

My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him and make Our home with him. Those who do not love Me do not keep My words. And My word is not My Own; it is the word of the One Who sent Me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.’

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible



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.

Excerpt of the Homily by Pope St John Paul II on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 1998

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life.”

With the words of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, the Church proclaims her faith in the Paraclete; a faith that is born of the apostolic experience of Pentecost. The passage from the Acts of the Apostles, which today’s liturgy has offered for our meditation, recalls in fact the marvels worked on the day of Pentecost, when with great astonishment the Apostles saw Jesus’ words come true. As was mentioned in the passage from St John’s Gospel proclaimed a few moments ago, on the eve of His Passion He had assured them: “I will pray the Father and He will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever” (Jn 14:16). This “Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (Jn 14:26).

And the Holy Spirit, coming down upon them with extraordinary power, enabled them to proclaim the teaching of Christ Jesus to the whole world. Their courage was so great, their determination so sure, that they were prepared to do anything, even to give up their life. The gift

of the Spirit had released their deepest energies, concentrating them on the mission entrusted to them by the Redeemer. And it will be the Counsellor, the *Parakletos*, who will guide them in preaching the Gospel to all. The Spirit will teach them the whole truth, drawing it from the wealth of Christ’s word, so that, in turn, they may communicate it to people in Jerusalem and the rest of the world.

How can we not give thanks to God for the wonders the Spirit has never ceased to accomplish in these two millennia of Christian life? Indeed, the event of grace at Pentecost has continued to bear its marvellous fruits, everywhere instilling apostolic zeal, a desire for contemplation, the commitment to live and serve God and our brothers and sisters with complete dedication. Today too, the Spirit sustains great and small acts of forgiveness and prophecy in the Church and gives life to ever new charisms and gifts, which attest to His ceaseless action in human hearts.

St Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans, proclaimed a few moments ago: “All who are led by the Spirit of God are Sons of God” (Rm 8:14). These words suggest a further way of understanding the wonderful action of the Spirit in our life as believers. They open the way for us to reach the human heart: the Holy Spirit, Whom the Church calls upon to give “light to the senses”, visits man inwardly and directly touches the depths of his being.

The Apostle continues: “But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you.... For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God” (cf. Rom 8:9, 14). Contemplating then the mysterious action of the Paraclete, he adds with deep feeling: “For you did not receive the spirit of slavery ... but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry ‘Abba, Father!’, it is the Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God” (Rm 8:15-16). Here we are at the centre of the mystery! It is in the meeting between the Holy Spirit and the human spirit that we find the very heart of what the Apostles experienced at Pentecost. This extraordinary experience is present in the Church born of that event and accompanies her down the centuries.

Under the Holy Spirit’s action, man fully discovers that his spiritual nature is not veiled by corporeity but, on the contrary, it is his spirit which gives true meaning to his body. Indeed, by living according to the Spirit, he fully manifests the gift of his adoption as a son of God.

It is in this context that we find the fundamental question of the relationship between life and death, which Paul touches on when he says: “If you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live” (Rom 8:13). It is exactly so: docility to the Spirit gives man continuous opportunities for life.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! So we pray with Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, a most precious dwelling-place of Christ among us, so that she may help us to be living temples of the Spirit and tireless witnesses of the Gospel.



“He pours light into our minds, arouses our desire and gives us strength. As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls.”
- St Peter Damian

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 Romans 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the

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unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

♦ **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.

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 14:15-16, 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to His disciples:

‘If you love Me you will keep My commandments. I shall ask the Father and He will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves Me he will keep



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time, especially George Sherry; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Lloyd Fleming, Yvonne Mowle, Denise Hills, Stephenus Wainamo.

the sick:

Chris Perceval, David Miron, Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish.

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

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.

JUNE - THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

MONDAY 9th

Feast Day of Mary, Mother of the Church (Pg. 1754)

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 10th

Tuesday of the 10th week in Ordinary Time (Pg 602)

Holy Mass - 6.30am

Clergy Winter School - 10.00am to 3.00pm in Armidale

WEDNESDAY 11th

Feast Day of St Barnabas, apostle (Pg 1790)

Holy Mass - 6.30am

THURSDAY 12th

Thursday of the 10th week in Ordinary Time (Pg 605)

Holy Mass - 9.15am at Holy Trinity School (Parishioners welcome)

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

Alpha Program - 6.00pm

FRIDAY 13th

Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor (Pg 1794)

Rosary - 12.00 Noon

Requiem Mass of Lloyd Fleming - 1.00pm

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 14th

Saturday of the 10th week in Ordinary Time (Pg 610)

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.00pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 15th

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 (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm (and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 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 - 3.00pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR JUNE

Holy Trinity Team

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 8 June 2025, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 11th June 2025, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 21 June 2025, 9.00am

Confirmation Mass - Sat 21 June 2025, 5.30pm

Finance Committee - Wed 9th July 2025, 5.00pm

Sunday Missal Users

The readings for the Vigil of Pentecost and the texts of the Vigil Mass are used at the 5.30pm Saturday Mass. There are a number of First Readings listed. We will use Number 4 from the Prophet Joel.

Daily Mass Missal Users

As Pentecost Sunday is the last day of the Easter Season, commencing Monday 9 June we will enter the Tenth Week of Ordinary Time, Year 1 (Page 599 in the Weekday Missal).

For all special feast days, please refer to the Parish Mass Schedule for the page number.

Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

Auction of Bundarra Properties

The auction is scheduled for Saturday, July 5th onsite at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

Visit of Bishop Peter Murphy

Our new bishop, Most Reverend Peter Murphy, will be visiting our parish on Friday, June 20th, and Saturday, June 21st. This visit will include conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday. He will also be celebrating Holy Mass on Saturday morning (time to be advised) and visiting Holy Trinity School on Friday.

Parishioners will have the opportunity of meeting him also.

The Feast of Pentecost - from Fr Paul

Pentecost for the Jewish people was a harvest festival that became associated with the giving of the Law from God to Moses on Mt Sinai. Moses coming down the mountain with the tablets of the Law is a prefiguring of the descent or coming down of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles. It is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church, since on that day the Church became visible to the world and the evangelising mission of the Church began, precisely

because of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in an extraordinary way.

Much has been said and written about the Holy Spirit, both in the magisterium (teaching) of the Church at Councils and through the pope and bishops, as well as through the great theologians, especially those who are referred to as the Fathers of the Church, that is those early great teachers who had to defend the faith and explain it during the first 500 or so years of the Church's life.

The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. He prays in them and bears witness in them to their adoption as sons. He leads the Church into all truth and gives it unity in communion and in service. He endows it with different hierarchical and charismatic gifts, directs it by their means, and enriches it with his fruits. (Lumen Gentium of Vatican Council II)

The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelisation. The Holy Spirit inspires and motivates each person to proclaim the Gospel. The Spirit enables the Gospel to reach the depths of people's consciences, leading them to accept and understand the message of salvation. (Pope St Paul VI)

The Holy Spirit is involved in each sacrament. Each sacrament is an efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and conveying grace through the Holy Spirit. (Council of Trent, 1565)

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.

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Vigil Page 370
- Proper of Mass, Mass During the Day Page 851
- * Preface of Pentecost, Page 39
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)