

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

■ **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 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you'.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

28 MAY 2023

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

The great feast of Pentecost is traditionally understood as a celebration of the birth of the Church. The outpouring of the Spirit empowered the first disciples to engage in their ministry of preaching the word of Jesus and continue the work of building a community of faith. The presence of devout Jews from throughout the known world is a signal to Luke's Christians that the message that has been entrusted to them is to be shared with the wider world.

Paul was at the forefront of preaching the word and establishing new communities throughout the Eastern Mediterranean world. He knew that the gifts of the Spirit had been abundantly poured upon the community of Corinth but there were some in the community who started to look down on those who had received gifts different from their own. Imagine his consternation when the gifts which were meant to build up the unity of the community had become a sign of its division! Paul's response is to use the image of the parts of the body as a means of overcoming division, competition, arrogance, and envy.

John knew that the gift of the Spirit is one that both builds up the community and commissions it for mission. It is a gift that encourages and strengthens us for the road ahead. Two elements necessary to foster community are stressed in today's Gospel: firstly, that of building up the community through forgiveness and secondly, protecting it by retaining sins when necessary, and indicating to members of the community when their behaviour is destructive of the community.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.'

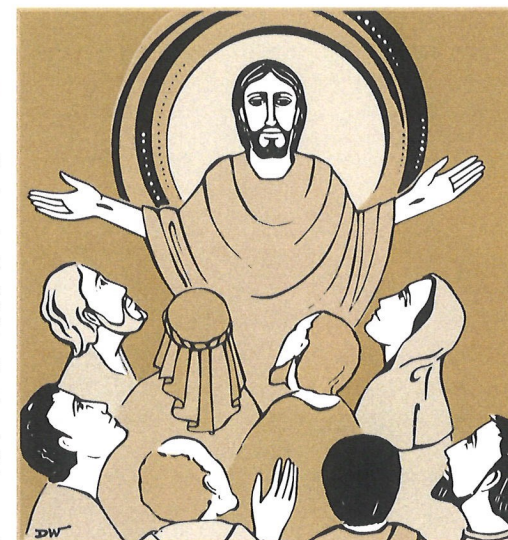
■ **The word of the Lord.**

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

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.



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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

28th May 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently Deceased: Helena Calvalho

Death Anniversary: Silvana Saurini, Mariane Vella, Juanita Amora, Mary Cecelia Kunde, Cecilia Kan

Deceased: Don Raffin, Selwyn Jackson, Sandra Wehbe, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Marie Cummins, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayon

Sick: Dennis Ho, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Lyn Crown, Burkhart Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

Mary Mother of the Church May 29, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 31, **SAINT KEVIN OF GLENDALOUGH June 3, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Trinity Sunday) June 4**

PARISH NEWS:

- **A Blessed Pentecost Sunday to everyone!** May the power and grace of the Holy Spirit continue to pour upon you abundantly and fill you with peace, joy and love!
- **We welcome into the family of God, Nathan Le, Abel and Elena Ngo!**
Congratulations on receiving the sacrament of baptism!
- **We will have First Saturday Mass and Devotion on 3rd June at 9am. All welcome.**
- **There will be Exposition and Benediction at the end of each Mass next weekend.**
- **LITURGICAL ROSTERS WILL BE UPDATED SOON.** Email the parish office for any changes.
- **Next Baptism Info Evening:** Tuesday, 6th June at 8pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room. To register your attendance, email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au
- **GRAB A COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY FOR ONLY \$2!** In this week's edition: **Dempsey medal winners celebrated for parish service** by Debbie Cramsie. Read full article: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/dempsey-medal-winners-celebrated-for-parish-service/>



JUNE 3 - FEAST DAY OF ST KEVIN. To celebrate the occasion, FOSK (Friends of St Kevin) will be serving a special morning tea in the parish hall on **Sun, June 4, after the 9:30am Mass.** Please join us! It would be great if you can bring a plate to share. ALL WELCOME!



SAVE THE DATE: November 10-12, 2023 - Eastwood Community Camp

Book a campsite or a cabin. When booking, please advise that you are with the 'Eastwood Community Group' so that we are situated together. Book via DEL RIO RESORT 4566-4330 or visit: <https://delrioresort.com.au/>. For more info, contact Belinda at 0421 669 752. Grab a flyer from the church foyer! Don't miss this social gathering with your friends and fellow parishioners!

MONTHLY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Gentlemen, you are warmly invited to attend the next monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast to be held in the Haseler Centre (Parish Hall). The next gathering will be on Saturday 3rd June, 7am - 8:30am.

Questions? Call 0400303733




UPCOMING TRAININGS to be conducted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Liturgy Office, Venue: St Kevin's Parish Hall. Copy of Baptism Certificate required. COST: FREE. For details on how to register go to: <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/>

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC), Wednesdays, July 19, 26 and Aug 2, 6pm-9pm All current EMOHC and Senior Altar Servers who haven't done this course from the Liturgy Office are **strongly encourage to participate**. This course is a pre-requisite to all Senior Altar Servers who wish to take the Acolytes course.
- Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers: Saturdays August 5, 12 and 19, 9am-12pm
- Readers: Saturdays October 7 and 14, 9am-12pm


AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Join us for this year's 'Walk with Christ'** annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney. When: Sun 11th with a festival beginning at 1pm in Martin Place. The procession starts at 2:30pm from the corner of Martin Place & Pitt St. This solemn event culminates at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, with homily & benediction by the Archbishop. ALL WELCOME
- **Seasons of Renewal: Corpus Christi.** Join the Parish Renewal Team online on Thu 1 June, 7:30-8:30pm as we explore practical ideas to help you prepare for the feast of Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ. Register at <http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events>
- **Multicultural Mass Sunday Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long, Sun 18th June, 2pm at St Mary's Cathedral:** For the Parramatta Diocese and Sydney Archdiocese. Open invitation for Migrant Chaplains of both Dioceses and people from all ethnic communities. For more info contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:

 St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

 Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.