

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

8 June 2025

readings

Next Week
The Most Holy Trinity
Prov 8:22-31
Ps 8:4-9
Rom 5:1-5
Jn 16:12-15

in a nutshell

Filled With The Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost marks the beginning of the time of the Church. Filled with the Spirit, the apostles preach in many languages symbolizing the universal nature of the Church's mission. All people, regardless of race or language, are welcome in Christ's Church. Indeed, membership of the Church is not based on ethnic origin but on love, the greatest of the Spirit's gifts. Everyone moved by love is a son or daughter of God.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, John Laan, Harry & Dorothy Heering, Jim & Pat Henshaw, Fr Pat Purcell. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occur at this time especially James Vincent O'Kane

of special note

Collection next week for World Mission Month

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Psalms Response

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

The Parish of St Mary's

Parish Priest
REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary
Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours
Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass
Saturday—5:00pm
Sunday—10:30am & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass & Rosary
Tuesday—6:00pm
Thursday—9:00am
Friday—9:00am
Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation
Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday—5:10pm-5:40pm
Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition
Tuesday 5:00pm
Friday at 8:00am

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Alan Somers
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Ways to contribute to the financial viability of the Parish:

Cash donations and envelopes in the labelled boxes in the narthex,
Tap and Go terminals,
the QR code



Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm or Alan Somers
0419 134 300

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday
please muntevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Regular Gardening/Working Bee on first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:00 – 10:00 am. Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church.

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, June 17

Finance Committee 7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm
Parish Council 8:00pm

Parish Notices

World Mission Month—Collection Next Weekend

Next week we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies. For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia. **Envelopes available this weekend.**

Proposal: Create a Parish Library in the Family Room

It has been proposed that a library in the Family Room in the Church be created for parishioners' use. We are requesting feedback to see if this is something you would like to see happen and would you consider using such a library. We envision that the library would contain good quality Catholic books. The Library would accept donated books and parishioners would be free to take a book home to read and return or to keep as a treasured possession. Sharyn McCrae is organizing this project. Contact her at: Sharyn.mccrae@gmail.com or 0409 380 284 with any suggestions on the creation and running of this Library. She will also accept donations of books and bookshelves.

Supporting the Parish

As collections for presbytery and church are not taken up within the Mass, your envelopes/cash donations can be placed in the boxes in the foyer. Alternatively you can use the QR code opposite or the EFTPOS terminals. Thank you for your generosity in support of the parish and priest. Special Collections will be taken up by passing the basket in the mass.

Stewardship Corner

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26)
The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the Sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord's ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit. (Pope Saint Leo the Great)

Some Catholics no longer believe that Confession has anything to do with their life of faith and, to be specific, their ability to receive Holy Communion. Do we believe that the teachings of our Catholic Faith are true, and the Sacraments are real? If we do then Confession is an essential part of our faith life. (Fr. David Moses)

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Tuesday at 5:00pm & Friday mornings 8:00am. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm. Confessions available during Adoration.

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

The theme of this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope. If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time. Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Besides the Cathedral as a Pilgrim Place, Sacred Heart Church, Croydon is the closest to us. A not too distant pilgrimage location, which offers various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration.

Something to make you Smile....It's a long one today!

Dave has been a good and reliable worker for the same company for twenty-five years. One problem: he keeps missing company events. Eventually, his boss calls him to his office demanding an explanation. Why can't Dave be a team player? "I'm sorry Boss," said Dave, "I'm so busy with all my friends. Sometimes it seems I know everyone there is to know, even famous people. My social calendar is full." "What do you mean?" asks the boss with derision. "How many people can you possibly know?" "I'll prove it. Name someone famous," shrugged Dave, "I'll bet I know him or her." Amused, his boss called his bluff, "Okay, Dave, how about the actress, Cate Blanchett? You know Cate?" "Oh yeah boss, Cate and I are old friends, and I can prove it." So, Dave and his boss fly to London and knock on Cate Blanchett's front door, and through the curtains, Cate shouts, "Dave! What's happening? Great to see you! Come on in for a drink!" Though impressed, Dave's boss is still sceptical. They leave Cate's house after an hour and he tells Dave that he thinks knowing Cate was luck, nothing more. "No, no, name anyone else," Dave says. "Emmanuel Macron," his boss quickly retorts, knowing he couldn't possibly know the French president. "Yup," Dave says, "We're old mates. Let's fly to Paris." At the French parliament Macron spots Dave and motions him and his boss over saying, "Bonjour Dave, ravi-e de te voir. I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in, let's have a catch up." Well, the boss is very shaken by now but still not totally convinced. After they leave the parliament grounds he expresses his doubts to Dave, who again implores him to name someone else. Anyone! "Pope Leo XIV," his boss replies. "Sure!" says Dave. "I've known the pope for years." So, off they fly to Rome. Dave and his boss are assembled with tens of thousands of people at St Peter's Square when Dave says, "This will never work. I can't catch the pope's eye amongst all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards so I'll pop up the backstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the pope and wave to you." He soon disappears into the crowd. Sure enough, half an hour later Dave emerges with the pope on the balcony, but by the time Dave returns, his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics. Making his way to his boss's side, Dave asks him, "You okay? What happened?" His boss, pale and drawn, looks up and says, "It was the final straw ... you and the pope appeared on the balcony and the bloke next to me said, 'Who's that on the balcony with Dave?'"

