, contact 9756 3112 to organise attending one of our small group tours. Register on the College website for your tour:

<https://stjosephs.com.au/register-now/>



LITURGY† NEWS †EVENTS

Sunday **May 19 Pentecost Sunday**
All Parishioners are invited to celebrate our gifts and talents after the 11am Mass.
Friday **May 24 Our Lady Help of Christians**
Sunday **May 26 The Holy Trinity**
Safeguarding Essential Training for all volunteers
Friday **May 31 The Visitation**

Pentecost Sunday Celebration



This Sunday we will celebrate this major event; the pouring out of the gifts of the Holy Spirit on each one of us. Please join in the celebration after the 11am mass in the School Hall. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share (no items that need to be heated please) Looking forward to seeing you!

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

this is an important meeting for all volunteers in our parish. **On Sunday 26th May, 2024 at 12.30pm-1.30pm** we will run a special training day with our archdiocese Safeguarding Office Brech Burgess, who will go through all the relevant safeguarding training. **We will be updating all Code of Conduct forms** Please read the information sheet about this, which will be attached to the emailed newsletter, or ask for a copy.



St John the Baptist Sacramental Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation

These classes are for children who do not attend Catholic Schools, who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and are in grade 5 or upwards. If your child is in this category and you are interested that they attend the Confirmation classes, please contact the parish office for an application form: 9758 1029 or marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au.

Classes will commence in June, 2024.

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to *Sage Wheeler, child of Michael and Lisa and Scout Clements-Curry, child of Shem and Amy, who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.*



EVENING PRAYER GROUP Our next meeting is **Monday 20th May at 7pm-8:30pm** in the Parish Community Centre and then fortnightly This fortnight we explore **Segment 2 – Breathe of God, a series by Fr Dave Pivonka called the “Wild Goose”** For those that can't spare the time, the prayer group now has a Chat. You can watch it on Youtube by clicking this [link](#); before Monday 20th May, and input into the discussion questions in the coming days after via the what's app group Or Else, **join us face to face at 7pm in the Parish Community Centre.** To join the chat, please contact Phuong on 0400086073.

Marriage Enrichment online Program

Starts on 7th June – 6 Fortnightly sessions
Calling all couples in the midst of LIFE!

Are you a couple with school children, stuck in the busy-ness?? Wanting to deepen your connection with your spouse? Our Online Marriage Enrichment Course is here to help! Pleaser click on the link below for further information.

[Upcoming Courses | Family Enrichment Australia \(fea.org.au\)](#)

Victorian Council of Churches (VCC)
Emergencies Ministries Personal Support training sessions which you are most welcome to attend please click on the link below for further information:
<https://vccem.org.au/training/>

ROSTERS: Mon 20 th May to Sun 26 th May 2024	
Flowers	Marge H & Ange C
Linen	Carole DeS
Welcomers	6pm Lia 9am Rosa L and Florence J 11am Shamindra and Chamal
Lectors	6pm: Cynthia M 9am Caroline Q 11am: Vincent M
Counters	Tony, Stephanie, Peter and Rosina
Gardening	Tom N & Theresa N