

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowiedjaja, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Neil Pye, Mary Sammut and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Manuel Rossi, Erminio Coruzzi, Ethel Piper, Armando D'Amico, Jim Clemens, Antoune Bakhos, Kevin Davies, Hans Studer, Marie Hishion, Kathleen Jessie Cunneen, Kathleen Burgess, Maxwell Boon, Antoun Sassine, June Ryan, Alfred John Evans, Stasys Satkauskas, Dibe Boukaram, Eric Milligan, Remigio D'Amico, George Gosling, Magdalena Fidel, Eileen Williams

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If you know someone is unable to come to Mass, but they want to receive Communion, please tell Fr Laurie.

Foster Carers Needed

Can you picture yourself being foster carer? Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To learn more about becoming a carer register for their next online information session on Wednesday 26 May, 6.30-7.30pm. Enquiries: connect@familyspirit.org or 13 18 19.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal

Thank you to all those who contributed to the CWF Appeal last weekend. It is still possible to donate, please use the special blue envelopes. Donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.



*Would a visitor to our parish feel welcome?
See someone you don't know – say hello!*

Supporting our Parish

There are many ways we can support our parish financially: 1) Offering envelopes/ Planned Giving Program (2) Online Donations via the website. (3) Cashless tap devices (4) Collection taken up during Sunday Mass. The 1st collection is for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish's expenses.

Safeguarding our Parish

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, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Youth Group: Ephesus

Ephesus is on a break!
Something exciting is coming
... stay tuned for more!

Instagram: @smghephesus
Contact: Grace Mokdassi
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See you at the 5pm Mass.

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Check out what is happening in our St Mary's Primary School, visit our

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmgeorgehall/>

Helping those in need

We are helping our friends at the **House of Welcome** by asking for donations of **laundry powder**.

Please place in the basket at the back of the church

Thank you for your generosity



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm

Preceded by Rosary/Novena – 5.30pm

Wed. Thurs. & Friday: 9am

Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

Pentecost Sunday

23 May 2021

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church.

We are the Church.

Happy Birthday to all of us.



Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians

Let us honour Mary at 9am Mass on Monday 24 May

May – the month of Mary

May is traditionally the month of Mary. We are having Rosary and Benediction Fridays of May at 7.00pm.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021.

It is expected that children attend Mass every weekend during the program. Please help your children by sitting close to the altar so they can see better and really feel they are part of our Eucharistic celebration.



Musicians/singers needed

If you can sing or play any instrument please think about using your talents at one of our Masses. Please contact one of the musicians or the parish office.

National Count of Mass Attendance

We will be counting the congregation again this weekend during the second collection.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

- (R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
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. 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.

Sequence

The sequence may be said or sung.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel In 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.

Reflection

Divine Energy and being Catholic

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

- Fr Michael Tate

***Jesus believes a sinner has a future,
not just a past.***

Next Week: The Most Holy TRINITY

First Reading: Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel Reading: Mt 28:16-20