

# LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ Pentecost was a Jewish harvest feast, 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, following the interpretive principle that the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament. Israel together at Mt Sinai. The earthquake and storm and eruption — fire. Moses speaking personally to God and being gifted with ‘laws’ to teach and guide. Disciples gathered together in the Upper Room. Tongues of fire communicating God’s spirit and power to teach and guide and unify all people. How would you write 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 building the tower to reach and equal God 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. Does the world today need to hear about Jesus in a fresh and creative way? Where would you start? **Be inspired!**
- ❖ 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 and give life to the body. Which part of the body do you identify more with: eyes — seeing, head — thinking, heart — feeling, hands — serving, 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” ... [ excerpt from the Sequence Prayer of Pentecost ] Which prayer ‘image’ to the Spirit speaks personally to you? Why?

## LAUDATO SI WEEK 2024 — 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May — from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday.

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit:**

*Holy Spirit, You are God’s presence in our hearts, bringing life, love and joy, like a caring Mother. You are in singing birds, hidden in vegetation, in the subtle fragrance of inconspicuous flowers... You are a Mystery, invisible, but powerfully influencing our life. We open our hearts to You.*

*Please inspire us and give us wisdom, courage, and hope. Let us make use of our various talents and Your gifts. Please teach us patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Guide us the right way and teach us to love You, others, and ourselves. Please help us to work together in peace and respect every person, regardless of all the differences between us, but also to respect nature and everything else you have created for us. Last but not least, let us always remember about our dignity of being Your children and about our freedom to serve others, like Jesus. **Amen.***

**Laudato Si is an encyclical written by Pope Francis, in 2015, on humanity’s care for each other and our world, our common home. Its Goals are:**

**RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH** is a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, addressing the global issues that impact all of creation – climate, conflict, ecological, social.

**RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR** is a call to promote holistic justice for all humanity, aware of our being called to promote human life from conception to death, plus all forms of life on earth.

**ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS** acknowledges the economy as a sub-system of human society, embedded in advancing care for our common home.

**ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES** is grounded in the idea of sufficiency and promoting responsible use of resources and energy.

**ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION** is about education for reform, in the spirit of an integral ecology, so as to foster ecological awareness and transformative action.

**ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY** is centred on our “*discovering God in all things*”, aware that the life of the Spirit is immersed in worldly realities, both its beauties and its afflictions.

**COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT** envisage a synodal journey of community engagement and participatory action at various levels.



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

May 20  
*Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Mother  
of the Church*  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or  
Acts 1:12-14  
Jn 19:25-34

### TUESDAY

May 21  
*Weekday*  
Jas 4:1-10  
Mk 9:30-37

### WEDNESDAY

May 22  
*Weekday*  
Jas 4:13-17  
Mk 9:38-40

### THURSDAY

May 23  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:41-50

### FRIDAY

May 24  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:9-12  
Mk 10:1-12

### SATURDAY

May 25  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:13-20  
Mk 10:13-16

### SUNDAY

May 26  
*Most Holy Trinity*  
Dt 4:32-34,  
39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

## 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.

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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 19, 2024

## ***Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?***

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer." ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**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**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **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: YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART (No. 940)**

**FINAL HYMN: IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE (No. 818) PLEASE STAND**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year B)**  
**(Solemnity)**

Sunday, 19 May 2024

**ENTRANCE: 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, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

**GLORY TO GOD**

**Refrain:** Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

**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, 12-13**

**A reading from the 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: PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**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 APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** I believe in God,

**All:** the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**"Hear our prayer."**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY: HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US (No. 547)**

**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.**