



Reflection by Greg Sunter

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.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

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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.'

or

Gospel Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

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.'

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit

and renew the face of the earth.

or

R. Alleluia.

1. 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).
2. 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).
3. 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).

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

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.

or Rom 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Francesca Laucicella

ANNIVERSARIES

Eliza Pinto, John Attard, Antonio Catalano, Silvia Scrofani, Michele & Claudio Scrofani, George Attard, Tessie Mizzi, Fortunata Mirenda, Maria Corica, Serafina Ravida

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 6th July 2025

Mateo Alabella

Mavi Alabella

Ruby Rowland

Jasmine Faggion

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 9 June Mary, Mother of the Church

Wed 11 June St Barnabas

Fri 13 May St Anthony of Padua

CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION

Receipts, for those who requested them, are available to collect in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

INVITATION TO ATTEND MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE 'Corpus Christi Procession': Sunday 22nd June 2025

Please join us on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) for Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral**, East Melbourne on **22nd June**, at **11am**, followed by a **Eucharistic Procession** through the Melbourne CBD in prayer and song, before concluding with **Benediction** at Federation Square.

We will hire a bus, departing from St Peter's at **9.30am and returning by 4.00pm**. \$10pp. If you would like to come along, please add your name/s and phone number to the clipboard in the narthex, or contact the Parish Office, no later than **Tuesday, 17th June**. Please note: ***There will still be the normal Sunday Mass times at St Peter's that day.***

PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed Friday, 13th June. Please advise of any death anniversaries for weekend 14/15 June, by 4pm, Tuesday, 10th June. Thank you.



CATHOLIC MISSION – PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL - 14/15 JUNE 2025

In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare. 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.

Next weekend we will have a Special Collection after Communion for the Catholic Mission Appeal. Envelopes will be available. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

COME HOLY SPIRIT



Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God,
who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and
ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday, 6th June, at the Annual Mass for Altar Servers at St Patrick's Cathedral, Deborah Boudville, Jacqueline Boudville and Joe Joseph were admitted into the 'Guild of St Stephen'. We congratulate Deborah, Jacqueline and Joe and pray for them and their families.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE: Take the Way of the Gospel - The Vibrant Parish Formation Series – 11th June, 6.30-9pm at Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine - \$40pp Parishioners are invited to attend a series of seminars from Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The June seminar is titled ***Worship: I have called you friends***. How do you nurture your relationship with God - through personal prayer of communal worship? Drawing from Scripture, Katherine Stone, a sister with the *Missionaries of God's Love* and Vocations Director of the MGL Sisters, will guide you in strengthening your personal and parish prayer life. See flyers in the Church for further information and details on how to register.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children who made their Confirmation on 30th May at St Patrick's Cathedral. Thanking parents and guardians for your encouragement in helping your children to grow in faith. Please be sure of our continued support and prayers.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.