

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

20 MAY 2018

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.

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 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth. 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.

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EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT FOR WORLDWIDE MISSION

The most familiar scriptural background for today’s feast comes in the First Reading, Acts 2:1-11, a vivid account of the coming of the Spirit upon the Church on the Jewish feast of Pentecost. This was a pilgrimage feast, celebrated fifty days after Passover, when Jews from far and near converged upon Jerusalem to give thanks to God for the gift of the land and its produce. The fact that pilgrims from foreign lands hear the testimony of the apostles in their own languages foreshadows the universal mission of the Church. It also reverses the disunity of humankind symbolized in the episode of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9). The Church will speak in many languages but through each one will communicate the same essential message: the outreach of God’s compassionate love to all the world.

In the Gospel, John 15:26-27; 16:12-15, Jesus speaks of the Spirit as “Paraclete”— a Greek word not easy to translate. A “paraclete” was a person of upright character, highly respected in the community, who you took to court to vouch for you and advise you what to say—a cross between a character witness and a good lawyer. Though Jesus, after his return to the Father, will no longer be physically present to the disciples, the Spirit will perform a “paraclete” role: strengthening, comforting, advising. In particular, the Spirit will lead the community to “the complete truth” in the sense of unfolding still further the revelation of God brought by Jesus. The teaching office of the Church, guided by the Spirit, has its foundation here.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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.’

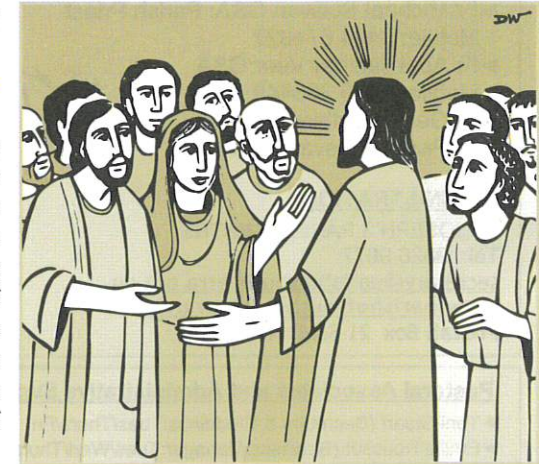
■ The word of the Lord.

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

Gal 5: 16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The fruit of the Spirit.

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.



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CHILDRENS' LITURGY

St Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 First & third Sundays of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 (or by request)

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

First Tuesday of the month 10am at
 St Joseph's Church
 (Senior parishioners, those with ongoing
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all

Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Yvonne Bolland (Weddings: Tues 10am-12noon)
- ▶ Emilie Rousset (Business Manager: Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- ▶ Diane Brebner (Alfred Hospital Liaison)
- ▶ Richard Anderson (Accountant)

Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 20th May 2018

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S TIME	ST THOMAS AQUINAS' TIME
Sunday 20 th May Pentecost Sunday	(Saturday-Vigil 6.00pm) 10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy 6.30pm Praise & Worship	9.00am Mass
Monday 21 st May St Christopher Magalles		
Tuesday 22 nd May St Rita of Cascia	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 23 rd May	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 24 th May Our Lady Help of Christians	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 25 th May Sts Bede, Gregory & St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 26 th May St Philip Neri	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

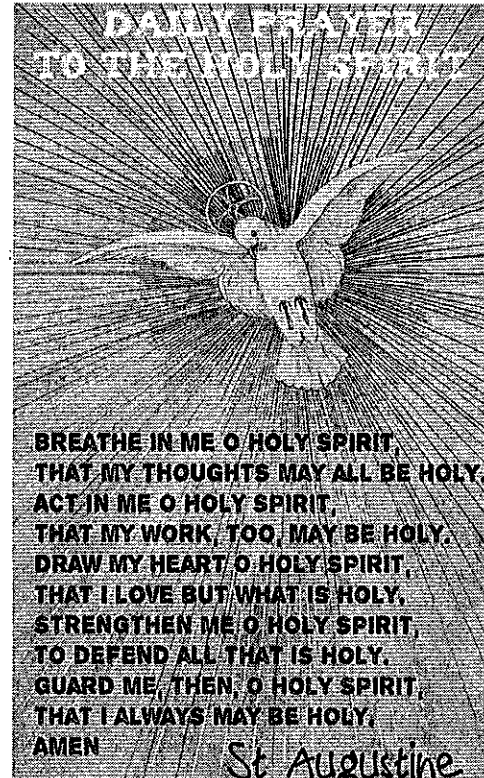
CHILDREN'S LITURGY Children are invited to attend their own special liturgy this Sunday 20th May during 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's.

