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PENTECOST Sunday, Year A
27 - 28 May 2023

THE TRANSFORMING SPIRIT

Today, we celebrate the birth of the church. Our celebration reminds us of that fateful day when the Holy Spirit first came upon the church, transforming fearful and timid disciples into fearless and bold followers of Jesus. Luke, in Acts 2:1-11, offers us the narrative of the event. He informs us that when the day had come, the disciples (about 120 of them, Acts 1:15), were all together in one place. They listened to the words of Jesus to remain in Jerusalem till they have been clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Not only did they listen, they acted according to the word. It is interesting to note that while they were expecting the outpouring of the Spirit in accordance with the words of Jesus (Acts 1:5), they had no idea when this was going to happen. No date nor time frame was given to them. The simple instruction was to wait. So, they waited patiently. Herein lies the beauty of listening. When we listen to and abide by the word of the Lord, great things happen. That is why, in preparation for the Plenary Council, the church in her wisdom encouraged and admonished us to "listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church today" (Rev 2:7). Indeed, the future of the church lies with listening to, and abiding by, what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

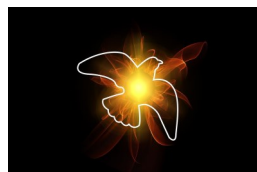
Furthermore, Luke informs us that the disciples were all together constantly devoting themselves to prayers (Acts 1:14); being united heart and soul (Acts 2:43-47). This emphasises the unity and communion among the believers, thus enabling the condition for the arrival of the Holy Spirit who thrives not on division, disunity or discord, but on unity, peace and communion. In that unity of communion, the disciples were graced with the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). Freed from the state of fear, cowardice and timidity, the disciples received renewed strength and courage to face their fears and the world about them; their faith reinvigorated. With this, they did great things for God. You and I are the testimony of their mission.

As we gather for Pentecost today, Bishop Greg will lay hands on 24 of our children for the reception/activation of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. Celebrating Pentecost is, thus, celebrating our own experiences of the Holy Spirit in the contemporary church evident in the manifestation of various charisms in the body of Christ. Congratulations to these children and their families. To them and to us all, I re-echo, this day, the words of the apostle Paul who encourages us to be bold in the faith and in living out the Gospel tenets, for, "God has given us not the spirit of fear or timidity, but of power and love..." (2 Tim 1:7). Where the Spirit of God is, there is no fear; only faith. The same Holy Spirit is still active in the church today.

May we, once again, welcome and celebrate the Divine Spirit this day, letting go of everything that inhibits the joyful expressions of our faith. May we continue to yield to the leading, direction, and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. May we, following the guidance of the Spirit, continue to experience, in our lives, the fruits of joy, peace, love, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, kindness, and self-control (Gal 5:25-26). May we continue to enjoy this presence and feel the warmth and the comfort of the transforming Spirit who is with us and in us (John 14:17).

And so, we pray: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love..."
Alleluia! Amen!!

Fr Francis Otober



PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 27 & Sun 28 May: Trinity Families Collection
 Sun 28 May 9.30am: Confirmation, Pentecost Sunday
 Wed 31 May 7.00pm: Reader & Commentator training, Cathedral
 Thurs 1 Jun 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass
 Fri 16 June 6pm: Parish BBQ
 Sat 17 Jun 4.30pm: Altar Servers training
 Sun 18 Jun 4.30pm: Altar Servers training

READER AND COMMENTATOR TRAINING for all readers and commentators at the Cathedral, Briagolong, Loch Sport, Rosedale and Stratford will be held in the Cathedral at 7.00pm on Wednesday 31 May. We encourage all those interested in reading or commenting, even your school age children, to come along to this training. We are in desperate need of volunteers at 5.30pm Mass on Sunday evenings. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to our roster.

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
 we give you thanks and praise for our
 Cathedral Parish of Sale,
 for your people and your Creation.
 Nourish us by your daily
 Word and Eucharist.
 Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
 Strengthen us with the spirit
 of your mercy and grace.
 Make us grateful for your gifts as we
 journey through our lives together.
 May we be a welcoming and
 serving community,
 always discerning and
 doing your will for one another.
 We make this prayer through
 Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

CHANGE TO SOME PARISH MASSES for this weekend. There will be a Liturgy of the Word in Rosedale this Saturday at 5.30pm. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS in BRIAGOLONG on Sunday 28 May.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION will be made at 9.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 28 May. Please bring a plate of food to share if you are attending this Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: We are planning a Parish BBQ on Friday 16 June at 6.00pm in the Chapter House.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am. When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will be held prior to Mass in the Cathedral at 4.30pm on Saturday 17 June and at 4.30pm on Sunday 18 June. Please let all children in Year 3 and above know about this opportunity to serve our Parish.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING will be held at a date to be confirmed in June. Stay tuned!

