

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

2:1-11

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians

5:16-25

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 desire. 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 READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

15:26-27; 16:12-15

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

19th / 20th May, 2018

*Heavenly Father,
take our hearts and set them on fire.
Take our lives and transform them.
Take our Church and resurrect it with your
life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and show us
how to use them for the fulfilment of your
vision of peace and unity. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

This text again comes from the farewell discourse of Jesus to the disciples in John's Gospel. In it he promises to send the Advocate to them. An advocate is one who stands by in times of trial or difficulty, defending, guiding and instructing. In many ways the Spirit is the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples in all ages and these texts give an eloquent instruction on the reason for God's gift of the Spirit. The Spirit will witness to the truth which comes from the Father through the Son. The Spirit will guide the Church's future understandings as they gradually unfold. The Spirit will be the link between the Father, the now absent Son and the ongoing unfolding of the complete truth. The Spirit will inspire the followers of Jesus to continue his mission and will provide assistance and guidance in achieving this. No single set of human beings could completely know the implications of the Christ event. It is the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth sent by Jesus from the Father, who will accompany the Church through the whole of history, guiding it towards the complete truth.

Did you know? The word for spirit in Hebrew is the feminine 'ruah', meaning literally breath, wind or air.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 21st St Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs. Tues 22nd St Rita of Cascia
Thurs 24th Our Lady Help of Christians Fri 25th St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII,
St May Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin Sat 26th St Philip Neri, priest.

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday 7.00 pm
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
 Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

Pentecost Sunday – Year B

19th / 20th May, 2018

YEAR OF YOUTH**PRAYING FOR...**

All who have died recently: Angela Sawyer and Sastyatmodjo (Sasty) Sastradipradja

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gilda Migliore, Rosa Tangog, Thomas Meehan, Bernadette Fernandez, John Bognar, Elaine Hayes, Antonio Franchi and Ljuba Pek

The sick: Tom McMahon, Paddy McCann, Brigida Mazzone, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: **Sat, 2nd June, 2018 at 10.30 am**
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
 Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10 am to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while..

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet **every Tuesday at 10.15 am** in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986 or Andrew: 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from **9 am–10 am each Tuesday (during school term)** in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

FUNERAL MASS The Funeral Mass for the late Sastyatmodjo (Sasty) Sastradipradja will take place here at St John's Church on Tuesday 22nd May at 11.00am .

PARISH BREAKFAST Sunday 27th May at 10am in the School Hall. The Social Justice Group extends an invitation to you to join us for a hearty cooked breakfast in the good company of your fellow parishioners. Then listen to our speaker **Josh Wilkins** from **One Voice** who will inform us about his experience with the Mobile shower bus for the homeless, and the like. Tickets (\$22 each) will be on sale after all weekend Masses. Queries, please contact: Patrick Sawyer on 0434 072 831.

PARISH MUSICAL "It's Not About the Girl"
Help needed Could you help us by making a Banner naming the Restaurant 'The Vineyard' Please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 for more information.
Dates: Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th July at 7.30pm, & Sunday 8th July, at 2pm. Venue: **The Knox Community Arts Centre, Bayswater.** **Ticket Sales** are now in full swing. Please pick up a blue ticket order form at the trolleys or see our friendly ticket seller after Mass. Buy early for the best seats.
Adults \$12; Concession \$10; Children U/12 \$8

SPECIAL COLLECTION CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund is conducting its annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes this weekend to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains in our community Our focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy. The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and Chaplains whilst they are in prison is vital to restoring them back onto the road again to re-join society :with dignity and self-respect , with a sense of hope and responsibility for new pathways with a sense of personal power and control over their own life, and hopefully with new skill sets and options. Donations raised are directed towards supporting Chaplains who work with: people who are in custody in prison, Young people in youth justice facilities, patients and their families in public hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS. Seafarers. If you would like further information please contact the Office of Philanthropy: 9926 5731

PIETY STALL – NEW STOCK a new and varied selection of gifts is available in our piety stall. We have gifts suitable for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 24th May. and many more items for your selection. Come and browse

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to Ember Malkin, daughter of Ashley and Annie, Elijah Mascurine, son of Jason and Amy; Yasmin Lascaris daughter of Philip and Olivia; and Xavier and Ethan Molan sons of Mark and Emily who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



PYXES TO BE RETURNED if anyone has a parish Pyx at home, not being used, could we ask that you please return it to the sacristy. Thank you.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE
 The Autumn Edition is available for free on the trolleys

ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR LINEN ROSTERS New rosters are now ready for collection from the church foyer. A big thank you for your dedication to these church ministries.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE The May issue is now available, in the church foyer – **\$4 a copy**

STREAMS OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TOUR of Poland, Austria, Croatia, Bosnia & more. Fr Jerald of Doncaster East parish would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading featuring *Warsaw, Krakow, Vienna, Zagreb, Sinj, Medjugorje* departing on **2nd September, 2018** for an all-inclusive price of **\$5,490**. Call now for early-bird discount of \$500 on the price available for first 10 registrations. This fare includes Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Tips and Single Supplements not included. For enquiries & bookings email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au or Phone 8562 2246

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION
 Month of May: Evangelization – The Mission of Laity. "That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today."

ROSTERS: Mon 21st May to Sun 27th May	
Flowers	Marg H and Ange C.
Altar Servers	6pm Nicholas D.
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm Jayne P & Myra Noth 9am Marg & Adrian D & Anastasia Aspling 11am: Patrick & Ange S & Coral M
Lectors	6pm Louise D 9am Tony D 11am Carolyn S
Counters	Tony & Steph
Gardening	MAY: Tom N. & Chris M..