PARISH BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS

We welcome the family and friends of Grayson Le Flores & Juan Andrade Vial who are to be baptised at St Joseph's this Sunday.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ SJOS Wed 23 May 6.30pm
- ▶ Praise & Worship: Sunday 20 May 6.30pm



BREATHE IN ME O HOLY SPIRIT,
 THAT MY THOUGHTS MAY ALL BE HOLY.
 ACT IN ME O HOLY SPIRIT,
 THAT MY WORK, TOO, MAY BE HOLY.
 DRAW MY HEART O HOLY SPIRIT,
 THAT I LOVE BUT WHAT IS HOLY.
 STRENGTHEN ME O HOLY SPIRIT,
 TO DEFEND ALL THAT IS HOLY.
 GUARD ME, THEN, O HOLY SPIRIT,
 THAT I ALWAYS MAY BE HOLY,
 AMEN

St Augustine

ENROLMENTS

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 16 August and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 16 September. If you wish your child to receive either of these Sacraments please enrol by contacting the parish secretary, Toni Stuart. Preparation classes will be held in the 4 weeks prior to each of these Sacraments.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY Today is Chaplaincy Sunday and we are encouraged to offer prayers for the chaplains who provide hope to those suffering from loneliness, physical & mental health illness, and HIV/AIDS, as well as those facing youth detention, a prison sentence or time at sea away from Church support, family and friends. Should you wish to make a donation to the Chaplaincy Appeal, there are envelopes in both churches.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- ✦ Cerquinho da Fonseca
- ✦ Bernadette Veer
- ✦ Bro Aloysius Tobin SSS
- ✦ Fr Jo Dekker SSS

Anniversaries

- ✦ Edwin Sherry
- ✦ Shu Mee Yu
- ✦ Wally Cholo
- ✦ Basil Pereira
- ✦ Jim Barry
- ✦ Christine Kerr
- ✦ Javier Bacalco
- ✦ Maria Lui
- ✦ Karel & Elfrida Kral
- ✦ Benedict Boudville
- ✦ William Slater
- ✦ Jeong Im Lee
- ✦ Russell Trenchard
- ✦ Gina Triaca
- ✦ Rosanna Trebbi
- ✦ Augustine Garcia
- ✦ Geraldine Gannon
- ✦ Lewis W King
- ✦ Nancy McNama

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR ABEL

This Sunday 20th May Fr Abel celebrates the 60th Anniversary of his profession of vows as an Augustinian. He made his first vows in Orlagh, Ireland after the completion of his novitiate. We wish him God's blessings and hearty congratulations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many happy returns to Lolita Lin who will celebrate a **Special birthday** birthday this Sunday 20th May. We wish her God's blessings and many happy and healthy years ahead.

Faith Discussion Night

Christian faith and living today
 7.00 pm to 8.15pm in the priory
 1st session Tuesday 5th June
 Topic: What do you mean I'm called
 to be a disciple?
 All welcome!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chael Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mitos Gloudeamans, Elsa Notarte, Meldred Liba Lagahit, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Madeleine Anderson, Ron Blunt, Andrew Hamilton, Alex Wallaz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layia, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Anthony Singh, Jean de Campo.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 13/05/18

Thanking you for your continuing support!
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

1 st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c)	\$1076.15
2 nd Collection (Church a/c)	\$ 352.00
Loose money	\$ 661.40