

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.

■ 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 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*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 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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

24 MAY 2026

### PEACE BE WITH YOU

In today's story from John, set on Easter day, Jesus' disciples are frightened. The doors of the room where they gather are locked. They are frightened of the religious authorities. Perhaps they think that what happened to their hero, Jesus, might also happen to them. Into the midst of their fear and locked room, the Risen Jesus comes. His first words are of peace, 'Peace be with you'. This is more than a statement to be calm and not frightened. It is Jesus' gift of wholeness, of *shalom* (Hebrew). It is his prayerful gift for them to come to a deep spirit of internal communion and calmness trusting in his presence.

It is this fearful group of disciples that Jesus commissions to be on mission—a theme familiar from Matthew's Gospel last week: The future of the Jesus movement is not entrusted to a comfortable, secure and fully integrated group of leaders. It is to a group of ordinary, struggling people that the mission is given. But they are not alone in this. Jesus' breath is the externalisation of his presence and being. This is given to the disciples who imbue his spirit, calming them, and giving them the confidence to reveal God's communion with all, despite their foibles or spiritual struggles.

This is the spirit that forgives 'sin'—that experience or marker of disruption, dis-ease and fear. Jesus' breath, received by the Eleven is about to permeate the cosmos through the commissioned ministry and reaffirmed in John's Pentecost story.

Fr Michael Trainor

### 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.'

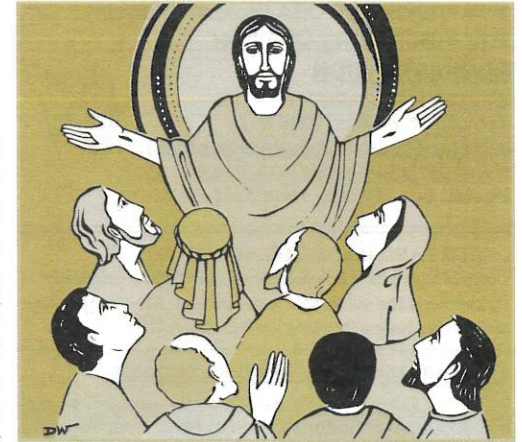
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### RESP PSALM

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

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*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



**Pentecost 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**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 Francis Park 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 the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Aryana Vega (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)  
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

**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

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>6.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>10.30am Mass</b> <b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> Our Lady Help of Christians		
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Philip Neri	<b>10am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	<b>10am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	<b>10am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	<b>10am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	<b>9am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	



**2026 RCIA PROGRAM**

We congratulate and pray for Blanca Yiek and Celine Yiek who are to be baptised and confirmed this Sunday. Thank you to their sponsors and all who have supported them on their faith journey through their encouragement and prayers.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

▶ **Sacramental Prep:** Sat 23 May 10.30am



**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)

**CHURCH CARPARK CLOSURE**

There will be no access to the church car park from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June while concreting work is done. As limited street parking is available, public transport is advised. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**THANK YOU FROM CATHOLICARE**

CatholicCare Victoria is grateful for the support of our parish during last week's appeal. Your generosity ensures continuing support for individuals and families as they rebuild their lives.

**PARISH BAPTISMS**

The parish congratulates the family of Eliana Tan who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mito Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zai, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

- ✦ Fr Peter Hayes OSA
- ✦ Peter Hollingworth ✦ Fr Jason Jones

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Fr Gerry Dullard OSA ✦ Mary Boyle
- ✦ Dorothy D'Souza ✦ Kay Burleigh
- ✦ Victoria Daniels ✦ Graeme Phillips
- ✦ Anita Hughes ✦ Agustin Garcia
- ✦ Javier Bacaicoa ✦ Giuseppe Crivera
- ✦ Emmanuel Loc Nguyen ✦ Frank Pellicano
- ✦ Brian Dornom ✦ Adam Selwood

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MORNING TEA**

Families with young children are invited to join in the Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's 10.30am Mass this Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May. Parishioners are welcome to join us for morning tea after the Mass.

**COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' MASS**

A coffee morning will be held next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 10.30am at Velvet Bean, 35 Albert Rd.



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am in the Parish Centre. For children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**SJOS VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**

A volunteer is needed to collect bread once every 3 weeks from Hawksburn Baker's Delight at 6.20pm and deliver it to the SJOS food store. A spacious car and physical strength are necessary to carry and transport the large bags of bread.

**MASS COLLECTION 17/05/2026**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 908.60
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 417.40
Envelopes.....	\$ 60.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 560.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 667.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	