



THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

19 MAY 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP 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 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

Gal 5: 16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The fruit of the Spirit.

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.



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OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH HILTON

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

REFLECTION: Be the 'Amen': Some years ago, I had the happiness of speaking with an elderly sister as she was then. She had taken under her wing a woman Alice by name who was shall we say a little intellectually disabled. This woman wanted to know more about God. She wanted to know how she could serve God better. Anyway, Reverend Sister, the elderly nun put her through her paces week, after week after week seemingly to no avail. Then one day she said to the woman, "Alice do you know any prayers?" And Alice looked her straight in the eye and said to her: Oh yes Sister. I know the "Amen" prayer. Again, I was much younger when I heard this. I was amused. "Oh yes sister I know the 'Amen'", but I don't think its amusing anymore. Now I know with what great depth there was in the answer "I know the Amen". Amen as you know means "So be it". When we hear something in prayer, and we say "Amen" we mean that we agree with

everything that has been said. How many times do you and I say Amen when we are in Church or when we pray and don't give it a second thought. And yet if the only prayer we ever prayed was Amen that would be wonderful! There is depth, there is agreement with the will of God. It is the willingness to let God be God in our lives no matter what happens. It speaks of a trust that no matter how things look it shall be well and we know it! (Julian of Norwich) When we say Amen we are putting our hands into the hand of God and expressing a willingness to let Him take us wherever He wants to. We are telling Him we know that He is the supreme Creator and ruler of all things. Therein I say to you therein is our happiness, our contentment, and our peace. He is God not me and in saying Amen I am saying "I know it!" Let us make it a practice this week not only to pay attention to the "Amen" but also to say and BE the AMEN.

ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE: We pray for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon Mario Ferraioli, Jupiter Ben Justin and Gionata Pagani from the Redemptorist Mater Seminary who will be ordained as Transitional Deacons on Thursday 23 May 2021 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. Parishioners, please continue to pray for Priestly and

Religious Vocations. I encourage you to pray the simple prayer here below each day: In the forthcoming new year Eleven (11) of our diocesan priests who have come to age and have served our Archdiocese faithfully will enter into retirement. Who will it be from our own family, our parish community who will respond to the call of service in the image of the Good Shepherd. Vocations require prayer, example, being open to being challenged and supported.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION: Parishioners are invited to spiritually adopted, pray for a child in our Parish who is preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist on Sunday 9 June 2024 at 9am. "Please Pray for Me" cards can be found in a basket in the foyer of the church. Please take one and keep that child and his or her parents in your daily prayer. Thank you. Fr Michael.



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Tuesday 9am, Wednesday
9am, Thursday 9am, Friday
9am & Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday's: 9.30-10am and
5.15-5.45pm or by
appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm &
Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

Fr Francis Sundararajan, Graham
Lynch, Fr Greg Carroll.

FLU SEASON IS HERE:

Parishioners, Covid variant virus
is still with us, and we are
approaching Flu Season. If you
are unwell, please stay home
until you are recovered. We can
show care for self and others in
the community.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

MACKILLOP: Pilgrimage 15-26
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towards the votive candles is
always appreciated. To meet our
costs each candle is 30c. your
generosity is acknowledged.

PARISH INTERNET & PHONES:

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advise that our internet has
been restored and our parish
phone lines are back into
operation. We apologise for any
inconvenience.

**PRIEST and SECRETARY
TEMPORARY OFFICE:** Fr

Michael's and Parish Secretary's
Offices are temporarily in the
Meeting Room while
tradespeople are working
through the Presbytery.

**HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC
PRAYER GROUP:** Monday night's
7-9pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18 May

9am Mass: Josie & Nunziato
Cannavo (Anniversary)

Saturday 18 May

6pm Mass: Holy Spirit
Thanksgiving for Gift of Life

Sunday 19 May

7.30am Mass: For The People

9am Mass: Mladen Kalat
(Intentions), Franca Marrollo (1st
Anniversary)

Tuesday 21 May

9am Mass: Zelia De Agrela
(Anniversary)

Wednesday 22 May

9am Mass: St Joseph Honour &
Protection

Thursday 23 May

9am Mass: Intention of Donor

Friday 24 May

9am Mass: Sacred Heart of Jesus
& Immaculate Heart of Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK

PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow,
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John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia,
Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA,



You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

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 Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

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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Breaking Open the Word

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Today’s first reading begins with the words: ‘When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place.’ (Acts 2:1). Earlier in 1:13-14 we learn that with them ‘were certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers’. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer (v. 14). It is in this context of a community in prayer that there arose the sound of a powerful wind and something like tongues of fire came to rest on them as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately they were changed, boldly proclaiming the good news in language understandable to all. Our reading finishes with the list of places people had come from. A very pertinent question is asked in the verse following today’s reading: (v. 12) ‘What does this mean?’ It is a question as much for us as for them.

Paul’s Letter to the Galatians entreats us to live lives ‘directed by the Spirit’ – lives in which the fruits of the Spirit unfold and blossom, the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness.

John’s Gospel names the Spirit ‘the Advocate’ and ‘Spirit of Truth’ who issues from God. Believers in the risen Christ are not alone. The Advocate who witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ, will lead believers to the complete truth: ‘And you too will be witnesses’. From then till now believers are filled with the Holy Spirit and are to be witnesses to the truth of Jesus and the Good News. Our lives will be recognisable by the fruits of the Spirit.

Dr Rosemary Canavan