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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Pentecost Sunday
19 May 2024

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The Spirit of Truth

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

The promise of the Spirit of truth points to a continuous revelation and understanding of God's truth beyond what was known during Jesus' earthly ministry. It speaks to the dynamic nature of spiritual enlightenment, where believers are not left to navigate life's complexities alone but are led by the Spirit into deeper truths.

The phrase "complete truth" suggests a comprehensive understanding that encompasses all aspects of divine wisdom and knowledge. It implies that truth is not static but unfolds progressively as individuals grow in their spiritual journey. This aligns with the concept of ongoing revelation within Christian theology, where God continues to unveil deeper layers of truth to those who seek Him.

Understanding spiritual truths goes beyond mere intellectual comprehension; it requires a humble and receptive heart that is open to the Spirit's leading.

Cultivating a relationship with the Holy Spirit, allows the Spirit to illuminate our minds and hearts with the complete truth revealed in Jesus Christ. It invites us to approach truth-seeking not as a passive endeavour but as an active partnership with the Spirit who empowers us to grasp the depth and breadth of God's wisdom and love.

Resource used: *The Spirit*, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
is committed to the care, wellbeing and
protection of children, young people and
people at risk in our community

Explore the topic:
'Sharing in Jesus' Belief in God' with
Fr Michael Fallon MSC.
Monday, 3 June 2024,
7:30pm to 9:00 pm.

The evening will be presented on Zoom. To register, visit bit.ly/LCReflection24 and complete the Google form (or email us at aus.lcf@gmail.com) so we can send you the Zoom link.

It's an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and sharing.

Sacrament of The Eucharist

will be celebrated in our parish on 1 & 2 June 2024. Would you please hold all of the children preparing for sacraments in your prayers.

May their hearts and minds be guided by the Holy Spirit and may they be drawn in closer to the Heart of Jesus.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

This feast day is traditionally celebrated on the last Saturday of May. It has particular importance to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart as it was Jules Chevalier msc who gave Mary this title. We will celebrate the feast on Friday 31 May at the 9:30am mass. There will be a 9-day Novena prayed at mass from 22 May to 30 May. Morning tea will be served in the church foyer following the mass.



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Youth Mass Sunday 19 May 2024

● 6:00pm

Followed by
Soup supper ● 7:00pm
Adoration ● 8:00pm
All are welcome

Stay for a cuppa.

Join us in the parish foyer after the 10:00am mass this Sunday 19 May for a cuppa. While you indulge in a coffee catch up with parishioners or introduce yourself to someone you do not know. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS *Connecting with people living alone*

3rd Sunday of the month gathering
19 May at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Parish Centre



Pins & Needles Mon 20 May – 7:15pm Parish Library

Relax, Review, Reflect

Amazing Grace
FRIDAY
24 May at 7:00pm
in the parish library.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 28 MAY – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

Easter Season

Pentecost is a Beginning

Pentecost as it is reported in Acts is the climax of the three-act drama of incarnation. Act one presents various scenes in the ministry of Jesus. Act two is the Passion of Christ. Act three is the triumphant advance of the victorious Lord. As Pentecost "the promise of the Father" was fulfilled (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4). The ministry, death, and resurrection were not the completion of the promise. Pentecost is a commencement in the same sense that we use the word to describe a graduation. It is simultaneously climax and beginning. It concludes with the assurance that this is not the end but the beginning. Christ is not dead or absent in some far-off spiritual realm. The kingdom he announced is not set aside to some future millennium but enters a new era of fulfillment. His ministry is not concluded but universalized through his new body. Surely this is part of the good news!

Taken from: *Pentecost*, by C. Norman Kraus

Stewardship

The Holy Spirit is Alive

Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.

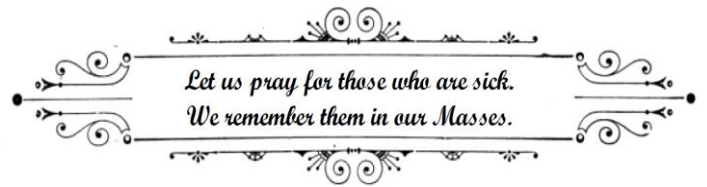
The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost.

Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in that exact moment, or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments.

The more we take time to recognize them, the more we become aware of them.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. And let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Emma Caskie, Denis Hogan, Robert Egan, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Michael Wilson, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadsman, Bernard Gibson, Caleb Shaw, Gloria Fleming, Tom Stewart, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermine Rauscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boyldew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Giuseppe Micelli, Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Mary Harrison, Ruby Molloy, Kevin McAlister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack

Mass Intentions the week of 20 - 26 May

Mon 20/05	Amy Stephenson
Wed 22/05	
Thur 23/05	
Fri 24/05	
Sat 25/05	
5:00pm	Carmel Page
Sun 26/05	
8:30am	
10:00am	Gunaratnam Santhiyapillai
6:00pm	

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

We congratulate 29 children of the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 17 May 2024.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to transform and guide their lives.



**Anointing after Mass
Friday 31 May**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

SJAFriendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month</i> 7:30am <i>Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month</i> 6:00pm <i>Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month</i> 7:00pm <i>Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Readings – 26 May 2024

First Reading	Deut 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm	Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
Second Reading	Rom 8:14-17
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

Bequest: Have you ever thought of leaving
a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you
contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life.
Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions,
teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

ROSTERS

26 May **Acolyte Roster**

5:00pm	Di & Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne

26 May **Lector Roster**

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Bernadette Murnane, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

26 May **Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Boni & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi

26 May **Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Joy McInerney

26 May **SJAShop**

5:00pm	Helen Kenned
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	19 May	Angela Boreham
Grounds	25 May	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	19 May	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a lighter note



"Seems like the Computer Analyst is
taking his job just a little too literally."