



1st Reading

Acts 2:1-11

The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.

R. v.30

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading

Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

We are one body with different gifts.

Gospel Acclamation

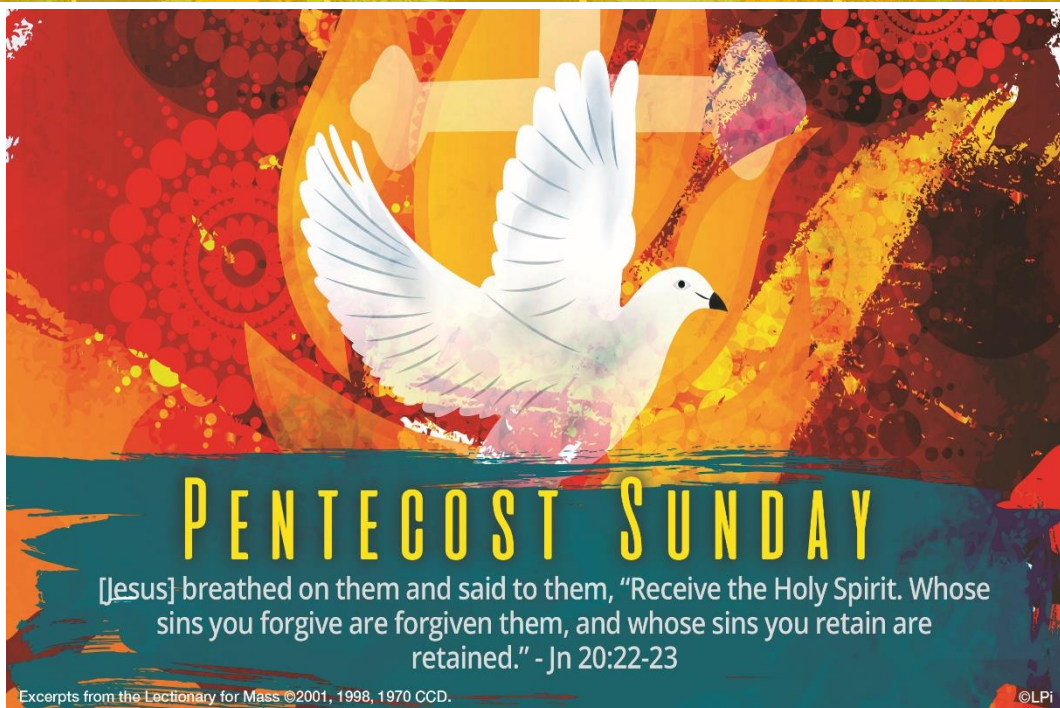
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

WE ARE NEVER ALONE

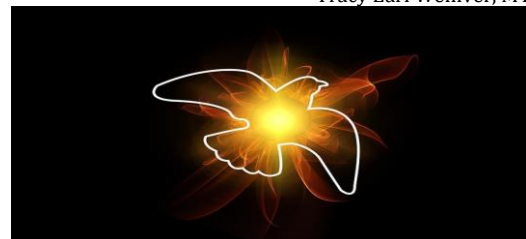
My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into

"Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecost to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm
Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm
Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday

Mass, 7am
(except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Mass, 9.05am
Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am
1st & 3rd Sun of the month
(during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick
by appointment

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the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God.
We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.*



We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

To know more about the life of the parish, you can grab a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or go to this link on our website:

<https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Spirit-Parish-Welcome-Newsletter.pdf>

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

There is strength and peace that comes from when we pray for one another. If you have a prayer request or want to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to: <https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/>
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Patricia Hogg, Jose Antonio Rodrigues, Florencia Cunanan, Joseph Valladores, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen Andrew Boulous, Emilia Rose Moya, Joel Dizon, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Bill Lynch, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Glen Root, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, John Warne, Mario C Molina, Jam Viriato M Utleg, Kim Hak-Doo, Thomas Funnell.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Claude Corcoran, John Hawley, Sulia Wolfram, Maria Zarraga, Marilen P Moldero, Casimiro C. Taguiam, Iris Roberts, Anakula Pyrane, Ma Karen Vano, Therese Borges, Margaret Pereira.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Christopher Thomson, Choi Peña Ramirez, Margot Peña Castillo, Belen Valladores, Margot Tena Castillo, Florence Oliveira, Frank Xiberras, Sela Wolfram, Sergio de los Santos, Connor John Richard Thomas, Ernest Johnstone, Emmanuel Eric Ortiz, Joyce Salmon, Nenita Perocho, Oscar Bertumen, Noel Bartholomeusz, Michael Tham, Louis Tham, Elizabeth David, Bernard Fonseca, Tomislav Duic.