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on Thursday 1 June at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

31 CLUB REMINDER 23 - 28 May. Please pray for vocations.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next Sunday 4 June after 9.30am Mass, the Polish Community and St Thomas' Primary School will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and bring a plate to share.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST SUNDAY this Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate that day when the Holy Spirit first descended upon the followers of Jesus, giving birth to the church. It is invariably the birthday of the church. On this day Bishop Greg will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our children. The colour of the day is RED. So please come to Mass on the day dressed in red or with a shade of red on you: shoes, jumpers, jacket, top, hair flower etc. Let the colour red fill the Cathedral, celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit. God bless you all.

THE FRIENDS OF SALE CEMETERY GROUP who garden on the first Thursday of each month for an hour or so. Our next gathering is Thursday 1st June. Please meet at 10.30am in the main car park near the office. We will be working in the Billabong garden removing volunteer plants and weeds - no hard work involved! There aren't any specific skills required, just a love of gardening and willingness to help this historic Gippsland treasure look its best. Bring your own hot drink, safety equipment, shovels, trowels etc please. For more information please call Dianne on 0413569954.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 8 May 9.30am: Maurice O'Neill (A)
 Wed 31 May 9.30am: Rose Marslen (A)
 Thurs 1 June 9.30am: Ricardo Elgueta (A)

CONGRATULATIONS

To the children making their Confirmation this Sunday. We would like to thank all the parents and families for assisting the children with their preparation. Special thanks to Jennifer Fitzgerald, our Sacramental Coordinator. To all the staff at our local Catholic primary schools who helped prepare the children. Finally, to Fr Francis who helped prepare the children for this sacrament.

The candidates are:

Kayde Bartlett,	Molly Brayshaw,
Adele Bowman,	Felicity Burley,
Ethan Collins,	Chloe Covino,
Angel Crockford,	Nina Davine,
Oliver Dresser,	Molly Gibson,
Beth Kelly,	Larissa Kemp,
Hayden Lazzaro,	Josh Mackenzie,
Jameison McNicol,	Kaidan Michalik,
Olivia Olejniczak,	Charli Paterson,
Angelina Ryan,	Chase Shaw,
Erin Smith,	Bella Smyth,
Alexander Turner,	Maya-Lise Useni-Vowell.

Congratulations to them all.



BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
 At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10-11am before Mass. **At Other times:** Available on request
 Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,119.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
PENTECOST Sunday, Year A
27 - 28 May 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 27 May	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sun 28 May - Confirmation	9.30am	Cathedral
PENTECOST Sunday	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 29 May	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tuesday 30 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 31 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 1 June Serra Club	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 2 June		
<i>Exposition & Reconciliation</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
<i>Mass</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 3 June	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 4 June	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 27 May 5.30pm	Sun 28 May 9.30am	Sun 28 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Confirmation	Claire Everard
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Confirmation	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Marietta Dykun	Confirmation	Brenda Bowden
Counter	John Dykun and John Vermaelen		

Date & Time	Sat 3 June 5.30pm	Sun 4 June 9.30am	Sun 4 June 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Christine Kemp	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
Counter	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Marie Adjemovic**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ricardo Elgueta, Maurice O'Neill, Rose Marslen, Ronald Tuck, Fr Henry Bradbee, Bishop James Corbett, Fr Jim McGuigan, Fr James O'Neill, Fr Cornelius Cremin, Mgr Ned Hynes**. We pray for those who are sick Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, Madeleine Evans, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY: Father Elio Capra will conduct a formation day for catechists and others who are interested in Sacraments at St. Jarlath's Hall, Yarragon on **Saturday 17 June at 9.30 am to 3.30 pm** Cost is \$10 per head and catering is provided. Please contact Barbara [Durand on 0414965079 or barbarad@sale.catholic.org.au or book with Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CHWBF>

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: Sunday gospel reflections written by the clergy, religious and laymen and women of our diocese are published weekly through the diocesan website and the diocesan Facebook page enabling us to reflect and prepare ourselves on the Gospel before we get to the weekend masses. The link to our website is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/sunday-gospelreflections> and the link to our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale>

THE ANNUAL TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL is held during May each year. Trinity Families, was established by the Diocese of Sale to provide support for families within our region. A leaving collection will be held at all Parish Masses on the weekend of **27 & 28 May**. Envelopes are available in all churches if you prefer this option.

For more information about the Catechist Formation Day refer to the Posters in each parish Church.

**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey
together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.**

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. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

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.)**

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.)**

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:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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.

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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 20:19-23

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The Most HOLY TRINITY, Year A

1st Reading: **Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Gospel: **John 3:16-18**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.