

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 15:26-27; 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



Veni, Creator

O Holy Spirit, by Whose breath life rises vibrant out of death; Come to create, renew, inspire; Come kindle in our hearts Your fire.

You are the seeker's sure resource, of burning love the living source, Protector in the midst of strife, the Giver and the Lord of life.

In You God's energy is shown, to us Your varied gifts made known. Teach us to speak, teach us to hear; Yours is the tongue and Yours the ear.

Flood our dull senses with Your light; In mutual love our hearts unite. Your power the whole creation fills; Confirm our weak, uncertain wills.

From inner strife grant us release; Turn nations to the ways of peace. To fuller life Your people bring that as one body we may sing:

Praise to the Father, Christ, His Word, and to the Spirit: God the Lord, to Whom all honour, glory be both now and for eternity. Amen.

A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

Divine Wisdom said it was better that He [Christ] depart from the globe for, once in glory, He would send His Spirit, 'the Truth-giving Spirit to guide you in all Truth.' Great men influence the earth only from their funeral urns; but He, Who gave the earth the only serious wound it ever

received - the empty tomb - would rule it at the right hand of the Father through His Spirit.

This Spirit He sent upon the Church on Pentecost, like a soul entering a foetus; chemicals which are disparate and disconnected became a living thing. So the Apostles, with their individual whims and ignorances, were, under the pentecostal fires, fused into the visible, living, Mystical Body of Christ. Confirmation is a kind of Pentecost to a baptised soul. Christ dwelling in the flesh would normally be in one place only at one time, but His Spirit, unbound by fleshy bonds, could cover the earth, working on a million hearts at once. Nor would such hearts be without comfort at His physical absence, for the Spirit He called 'another Comforter.'

It is the Son, Christ Our Lord, Who reveals the Heavenly Father. We would never know the mercy and love of the Father, if He had not sent His Son to walk this earth and pay our debt for sin. But who reveals the Son? It is the Holy Spirit.

We know what goes on in other minds because we, too, have minds or souls; we know what goes on in the mind of Christ because we are given His Spirit. The natural or unbaptised man cannot perceive the things of God, for they are spiritually discerned. As the scientist knows nature, so the Christian, thanks to the Spirit, knows Christ: 'He will not utter a message of His own; he will utter the message that has been given to Him; and He will make plain to you what is still to come. And He will bring honour to Me, because it is from Me that He will derive what He makes plain to you. I say that He will derive from Me what He makes plain to you, because all that belongs to the Father belongs to Me.' (John 16:13-15)

It is through the Spirit received in Confirmation that Christ walks the earth again in each obedient Christian; it is through the Spirit that we are sanctified, comforted, and taught to pray.

These and other words of Our Lord about sending the Spirit of Truth who will enlarge our knowledge of Him, prove that the whole truth is not available to us in written records. Pentecost was not the descent of a book, but of living tongues of fire. Confirmation gives the lie to those who say that 'the sermon on the mount is enough for them.' Our Lord's teaching, as recorded in the Gospels, was implemented, complemented, and revealed in its deeper meaning through the spirit of truth He gave to His Church. We indeed know Christ by reading the Gospels, but we see the deeper meaning of the words, and we know Christ more completely when we have His Spirit. It is only through the Spirit that we know He is the divine Son of God and Redeemer of humanity: 'Those who live the life of nature cannot be acceptable to God; but you live the life of the spirit, not the life of nature; that is, if the Spirit of God dwells in you. A man cannot belong to Christ unless he has the Spirit of Christ.' (Rom. 8:8, 9)

(These Are The Sacraments)



PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B

19 MAY 2024



"The charity of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who is given to us. He who has a share of daylight has that light from the sun; in the same way he who has charity has it from the Holy Spirit."

- St Thomas Aquinas

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R: Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

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 Galatians 5:16-25

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians

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. 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.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure; Come, Thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, dost refreshing peace bestow. Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, visit Thou these hearts of Thine, and our inmost being fill: If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay; all his good is turned to ill. 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. Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and Thee adore, with Thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; give us life with Thee on high; give us joys that never end.



