



The parish of *St Joseph* *Newport & Spotswood*



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Mass Time

Tue & Thu – 9.15am, Spotswood
Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport
Sat - 5.30pm, Spotswood
Sun - 10.00am, Newport

Reconciliation

Sat 10.00-10.30am, Newport
5.00-5.20pm, Spotswood

Parish Clergy

Father Binh Le PP

Parish Pastoral Council

Katherine Wong
Chairperson

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Sr Lorraine Robinson
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Larissa Cairns
Director

PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A

28TH OF MAY 2023

Reflection by Rev Mark O'Brien OP

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles has had, and continues to have, a powerful influence on our understanding of the feast of Pentecost. In particular, two images which Luke presents as similes – tend to attract our attention. The mighty wind and tongues of fire. The reading from John's Gospel tells how Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on the disciples. Two completely presentations but both deriving from the same Hebrew word 'ruach' which, depending on context, can mean wind, storm, breath, spirit. Something of the transcendence and immanence of God is expressed by one tiny Hebrew word.

The scene in Acts evokes something of this transcendent divine power, but with an immanent touch. What seems like a roaring wind is the Holy Spirit that fills every part of the house, while what seems like tongues of fire settles on each one of them without singeing a hair! The two similes emphasise that the Spirit reaches all and us for all – no favourites. All are infused with the Spirit and all receive the same gift. – of speaking in different languages. Within the context of the Act passage, this shows that it is the same Spirit in all. As the reading from 1 Corinthians reminds us, this one Spirit or breath is a creator as in Genesis 1:2, not a destroyer or a cloner. Through the power of the Spirit each language is transformed so that it becomes more fully Parthian or Elamite or Greek as each proclaims the marvels of God. This also shows that there is no one sacred language in Christianity, to put this in another way, all languages are sacred.

Through the power of the Spirit, each individual is transformed and becomes more fully the particular individual he or she is meant to be. Similarly, each community becomes more fully that particular community. And what is even more amazing about the gift and power of the Spirit, as each individual and community become more perfectly itself, so the whole community of the church becomes more perfectly and fully itself. As Paul emphasises in the reading from 1 Corinthians 'there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit ... working in all sorts of different ways in different people'.

In keeping with the Old Testament similes that it borrows, the passage from Acts focuses on the visible and the aural. The gospel passage deals with what is normally not seen or heard because it is within and is what we like to keep secret – our sin. Here the 'ruach' is like the air we breathe: it enters into us and transforms our own spirit, our sinful self. In Matthew 9, Jesus asks some scribes which is easier, to say, 'your sins are forgiven or to say, 'stand up and walk'. Then, to show them that he has authority to forgive sins, he tells a paralysed man to stand up and go home. You can tell someone that their sins are forgiven but there is no way of verifying it: there need be no external change. But if you tell a paralysed person to get up and walk and nothing happens, then your reputation as a miracle worker is in deep trouble. Jesus heals the paralysed man to encourage both him and the scribes to believe that he has authority to bring about that inner, spiritual healing of which we are all in need. Once we accept this, our relationship with him, and his with us, can never be the same. If Jesus is able to touch our inmost being in this way then he must also know us better than we know ourselves – not to cause us anxiety but to bring us freedom from what causes anxiety. Our transcendent God becomes completely immanent in us to enable us to transcend our sinful selves. A striking feature of the Holy Spirit in John's account is that this transforming power is bequeathed to the community in an ordinary human way, by Jesus breathing and speaking.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

The parish of St Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Parish of St Joseph, Newport & Spotswood, acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the churches of Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary stand.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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

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.)

2nd Reading

1 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.

Sequence

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

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.'



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

To the families of Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary's of the Parish of St Joseph,

The parish is hoping to reinstate regular Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church to encourage young families and their children to our weekend Masses.

We are looking to form a group of 3-5 adults/youth (16 years and older) who are interested in taking turns to lead these sessions and create opportunities for the children of our parish to learn more about the life of Jesus.

Resources and guidance would be provided.

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Binh after Mass or contact Ivana at the parish office on 9391 1201 or email to Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au.

2023 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL – PARISH BULLETINS

Appeal date: 4th of June 2023 till 30th of July

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

A 'YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS' BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER IN NORTHCOTE AND THORNBURY

This year, the partnership parishes of Northcote and Thornbury are marking 100 years since the foundation of St Mary's Parish Thornbury. This significant milestone has inspired a year of celebrations aimed at reaching out to the local community and bringing people together in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving.

To continue reading:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/st-marys-thornbury-parish-celebrates-100-years>

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON LOOKING FOR WORK?

The **Youth Employment Scheme (YES)** provides young people aged 15 to 29 with a 12-month, entry-level opportunity to work in the Victorian Public Service while completing accredited training.

To learn more and apply visit jobs.vic.gov.au/yes or email info@jobs.vic.gov.au

POSITIONS VACANT

There are currently various positions available in the Archdiocese. Further details can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH WITH CDFPAY

Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone and in a few steps you can quickly and securely give to our parish.



OUR SICK

Elizabeth Sundanam, Eric Moore, Helen Callinan, John Nguyen Canh Ty, Esther Colton, Bozo Madzar, Juliana Mijoc, Marij Knez, Mary Fenech, Kristy Robinson, Paul Orfali, Kay Conlin

ANNIVERSARIES

Ivka Krivicic, Anna Maria Le Kim Dung, Salvatore Bombaci, Agatha Nguyen Thi Mai, Gerardine Green, John Costa, Maria Meilak, Pierina Sagona

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lucrezia (Grace) DeBono

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT: CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL FEATURING COLIN ANDREWS

When: Friday June 2nd, 2023

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral,
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

International recipient of many awards, and with a distinguished performing career globally, British organist Colin Andrews will visit St Patrick's Cathedral to present a virtuosic program spanning the centuries, employing the full resources of the Cathedral organ.

A specialist in the music of Messiaen, Andrews is only one of four organists in the world to have recorded this composer's complete organ works.

For more information and to register visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/music-concert-celebrity-recital-featuring-colin-andrews>



SACRED HEART AND ST MARGARET MARY'S PARISH SCHOOLS



Congratulations to Year 6 students who were confirmed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they received the sacrament of Confirmation.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit empower and transform the lives of our students.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We gather as the parish of Saint Joseph as we
welcome all into our community. We celebrate our
faith, share in the Eucharist and Sacraments and
come together to embrace each other's joys,
sorrows, hopes and dreams.

We pray that we will always be a welcoming
community, embracing our future and the
uniqueness of all who come amongst us.

We are led by the example of Christ, the
cornerstone of all we are and all we do. We are
guided by the Spirit to be the heart of God, as we
find grace in each other. We are inspired by the
charism of Mary MacKillop and the work of the
Sisters of St Joseph.

We pray that we will follow St Margaret Mary's
devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us.

St Margaret Mary, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all
things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in
my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace You
and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection Presbytery Offering	2 nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish clergy• Sick and retired priests• Priests in needy parishes• Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish running costs• Parish pastoral initiatives• Diocesan and various services
If you would like to join parish thanksgiving programme, please contact the parish office. Thank you.	

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

O St Margaret Mary, through you, Jesus pours
out His abundant graces to all mankind. Help us to
put aside personal interests and abandon ourselves
entirely and lovingly to His Adorable Heart. May our
work, like yours, merit His special care and favour,
through Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.