

# LIVING THE WORD

- Pentecost was a Jewish harvest feast that was celebrated 50 days after Easter, when fruit had ripened and wheat was harvested. Along with bringing produce to the temple, it was also an anniversary of the giving of the Law (Torah) – the 10 Commandments – to Moses on Mt Sinai. There are fulfilment and replacement hints in the text. The Old Testament is being fulfilled in the New Testament. Israel is all together at Mt Sinai. The earthquake, storm and eruption; fire. Moses speaking personally to God and being gifted with 'laws' to teach and guide. Disciples gathered together in an 'upper room'. Tongues of fire communicating God's spirit, and power to teach, guide and unify all people. How would *you* choose to explain what Pentecost 'means'?
- Pentecost is also understood as the reversal of the Old Testament 'Tower of Babel' story (see Gen 11). Humankind's sin and self-importance are seen in building a tower to reach and become equal to God. This eventuated in the scattering of people and the confusion caused by different languages. The gift of the Spirit at Pentecost unites people to understand each other and the Christian message. Do you see disunity? How could you bring unity?
- Paul wrote to the Community at Corinth because some people who didn't have the gift of tongues were considered inferior. It was causing division in the community. One gift was not to be stressed over another. Everyone is gifted. Name and claim at least 3 gifts you have. What gift do you feel you would like to develop more and use for God and the community?
- The Spirit and 'gifts' are connected to the 'body'. Which part of the 'body' (Church) do you identify more with: eyes–*seeing*, head–*thinking*, heart–*feeling*, hands–*servicing*, mouth– *speaking*, ears–*praying*? How do you show this in your daily life? How could you be more involved in serving God with this?
- Jesus passes through 'fear-locked doors' to bring peace and forgiveness. What 'locked doors' are present in your life? Use your imagination in a time of prayer and allow Jesus to meet you on the other side of these locked doors ..... *what happened?*
- The Spirit sends the disciples / the Church 'on mission'. The Church is 'plugged in' to a living power-source, moulding everyone into the image and consciousness of Christ. Because of the Spirit, the Church has the calling and capacity to be the extension of Jesus' ministry in the world.
- Forgiveness of sins and the healing of wounded hearts, families, communities is what each disciple is 'sent' to do. Consider what feelings and thoughts arise in a person when they are 'sent' with authority to do something? Are you conscious of being sent out by the Father to 'repair the world'?
- 'Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away; Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray ..... Sequence prayer of Pentecost. Which prayer 'image' to the Spirit speaks personally to you? Why?

## PENTECOST 2023

In John's Gospel, the Spirit is the gift of the Risen Lord, bringing us birth from above; causing us to know and remember Jesus, our constant companion; while standing alongside each one of us. WoW!!

The WoW just continues as John identifies that salvation today is enacted in each of our lives through the gift and indwelling of the Spirit. This salvation is defined in John, by God's healing, love and service, which we know through the ministry of Jesus. So we are loved by the Father and the Son, being called ourselves to love. Love is the key. Love is everything. Love is to live the very life of Jesus himself. This is possible through our being gifted with the indwelling Spirit. It is this Spirit who enacts within us the indwelling of God, the indwelling of love. WoW!!

So who am I as a result? I am the extraordinarily loved, served, healed and gifted person with the power of the Holy Spirit active in my life. I am empowered for life. I am empowered for love. To love is to love God, for the love of God and neighbour is the one and same love.

These reflections on John's theology are shared by a scripture scholar, *Fr Kieran O'Mahony osa*. His reflections help me gain a healthy understanding of the Spirit. This theology arises out of the life of an early church community. Nearly 2,000 years later this same theology speaks to us.

In our community on this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We may wonder what the sacrament of Confirmation is about. In simple terms, through Confirmation, God is confirming us in the Wow of our life, in the Wow of the life of the church. This is mystery. This is the sacred immersed in the human. Through Jesus, we know the two realities are intertwined.

