



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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# The Living Word

**Pentecost Sunday, Year C**

**8 June 2025**

## First Reading Acts 2:1-11

*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.'

## 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.**

or

**R. 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 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

*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.

## or Rom 8:8-17

*Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*

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.

## 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 20:19-23

*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.'

or

## Gospel Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

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 that I have said to you.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the very old days, the 'Holy Spirit' was known as the 'Holy Ghost'. It comes from the old English word 'gust' which 'blows wherever it pleases'. St Luke's account of Pentecost tells of what 'sounded like a powerful wind from heaven'. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples' lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear.

The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. 'O Breathe on me Breath of God' is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: 'O Breathe on me Breath of God . . . until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine'. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us.

Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds 'with a loud voice' about 'Jesus the Nazarene' and the fact that 'God raised him to life'. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,

and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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## ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other  
- growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta  
Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have  
walked this land for thousands of years

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm  
Sunday 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 2/6	No mass	
Tues 3/6	Holy Hour Exposition	5pm
Tues 3/6	Mass	6pm
Wed 4/6	Mass	6pm
Thurs 5/6	Mass	6pm
Fri 6/6	Mass	10am

### St Mary's Monthly Devotions

#### First Friday Adoration

1st Friday of every month following the 10am  
Mass. Concluding with  
Benediction at 5:45pm.  
At 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm the Mysteries of the  
Rosary will be recited. **Next date: Fri 6 June**

#### First Saturday Adoration

Adoration 9am to 10am  
Mass 10am to 10:30am followed by Reconciliation as per normal  
10:30am to 11am. **Next date: Sat 7 June**



### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 7 June: Imelda  
Sun 8 June: AM Carroll

Sat 14 June: Valoia Family  
Sun 15 June: Sarah Richards

### MEETINGS

Baptism Formation Meeting:  
Tues 22 July from 7pm  
St Mary's Church Mooroopna



## The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

In loving memory of  
**Cecily Dumaresq**

Sending our sincere  
condolences to Tom and the  
family. You are in our thoughts  
and prayers.

Cecily's funeral is likely to be  
held next Wed 11 June at 11am  
at St Mary's, Mooroopna.



### NEW ROSTERS for St. MARY'S

Very soon we will be putting together new rosters for the months of  
August, September and October. If you are new to our parish, or have  
an interest in being part of the following special Ministries, then we  
would love to hear from you:

- Reader
- Commentator
- Offertory
- Meeters and Greeters

Your turn would come up about every 6 weeks and we accommodate  
the unavailability of those who travel in the winter months. If you are  
interested, could you kindly contact

Brenda Pye – 0466 830 682 or party.pye@bigpond.com or

Liz Donnelly – 0400 409 751 or michael.donnelly6@bigpond.com

by Sunday, 22nd June. We thank all those parishioners who have  
given their time to these important Ministries in the past.

### Mens group

Our next Men's group is on Saturday the 14th of June at  
St Mary's Parish in Mooroopna from 7.30am in the Parish  
Hall (the Marian Centre). We will welcome Pastor Simon  
Robertson our Anglican friend from Mooroopna. Simon  
works with a very diverse group of people in his ministry  
in Mooroopna, and his sharing will be based around  
bringing people to Jesus, especially those suffering from  
all kinds of addictions. What does it look like to walk  
closely with people as they look to change the pattern of  
their lives, to start a fresh with faith that God is with them  
always. Please come along and join the conversation.

## SAVE THE DATE

## SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Fr Joe will be 'relegated to lesser duties'  
(ie Retire) as of Tuesday 30 September 2025.

The Parish invites you all to help us celebrate  
Fr Joe's wonderful vocation as a Priest in this  
Diocese.

He has served many people in the following Parishes (Kennington,  
Wangaratta, Wodonga, Papua New Guinea, Kerang, Euroa,  
Kennington, Heathcote, Shepparton/Dookie).

So, needless to say, we are planning a wonderful Liturgy on  
Sunday 28 September at the 11am Mass which will be followed by  
lunch in the Sacred Heart Hall (originally known as the Mons Bones  
Hall). More information to follow. *Thank you*



## St. Mary's Winter Meals 2025

Thank you to all the parishioners who have volunteered to prepare meals or soup for homeless people and families in need. If you would like to join this project, it is not too late. You would be asked to prepare a meal of up to 6 servings, or soup for 6. Containers are provided. You would only need to do it every 3 weeks (4 turns in all) If you are willing to help, please add your name to the list in the church foyer, or contact Cathie M 0434 343 327



## Song of the Day

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven  
shine forth with your glorious light.