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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the Week



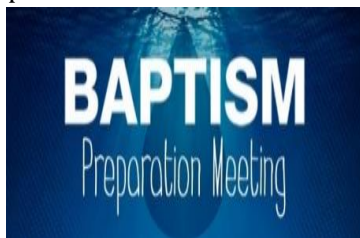
St. Josemaria Escriva tell us, "To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more." Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the gift of speaking in multiple languages of the mighty acts of God accomplished in Jesus Christ. What gifts of the Spirit might you pray for today?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of believers in Christ as having the "Spirit of God" dwelling within them. How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Gospel Reading: The resurrected Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave the Holy Spirit to them to forgive or retain sins. How often do you partake in the sacrament of reconciliation?



Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 13th June 7.00pm, via Zoom. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.



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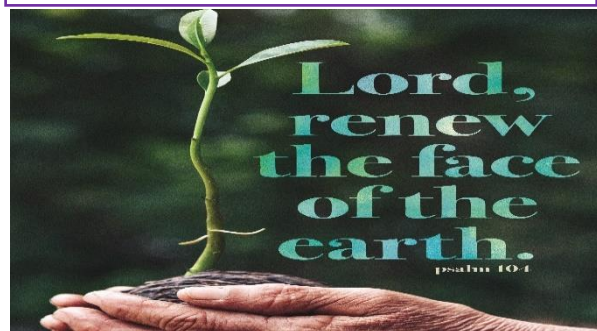
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(Daughter of Ashan and Ramesha)

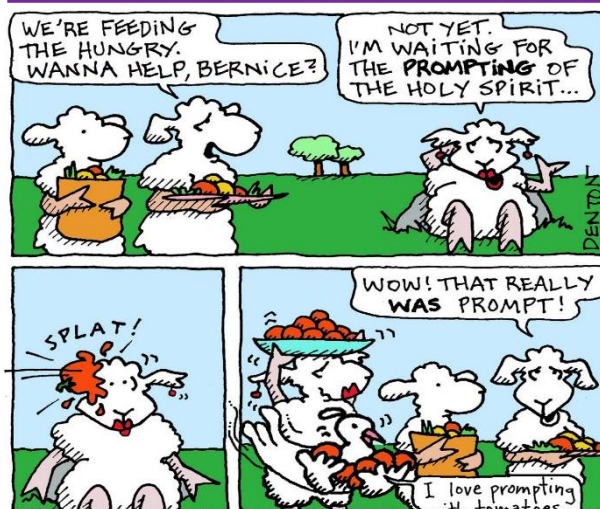
WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. It is a celebration of the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and believers in the upper room after the Resurrection. Each person was given gifts to use to share the good news of Jesus with the world. One of the first challenges the early Church faced was finding the time to distribute food to the hungry. The apostles saw this action as a priority, but their preaching and teaching were taking time from helping the poor. So they appointed special deacons whose task was specifically to serve the poor. Your challenge this week is to look around and see a human need in your parish family which your pastor does not have the time to address. How can you serve someone in distress—physically, emotionally or spiritually? What can you do to help?

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit."

Sheepish Question:

When, lately, have I felt the Spirit prompting me in a way that serves others.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding training?

Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1:
Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm
at Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
Marion Street Blacktown



Please register for this mandatory training at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2023 Sacramental Preparation

Bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website
www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Bookings available from 1 June 2023
- Parent Information & Catechesis - Tuesday 25 July 5pm or Wednesday 26 July 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be August (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 20 August 11.30am, 26 August 3pm, 27 August 11.30am

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au
P: 02 9670 8222 or 0451 279 934 • A: 5 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Friday 2nd June 7.30pm

Fr Jepser's Installation as Parish Priest



Sunday 11 June at 9.30am Mass
Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, D.D.
Diocese of Parramatta

Morning Tea – bring a plate to share

AN OINTING

Friday 2 June, 9.05am

Reconciliation available
before Mass from 8.30-9am

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A KIND NOTE FOR YOU TO KNOW:

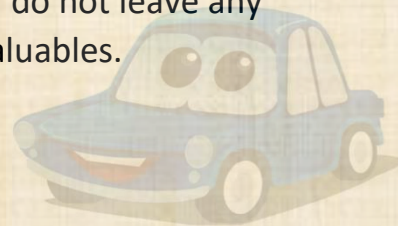
ON **SATURDAY 3RD** AND **SUNDAY 4TH JUNE** WE ARE HAVING **SISTER MARIA** FROM ST ELISABETH CONVENT IN MINSK BELARUS, IS VISITING US TO OFFER SOME NICE ITEMS TO SELL FOR FUNDRAISING.