So let us rejoice in who we are, remembering who we are as eight of our community are confirmed today. Together we share in the indwelling of the one and same Spirit. Together we share the gifts of the Spirit, thus living the mystery who is love. Together we are church, empowered by the Spirit to do good, to build up our world, to make a difference. This prayer of the Sacrament reminds us of our shared WoW.

***"All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon our brothers and sisters to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence."***

***John P Murray osa***



## CALENDAR

### Monday

May 29

Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Mother of  
the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20  
or Acts 1:12-14  
Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday

May 30

Weekday

Sir 35:1-12  
Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday

May 31

Visitation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a  
or Rom 12:9-16  
Lk 1:39-56

### Thursday

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Sir 42:15-25  
Mk 10:46-52

### Friday

June 2

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9-13  
Mk 11:11-26

### Saturday

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga  
and Companions,  
Martyrs

Sir 51:12cd-20  
Mk 11:27-33

### Sunday

June 4

Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9  
2 Cor 13:11-13  
Jn 3:16-18

## HOSPITALITY

### Communion

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

*John P. Murray osa*  
Pastoral Leader, 10 am Mass Community

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.  
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by  
mass  
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.  
English 10:00 hrs.

#### BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.  
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am  
mass.

#### CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).  
English before 10:00 am mass.

#### CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite  
the entrance of the Cathedral.

#### Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.  
Sat, Sun : Closed  
& public holidays

# Dear Padre

May 28, 2023

***I am a practicing Catholic and I don't remember being confirmed. Is it too late for me to be confirmed?***

The sacrament of confirmation usually happens when a person is older, and therefore you would likely remember the occasion. It could be that you were not confirmed. You can check with the parish you lived in during your school years to be sure. They keep records of confirmations done in the parish.

Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation. Baptism ushers us into our life with God by giving us new life. Confirmation seals us with the spirit so we can follow Jesus and live out our particular vocation. And the Eucharist gives us strength for the journey and keeps us in union with God.

If you discover you have not been confirmed or if you can't find out for certain, talk with your pastor. You would not be the first adult seeking confirmation. Your pastor can tell you how your diocese handles confirmation for adults. There might be a program of adult instruction for confirmation to ensure you understand the sacrament and the teachings of the Church.

Today is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the apostles. The Spirit gave them strength for what they had to do. The Spirit can do the same for you. ●

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**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE (No. 818)**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**HOLY – Belmont Mass**  
**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION – Belmont Mass**  
**(PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

**DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN – Belmont Mass (PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

**COMMUNION RITE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (No. 387)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**LAMB OF GOD – Belmont Mass (PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

**PLEASE KNEEL**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (No. 945)**

**FINAL HYMN: THERE ARE MANY ROOMS (No. 867) PLEASE STAND**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A)**

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

**ENTRANCE HYMN: COME, HOLY GHOST (No. 559) PLEASE STAND**

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

**Priest:** I confess to almighty God,

**All:** and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;  
*– and, striking their breast, they say –*

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
 Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** **Amen.**

**KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY – Belmont Mass**

**GLORY TO GOD – Belmont Mass**

**(PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104: LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT**



1. Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures. (R)
2. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. (R)
3. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.  
(R)

**SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:3b-7****A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:**

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE – COME, O HOLY SPIRIT**

1. Come, O Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!  
Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Come, O Father of the poor!  
Come, O Source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine! Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
2. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below; Come, O Holy Spirit, come!  
In our labour, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
3. O most blessed Light divine, May that Light within us shine, And our inmost being fill!  
Come, O Holy Spirit, come! In your absence, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill.  
Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
4. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away: Come, O Holy Spirit, come!  
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
5. On the faithful, who adore And confess you, ever more, In your sevenfold gift descend;  
Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end.  
Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

**ALLELUIA – Belmont Mass (PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

**PLEASE STAND**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-23**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Good News according to John.

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

**Priest:** The Good News of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED****THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION****RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES PLEASE STAND**

**The Priest addresses the Elect and the Community, who make their responses together:**

**Priest:** Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried,  
rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion  
of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting? **All: I do.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:  
"Lord, graciously hear us."**

**PLEASE BE SEATED****LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**