

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

In 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



PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

THE SAVING WORD

19 MAY 2024

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

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.'

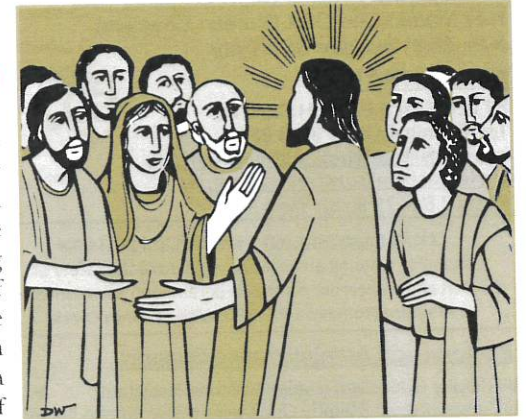
■ The word of the Lord.

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.



Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **Mass of St Rita:** Blessing of Roses. Wed 22nd 10am & 12.45pm.
- ▶ RCIA gathering 7pm Thursday 23rd May



St. Augustine on the Feast of Pentecost

"The Holy Spirit came and filled the disciples; they began to speak in the languages of all the nations. This indicated their growing unity. Namely, one person was speaking in every language because the unity of the Church was bound to speak in every language. Those who heard were fearful because they knew those speaking to be uneducated, that they were of only one tongue. They were amazed and astounded, because they were speaking in the languages of all the nations." (Sermon for Pentecost)

CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION



Enrolments close this week for First Reconciliation preparation classes. Please contact Stephy at the parish office.

RCIA GROUP - CONGRATULATIONS

Sincere congratulations to the RCIA candidates who are to be baptised confirmed and received into the church this Sunday – Patrick Vo, Melati Russ, Charlyne Domingo and Paola Padilla. Thanks to all who have supported them through the program in 2024.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

Is available at the church door this weekend. Take your free copy with you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

- ✦ Len Stainsby

Anniversaries

- ✦ Peter Dennis ✦ Cecelia Chung
- ✦ Carmine & Celestina Iaconese
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng ✦ Marie Chung
- ✦ Graeme Phillips

CALL TO VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS

Anyone interested in assisting with our music at mass is invited to contact the parish office.

DO YOU ENJOY GARDENING?

If you enjoy gardening and would like to assist with the maintenance of the parish gardens, your help will be welcome. Please contact the parish office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEXT SUNDAY

All families with young children are invited to come to St Joseph's 10.30am Mass next Sunday 26th May to join in the Children's Liturgy. We also pray for the children preparing for their First Reconciliation.

MORNING TEA AT ST JOSEPH'S

All parishioners are welcome to join us for morning tea in the coffee room after 10.30am Mass next Sunday 26th May

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS

Join us for coffee after mass next Sunday 28th May at St Thomas Aquinas at The Kettle Black, 50 Albert Rd, South Melbourne. All welcome!



Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 19th May 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 18th May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 19th May Pentecost Sunday	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 20th May Mary, Mother of the Church		
Tuesday 21st May 7 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 22nd May St Rita of Cascia	10.00am Mass Blessing of Roses	12.45pm Mass Blessing of Roses
Thursday 23rd May 7 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 24th May Our Lady Help of Christians	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 25th May 7 th Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	



FEAST OF SAINT RITA OF CASCIA - AUGUSTINIAN - MAY 22ND

The feast of one of our Augustinian saints, Rita of Cascia is marked in many places by the blessing and distribution of roses which are then offered to the sick. Rita was a woman of fifteenth century central Italy who lived her Christian vocation in three stages of life, as a wife and mother, a widow and as a contemplative religious.

MASS COLLECTIONS 12/05/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 824.00
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 371.75
Envelopes.....	\$ 110.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 210.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 565.00
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