SHE WILL HAVE A TABLE ON **THE FOYER** FOR US TO LOOK AT THE ITEMS AND BUY SOME IF WE WISH.

THIS WILL HAPPEN **FROM 6PM.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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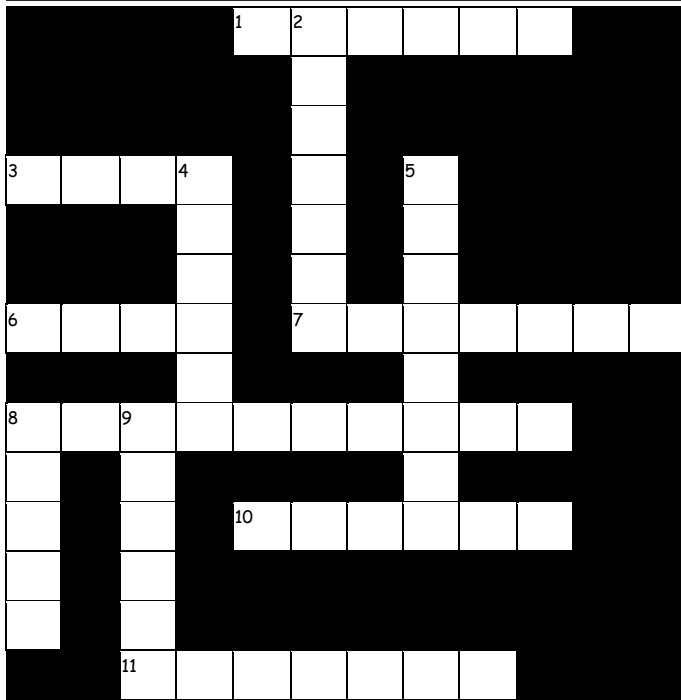
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD The disciples received the Holy Spirit



DOWN:

2: Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you ----- anyone's sins, they will be forgiven'
4: the day after Saturday
5: to have come into sight
8: glad



ACROSS:

1: frightened or scared
3: bad deeds
6: it has fingers and thumb
7: the time of day between afternoon and night
8: Jesus breathed the ---- ----- on his disciples
10: another word for centre
11: the opposite of give

CREATION CARE TIPS



Sadly, the Pentecost story of tongues of fire might call to mind the increasing frequency and ferocity of wildfires worldwide. Recent years have set successive records for land area burned and homes destroyed as droughts intensify and global temperatures rise. This week, take the small step of using the sun's warmth to dry your clothes outside rather than use a gas or electric dryer. Consider hanging a clothesline or buying a drying rack and dedicate a space for this household task.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no." On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colours, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).

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NEXT WEEKEND (4th JUN) THE MOST HOLY SUNDAY, YEAR A

	3 JUNE, 6PM	4 JUNE, 8AM	4 JUNE, 9.30AM	4 JUNE, 6PM
1st Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 <i>Moses meets the Lord on Mt Sinai.</i>	Minister at the Altar Lorensz Herft	Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade	Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis	Minister at the Altar Peter Smith
Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52-56. R. v.52 <i>Glory and praise for ever!</i>	Eucharistic Ministers Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft Jeanne Appleton	Eucharistic Ministers Louise Bucholtz Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett	Eucharistic Ministers Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama	Eucharistic Ministers Esther Rose Lumen Decena Sue Oram
2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 <i>Live in peace with one another.</i>	Reader 1 Sheila Francis	Reader 1 Stephen Middleton	Reader 1 Cathy Allen	Reader 1 Charlotte Smith
Gospel Acclamation <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:</i> <i>to God who is, who was, and who is to come.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>	Reader 2 Moira Rebello	Reader 2 Christine Younes	Reader 2 Tess Barnes	Reader 2 Robert Lees
Gospel John 3:16-18 <i>Jesus tells Nicodemus of the Father's love.</i>	Commentator Sylvia Herft	Commentator Michael Hay	Commentator Joy Rulewski	Commentator Sue Oram
	Music AMEN Choir	Music Manuel Fidow	Music Luchie's Choir	Music El Shaddai SG Choir
	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed	Powerpoint Carol Vella	Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes	Powerpoint El Shaddai SG
	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed
	Welcomers Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Remia Morada Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Esther Rose Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 21 MAY

Mon 29 May: Mary, Mother Of The Church
Tue 30 May: Tuesday Of The Eighth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Wed 31 May: The Visitation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 1 June: Saint Justin, Martyr
Fri 2 June: Saints Marcellinus And Peter, Martyrs
Sat 3 June: Saint Charles Lwanga And Companions, Martyrs

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