**Veni Sancte Spiritus**

Come, Father of the poor,  
come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts.

**Veni Sancte Spiritus**

Come from the four winds,  
O Spirit, come breath of God;  
disperse the shadows over us,  
renew and strengthen your people.

**Veni Sancte Spiritus**

Give them lasting joy! **Veni Sancte Spiritus**

From Taizé with added strophes between "Veni Sancte Spiritus"

Liturgy Formation Session with Fr. Jake Mudge

## Building Community through Liturgy

This wonderful opportunity will take place on Sunday 22 June from 2pm to 4:30pm at St Johns Parish.

Topics include: Liturgy and Church today, Liturgy as Prayer, Liturgy in a Synodal Church (mission, communion participation).  
For more information, please contact David Walker 0439 207 307



Happy 60th Birthday to Bishop Shane for Thursday 5 June 2025.

We hope you enjoyed celebrating the special milestone.

## Exciting Sunset Sessions

The final Sunset Session promises more engaging discussions and inspiring guest speaker Rob Galea on 27 June 2025. For more information contact the email below.

[sheppartonym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:sheppartonym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



St. Mel's Parish invites you to  
come and celebrate with us

the *Feast of*  
**St. Anthony of Padua**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**HOLY MASS**

10:00 AM

to be presided by

**Fr. Joe Taylor**

Parish Administrator of St. Mel's  
Vicar General, Diocese of Sandhurst

\*Procession of the statue and distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony will follow right after the mass.

\***Everyone is invited for LUNCH & PROGRAM** at St. Mel's Parish Hall besides St. Mel's Primary School, 35 Hamilton St., Shepparton. (\$10/adult)

March 2025 marked the centenary of the Young Christian Workers founded in Belgium by Cardinal Joseph-Leon Cardijn.

A small group of former YCW members, Monsignor Frank Marriott, Tricia Banks and Margaret Watson, invite you to remember your time in the YCW. You are invited to:

**Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral  
on Sunday 13 July 2025 at 11am.  
Celebrated by Bishop Shane  
Mackinlay and Monsignor Frank  
Marriott, followed by lunch at the  
Golden Square Hotel.**

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

**YOUTH  
MASS**

Saturday, June 14th, 2025

@ 6pm

YEARS 7 - 12 STUDENTS ARE WELCOME



TO JOIN US FOR PIZZA, SOFT DRINK  
AND GAMES IN THE  
PASTORAL CENTRE AFTER MASS



RSVP to [jacqueline.johnston@notredame.vic.edu.au](mailto:jacqueline.johnston@notredame.vic.edu.au)  
by Wednesday, June 11th for catering purposes

Looking for 18-25 Year Olds

Interested in attending the

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival**

**30 Nov 2025 to 2 Dec 2025**

Message if you are interested:

[Shepparton.ym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Shepparton.ym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## SAVE THE DATE:

St Patrick's Parish Strathmerton, celebrates 90 years of worship with a Thanksgiving Mass, on Saturday 13th September at 6pm. All welcome.  
Please spread the word. More details to come.



Readings  
for  
this week:

Acts 2:1-11  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 14:15-16,23-26

Readings  
for  
next week:

Proverbs 8:22-31  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

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**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Irene Murphy, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Jill Taylor (White), Linda O'Rourke, Kellie Seymour, Robert Rocca, Rosanna Scarcella, Melissa Scali, Wendy Sinclair, Carolyn Purcell, Susie Purcell, Graeme Quinlan, Dorothy Healy.

**Recently Deceased:** Cecily Dumaresq, Mick Laffy

**Anniversaries:** Corvan Townsend, Craig Scoresby-Thorpe

**ALTAR HELPERS** Sat 7th June: not required Sat 14 June: Graeme Quinlan and Liz Donnelly

**BINGO** 14 June: Emma Difede, Vicki Emmanuelli, Alex Ransom, Jenny Matthews, Gwen Ransom

7th & 8th June	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Cathie McMaster	Rob O'Meara	Josie Buttegieg
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Elaine Vertriest	Marg Lee	Leo & Brenda Pye
<b>14th &amp; 15th June</b>				
6:30 pm	Valoia Family	Valoia Family	Miriam Hogarty	Valoia Family
10.00 am	Fiona Dowling	Helen Betson	Angela Iacono	Michael & Kaye Gaffy