



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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THE EMPOWERING SPIRIT

If last week spoke of the transition between the time of Jesus' ministry and the time of the Church, then the feast of Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognise that we have also been empowered for mission. It is a reminder that we are not alone and that the Spirit is with us to help us by giving us the means to confront the challenges before us. While there is a sense of transition there is a sense of continuity as well. The Gospel for today shows Jesus' taking great pains to prepare the disciples for the time of the Spirit that will come after his departure. On one level there is loss, and yet they are assured that what the Spirit will bring will be in harmony with what the Father had already entrusted to Jesus, and what Jesus had given them.

A great deal of Paul's energy was taken up with guiding fledgling communities as they learned to give voice, in their daily lives, to the experience of the Spirit. It is an experience that must lead to the bearing of very concrete and tangible fruits; fruits that ripen when we leave behind self-centredness and turn to our brothers and sisters in love. For Paul the gift of the Spirit is not only God's gift to us, it also contains a dimension of responsibility. In a sense, the invitation and challenge of Pentecost are always whether we can learn to speak in the language of love, a love that goes beyond oneself and reaches out to the other.

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

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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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm
Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm
Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu after 7:30am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm
Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Pentecost Sunday – 23rd May 2021



Our Deceased: Helena Curic, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart and Casey families; Eileen Leary Smith, Leslie Ng, Mui Chu Ng; and lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Donald Mees, Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS May 24; St Philip Neri May 26; MOST HOLY TRINITY May 30

PARISH NEWS:

- **Pentecost Sunday** is the 50th day of Easter and marks the birthday of the Church!
- **Men's Gospel Reflection & Prayer Hour:** Special gathering in the Holy Family Chapel on Wednesday May 26th at 7:30pm. Men of all ages welcomed.
- **The St Kevin's Children's Liturgy is hoping to return soon, Sundays at 9.30am Mass.** Email: simone.scoullar@syd.catholic.edu.au if you wish to volunteer in this ministry.
- **Get a copy of Archbishop Anthony's new Pastoral Letter inviting Catholics to return to Mass on Pentecost Sunday.** More resources available at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.
- **Safeguarding Update:** To all current parish volunteers, if your WWCC has expired or is expiring, please renew and provide the parish office with your new details. Thank you.
- **WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Our parish, through St Vincent De Paul, organises weekly **bread runs** to families in need around the area. For more info, please call Ben at 0416 003 870.
- **UPDATED COVID19 Restrictions:** Face masks are no longer compulsory when visiting places of worship. Congregational singing is now permitted. We can have up to 260 people at any one time under the 2sqm rule. No passing of bulletins & collection plates. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave. Thank you.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL FAMILY EDUCATOR:

To celebrate St Kevin's feast day (June 3) along with 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia, we are asking past students from St Kevin's Primary School to email any photos they have of their time at the school to: info@stkeastwood.catholic.edu.au. The photos will be included in a slideshow presentation to be shared at the school Mass & with the school community. These photos will form part of a digital collection to be kept in the school library. Please pass on this info to any relatives or friends who attended St Kevin's. Thanks!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia** has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up & receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph. Visit www.yearofstjoseph.com.au to sign up & get a free copy of Consecration to

to St Joseph book by Fr Donald Calloway.

- **Plenary Council Update:** With the Parish Council only four months away, it is essential that we are all committed to praying for the members of the Council & all those involved in its organisation as we hope for a productive & beneficial Assembly. New prayer and liturgical resources are now available: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame.
- **Come, Follow Me:** Discipleship Retreat Days with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia in collaboration with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation. Three **one-day retreats** aimed to provide parishes & Eucharistic communities in Sydney, with an opportunity to enter more deeply into their own experience of being a disciple of Jesus. Dates are as follows: **13 June at St Mary's Cathedral; 26 June at Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills; 17 July at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield.** Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

WHAT IS ETERNAL!

More than any other rocket scientist Wernher von Braun (1912-1997) was responsible for coordinating the first successful human moon landing. The date was July 16, 1969 and it was one of the very rare occasions in history that the people of the world watched as one body in hope and admiration for the venture to succeed. Very recently one of the courageous astronauts on this mission died he was Michael Collins. Not long before he died Wernher von Braun wrote these profound words; *"I think that science has a number of surprises in store for the sceptics of this world. Because nothing in nature not even the tiniest particle is ever able to disappear without some trace of its existence remaining. Nature does not know of extinction only of transformation. Everything that science has shown me indicates that there is an enduring spiritual reality beyond any physical death."* One of the enduring challenges of many world religious leaders especially those of the Jewish, Islamic & Christian faith is to enable people to appreciate that life in this world is a *launching pad* for an eternal life. Whenever I preside at a funeral just before the coffin is lowered into the ground or is sent into the crematorium oven, I quote these beautiful & consoling words of St Paul; *"Our true home is in heaven and it's here that we await our saviour Jesus Christ."* (Philippians Ch3 v12)

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 30th May 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – J Chung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	C Tumminello	S Coorey	B Rigney	T Jonas
Junior Servers	K David W Darmadi		T Elder L Garcia	E Egan J Mercurio
Readers	R: I Mourani C: C Mourani	R: M Hill C: K Patterson	R: R Tibbertsma C: L Butler	R: S Polson C: A DiBella
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	V Mourani R Elliott	D Macedo D O'Connor	C Rigney A Wahbe	S Ramundi L Adams