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Readings Reflection

[A Mighty Wind](#)

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

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Pentecost: God's Gift of Divine Adoption

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit is manifested as the giver of life. This is what we profess in the creed when we proclaim him “the Lord, the giver of life.” This completes the economy of God’s self-communication which began when he gave himself to man, created in his image and likeness. This divine gift of self—which originally constituted the mystery of the creation of man and of his elevation to supernatural dignity—after sin is projected in history as a promise of salvation. It is fulfilled in the mystery of the redemption effected by Christ, the God-Man, through his sacrifice. Linked to Christ’s paschal mystery, “God’s self-giving” is fulfilled in Pentecost. The theophany of Jerusalem signifies the new beginning of God’s self-giving in the Holy Spirit. The apostles and all those present on that day with Mary, the mother of Christ, in the upper room, were the first to experience this new outpouring of divine life which—in them and through them, and therefore in the Church and through the Church—has been made available to everyone. It is universal, just as redemption is universal.

The beginning of the new life is acquired through the gift of divine adoption. This is obtained for all by Christ through the redemption and extended to all by the Holy Spirit. By grace, the Spirit remakes and as it were recreates man in the likeness of the only-begotten Son of the Father. In this way the incarnate Word renews and reinforces God’s “gift of self,” by offering man through the redemption that “participation in the divine nature” mentioned in the Second Letter of Peter (cf. 2 Pet 1:4). St. Paul also, in the Letter to the Romans, speaks of Jesus Christ as “designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead” (1:4).

The fruit of the resurrection, which realizes the fullness of the power of Christ, Son of God, is therefore shared with those who are open to the action of the Spirit as a new gift of divine adoption. After having spoken of the Word made flesh, St. John says in the prologue of his Gospel that “to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God” (1:12). The two apostles John and Paul understood the concept of divine adoption as a gift to man of this new life, effected by Christ through the Holy Spirit.

The adoption is a gift coming from the Father, as we read in the First Letter of John: “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 Jn 3:1). In the Letter to the Romans Paul expounds the same truth in the light of God’s eternal design: “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren” (8:29). The same apostle in the Letter to the Ephesians speaks of a sonship due to divine adoption, since God has predestined us “to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ” (1:5).

Here we touch the goal of the mystery expressed in Pentecost: the Holy Spirit descends “into our hearts” as the Spirit of the Son. Precisely because he is the Spirit of the Son, he enables us to cry out to God together with Christ: “Abba, Father.”

This cry expresses the fact that not only are we called to be sons of God, “but we are so indeed,” as the Apostle John emphasizes in his First Letter (3:1). Because of this gift, we truly share in the sonship proper to the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This is the supernatural truth of our relationship with Christ, a truth that can be known only by those who “have known the Father” (cf. 1 Jn 2:13).

This knowledge is possible only by virtue of the Holy Spirit, through the witness which he gives from within to the human spirit. There, he is present as the principle of truth and life. The Apostle Paul tells us: “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ” (Rom 8:16–17). “You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship whereby we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ” (Rom 8:15).

The Spirit reproduces in man the image of the Son, thus establishing the intimate fraternal bond with Christ which leads us to “cry out with him, ‘Abba! Father!’ ” Hence the Apostle writes that “all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God” (Rom 8:14). The Holy Spirit “breathes” in the hearts of believers as the Spirit of the Son, establishing in man the divine sonship in the likeness of Christ and in union with Christ. The Holy Spirit forms the human spirit from within according to the divine exemplar which is Christ. Thus, through the Spirit, the Christ known in the pages of the Gospel becomes the “life of the soul.” In thinking, loving, judging, acting and even in feeling, man is conformed to Christ, and becomes “Christlike.”

This work of the Holy Spirit has its new beginning at Pentecost in Jerusalem, at the apex of the paschal mystery. From then onward Christ is with us and works in us through the Holy Spirit, putting into effect the eternal design of the Father, who has predestined us “to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ” (Eph 1:5). Let us never tire of repeating and meditating on this marvelous truth of our faith.