

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 Romans

8 : 8 - 17

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

14:15-16. 23-26

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 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 I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

We pray in grateful thanks for all who bear witness to the Mercy of the Father – especially our priests and those in consecrated life. Please pray for more young people to respond to be ministers of God's Mercy to their sisters and brothers.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C

14th / 15th May, 2016

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal



***God of all the nations
we praise you for your gift to us of
the Holy Spirit.
Through the power of that same
Spirit, enable us to tell the whole
world about Jesus, and to forgive
those who have trespassed against
us, as we ourselves pray to be
forgiven.
Amen.***

EXTRAORDINARY HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:

8th Dec 2015 to 20th Nov 2016

Misericordiae Vultus – The Face of Mercy

Pope Francis officially began the Jubilee Year of Mercy on December 8. It will run until the Solemnity of Christ the King later this year (November 20). During this period, the Pope has asked us to extend mercy to others, as a way of bringing the "goodness and tenderness of God" to them.



"We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future." (Par 5)

FOCUS OF THE READINGS

The mission of the Church is to do the work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus breathed into his disciples his own life, the Holy Spirit. By the power of that Spirit, the Church is born. They are now to do what his death and resurrection was all about – forgive. Peace is the greeting of the Risen Lord, and peace is his continued presence in the Church.

This Spirit comes upon the disciples with power. In the name of Jesus, in every language, they are empowered to preach about 'the great things God has done'.

*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 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.

ROSTERS: Mon 9 th to Sun 15 th May 2016	
Flowers	Carole, Andrea
Altar Servers	6pm: Kiara 11am Elizabeth
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm: 9am: Peter C, Neil, Lorraine, Joanna 11am: Tony, Christine, Ray.
Lectors	6pm: Stephanie 9am: Tony D 11am Kath
Counters	Bryon, Ruby
Gardeners	Tom, Graham, Chris

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year C

14th / 15th May, 2016

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal**PRAYING FOR...**

All who have died recently -
 Henry Brohier

A Funeral Mass for Henry Brohier will be held on Thursday 19th May at 10.30am.

We remember the anniversaries of -
 John Furno, Egidio Porcaro, Giovanni and Tomasina Francesca, Trevor Brimelow, Charles Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Malcolm Mendonsa, Grace Gamley, Lilian Luiyf, Wilma Neville, Kayden McDevitt, Lorraine Loel, John Kolmus, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Gemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, Brock McAvaney, Glenda Fraser, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Gordon Byrne, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Mary Brimelow, Lorna Feeney, Fran Middlebrook, Miép Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Paul Hilder, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Bev McNamara, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Margaret Smith, Edward Osborne, Charles Gatt, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

We pray for the sick - Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charles Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Malcolm Mendonsa, Grace Gamley, Lilian Luiyf, Wilma Neville, Kayden McDevitt, Lorraine Loel, John Kolmus, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Gemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, Brock McAvaney, Glenda Fraser, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Gordon Byrne, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Mary Brimelow, Lorna Feeney, Fran Middlebrook, Miép Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Paul Hilder, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Bev McNamara, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Margaret Smith, Edward Osborne, Charles Gatt, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: *Saturday, 4th June, at 10.30 am*
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet *every Tuesday at 10.15 am* in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP: Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together on *Tuesdays at 9 am* during school term in Nell's Cottage. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING

** Come and join us this Thursday. **
 and *every Thursday between 10 am and 1 pm* in the Parish Hall for friendly card playing, chats over a cup of tea or coffee. All are welcome.

THIS SUNDAY IS CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. There will be a special collection for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with HIV/AIDS.
- Men and women in Prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Seafarers



BIGGEST MORNING TEA Thank you to all who attended and contributed to this fundraiser held last Thursday to raise money for cancer research. The Friendship Gathering are pleased to be able to donate \$445 to the Cancer Council.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM This year the Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to Year 5 and 6 children who have already been baptised, and who reside within the boundaries of our Parish. Confirmation Masses will be celebrated on **Sunday, 11th September**. If your child attends a school other than St John's, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 and register your interest. Parent Information Evening is on **Wednesday 8th June at 7pm**. Classes will commence in Term 3. Information for children attending at St John's will be distributed via Year 5 & 6 teachers. You will be required to present a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.

PARISH BREAKFAST Sunday 5th June at 10am

in the School Hall. The Social Justice Group invites you to a hearty cooked breakfast in the good company of fellow parishioners. *Our speaker this year is Joan Corfee who will talk about her experiences on the hospital ship "Africa Mercy"*. Tickets (\$20) will be on sale after all weekend Masses. Queries contact Patrick on 9752 3524.



DONATIONS NEEDED The Friendship Group would like donations of new or used gift bags in good condition of all sizes (patterns suitable for either male or female) for the prayer shawls and scarves that have been generously donated by our parishioners for the sick in our parish. You can place the gift bags in the church foyer. Thank you.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 18th Saint John I, pope, martyr
 Fri 20th St Bernardine of Siena, priest
 Sat 21st St Eugene de Mazenod
 St Christopher Magallanes & companions, martyr

BAPTISMS Congratulations to the following

families whose children will be baptised this weekend -
Ashlea Janine Jones daughter of Jessica and Michael Jones.
Jett Bowen Strange son of Jennifer and Russell Strange.

May they be filled with love and peace from the Holy Spirit.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS

12 November – 15 December 2016
 Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Turkey.
 Tour Leader is Dr Rosemary Canavan and Rev Anthony Dean. Tel: 9412 3333. See poster in Church foyer.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 5 June at 11.00am**. Registrations can be made by contacting: 9287 5587 or online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily. Please note that registration closes on Friday 27 May.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS: 17 to 19 June, 19 to 21 August, 11 to 13 November

St Paul's Missionary College, Norton's Lane, Wantirna South. Commences 7pm on the Friday. Ends 5pm on the Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Details: Marianne & Marcel on vicbookings@www.wvme.org.au or 9733 0997. Cost: Application fee \$55 plus secret donation (within your means) to cover the expenses of accommodation, food and materials for the weekend. Don't stay home because you aren't sure you can afford it!

ARCHBISHOP'S PENTECOST LETTER TO YOUTH 2016

It draws on Pope Francis' invitation to contemplate God's mercy for us. It contains the complete text of the Letter and also directs the reader to a dedicated page on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website www.cam.org.au/youthletter.

MELBOURNE CATHOLICS May issue – on sale now at \$4/copy.