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Pentecost Sunday - Year B

May 19th, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of: Sue Spackman; all those in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Colleen Makim, Lynette Gurr, Patrick McCormack, Richard Noonan, Betty Crawford, John McLean.

the sick:

Charlie McGregor, Princess Catherine, Danielle Irwin, Sue Barwick, King Charles III, Bob McGuire, Robert Sanders, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Jeanette Keightley, Phillip Matthews, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Paula Lennon, Danny Dickens, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, Clare Lockwood, Margaret Kahler, and all the sick members of our parish.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

MAY - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY 20th

Feast Day of Mary, Mother of the Church

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 21st

Feast Day of St Christopher Magallanes & companions, martyrs

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd

Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

THURSDAY 23rd

Thursday of the 7th week of Ordinary Time

Holy Mass at McLean - 10.00am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

FRIDAY 24th

Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians

Rosary - 7.00am

Holy Mass - 7.30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 25th

Feast Day of St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.00pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 26th

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm

(and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES: (May to August times)

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.00pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.00pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 2.30pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

A friendly reminder

Please maintain a respectful atmosphere of reverence before and after each Mass so those praying may do so without distraction. Any conversation should be conducted quietly. Also, please remember to turn off your mobile devices.

"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."

- St Leonard

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR MAY

Pat Bailey & Kay Gardner

HOME ROSARY



"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening." - Pope St John Paul II

Bernie & Colleen Graham

11 Diamond Street, Tingha

Wednesday 22 May at 4.30pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Men's Breakfast - Sat 8 June 2024, 8.30am, Out the Back Café

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 9 June 2024, after Mass

Finance Committee - Wed 31 July 2024, 5.00pm

Pastoral Council - Wed TBA 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat TBA 2024, 8.30am



Happy Birthday to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

Pentecost ranks among the great feasts of Christianity.

Known as "The Birthday of the Church", it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady, the Apostles and Disciples of Jesus Christ.

A plenary (or full) indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the hymn *Veni, Creator (Come Creator Spirit)* publicly on the Solemnity of Pentecost. We will publicly recite this prayer before the Recessional Hymn at Mass on Sunday.

To fulfil the conditions to gain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must: Receive Holy Communion on the same day; Pray for the holy intentions of the Pope; Go to Sacramental Confession on the same day or within 21 days; Have a detachment from sin.

Poor Boxes

Don't forget you can help our local Vinnies by making a donation to the Poor Boxes in the Church.

Prayer in Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail Mary, White Lily of the Glorious and always serene Trinity. Hail brilliant Rose of the garden of heavenly delights: O you, by whom God wanted to be born and by whose milk the King of Heaven wanted to be nourished! Nourish our souls with effusions of divine grace. Amen.



Praying the Rosary

During the month of May the Holy Rosary will be prayed before each Mass. There are free rosaries and pamphlets that provide a step-by-step guide on how to pray the Rosary at the paper table.



Prayer to Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia

Mother of God and Queen of the Angels, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son Jesus as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our Diocese, for our nation and for the

world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your Son Jesus and of all His holy angels, that we may be safeguarded against the assaults of the devil, his evil spirits, and all those who seek to destroy or oppress us.

We ask you to obtain for us the grace we need to be true followers of your Son Jesus. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust in the saving power of God. May your Son Jesus deliver us from all evil. Amen.

Financial Update

Thank you to those who were able to increase their contributions to the Second Collection, and to those who have joined the Planned Giving Program. For both collections please consider giving electronically as this would be most helpful and, in the case of the second collection, be a cost-saver to the Parish with fewer envelopes needing to be ordered.

Catholic Weekly

Thank you to the regular purchasers of the Catholic Weekly for letting Fr Paul know of your intentions. The Parish will cancel its subscription at the end of May. Please consider a personal online subscription to such a quality Catholic news and opinions outlet.

MASS ROSTER	18May-Sat 5.30pm	19May-Sun 9am	25May-Sat 5.30pm	26May-Sun 9am
Projector	S Szumowski	H Rossel	N Turner	P Girle
Readers	S O'Brien & J Harris	C Bruse & M Robinson	J Kelly & M Gaukroger	J Rainger & MJ Guest
Commentator	P Mather	J Rainger	N McCosker	C Bruse
Offertory	Volunteers	M Wales & volunteer	Volunteers	S Kenny & C Bruse
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J Monie	R Johnson	M Gaukroger	G Johnson
Counters		R & G Johnson		L MacDonald & P Girle