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Pentecost Sunday

Year A

30th /31st May, 2020

Peace be with you all

As we come to the end of the Easter Season we are looking forward to celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' in fact means fifty, so we celebrate this feast 50 days after the Easter. I think it is very interesting to know what had happen on the first Pentecost.

You can get the clear picture of it in the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2:1-11 and in the Gospel of John 20:19-23.

For the past two and half months we have been in lockdown due to the Corona pandemic. We were fearful, worried, we lost the freedom to move around and there were lots of restrictions on our lives. Yes, it was something similar in the case of the apostles in Jerusalem. Once Jesus has been resurrected the apostles were not able to see him physically, they thought they had lost everything. So they were afraid of the Jews, they were shameful of preaching about Jesus. They could not do anything but to lock themselves in the upper room. How terrible would these conditions have been for the apostles? However, they were still praying together.

As they were praying together Jesus came down among them and said "peace be with you". When you are fearful your mum or dad, or spouse or partner or friend says to you 'don't worry my friend I am here'. It gives us much comfort. Their presence makes a big difference in our lives. It was exactly what happened in the lives of the apostles. When we are worried, or fearful we have to ask for the help of God who can fill us with his loving presence and peace. So the first gift of Pentecost is the peace of Christ.

The second gift is the gift of an advocate, the Holy Spirit, who guides us. Have you seen the Holy Spirit? Yes the Holy Spirit is with us and within us. We have received the Holy Spirit at the time of our Baptism and strengthened through the Sacrament of Confirmation and nourished through the Eucharist. The life in us is the best example of Holy Spirit.

The final gift of the Pentecost is an appointment or mission, the mission which we received through our Christian life. This mission is carried throughout our lives; in another sense we have to be an apostle for Jesus in this world, or by giving witness to Christ though our beautiful life. This life is continued in our church.

The season of Easter comes to an end through this feast. Now we move on to Ordinary Time. The colour of the vestments changes, the Easter candle is replaced to the baptistery, the drapes in the church changes and we try to live the mission of Jesus in our lives. And it is the power of the Holy Spirit that gives us the strength and courage to live our lives.

Slowly we are coming out from the lockdown; soon we will be coming together to proclaim the joy of Easter in our churches and communities. Let join together in the prayer 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 shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth".

So I wish you all of the blessings of the Pentecost. May God bless you all.
Fr Jason

Readings: The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

READINGS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

First Reading

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinisation, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

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.'

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 us will stay;
All our 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 descent:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

WE REMEMBER

We remember Millis Townsend. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you. If you are in need of help for anything during this time please remember that you can call us.

We would also like to thank everyone for your continued support during this time.

There are still a couple of places available for our masses next weekend. If you are interested please ring the office to register. We will have all the necessary protocols in place for the safety of those who do attend. Please remember if you are not registered you will be unable to attend as numbers are limited.

PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/> Log into the parish Facebook page and see how members of our community are dealing with our current situation. Maybe you can share things that you are doing to keep busy, entertained or spiritually engaged. Check out this week's video from a parishioner.

ABUNDANCE YOUTH

If you would like more information or to get in touch, please reach out on the Abundance Youth Facebook & Instagram pages on the following links!

<https://www.facebook.com/Abundance-Youth-114497676854096>

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Mercy Ships is on TV this week! Tune in this week and see where it all began! The Surgery Ship, the original feature length documentary will be screened this Wednesday 27th May at 3.30pm and Saturday 30th May at 1.30pm on 7TWO. Also for a behind-the-scenes look at the work of our volunteers on board the *Africa Mercy*, tune in and watch Mighty Ships on Friday 29th May at 11pm on 7TWO.

NEW PARISH GIVING PORTAL The Parish Giving app is part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. The Parish Giving app allows you to complete your giving on your mobile phone via Android, Apple or Web app.

An advertisement for the Parish Giving app. It features a wooden cross and palm fronds in the background. Text on the right reads: "Our faith sustains us through challenging times. Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability." Below this is a QR code and download links for the App Store and Google Play. The URL <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au> is at the bottom.

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

www.archbne.org/bzw

MASS ON TV – CHANNEL 10

Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

TWO MINUTE HOMILY

Each week there is a 2 Minute Homily, presented by one of our archdiocesan priests: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

EVANGELISATION BRISBANE – DAILY REFLECTIONS

For a theological reflection on the gospel of the day go to: <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

CATHOLIC LEADER – COMMITTING TO ACCESS OF STORIES

Go to: www.catholicleader.com.au

The Catholic Leader is Australia's most widely read Catholic newspaper and regularly includes parish and community stories, as well as providing a Catholic perspective on important news across South East Queensland. It is free to read during the COVID-19 crisis. If you haven't already done so, [you can sign up to receive your weekly digital newspaper here](#).

The journalists at the Catholic Leader also welcome your recommendations for stories from our parish community. Please share your news with their team at editor@catholicleader.com.au.

SMALL BLESSINGS

Health measures aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 have created significant challenges for our community as we adapt to changes in the way we live, work, communicate and engage with the world. Seeing first-hand the impacts on people's daily lives, the Archdiocese of Brisbane created the Small Blessings campaign (<http://smallblessings.com.au/>) to share a message of positivity and hope by asking people to share the small blessings they are creating and seeing around them each day. If you have received or witnessed something, no matter how big or small, that's made a big difference in someone's day, let us know so we can share it with the community. In sharing our small blessings, we can bring hope to the community and inspire others. You can share yours at <https://bit.ly/2WeCx2I>

An advertisement for Clairvaux MacKillop College. It features a maroon background with a large circular image of two students in school uniforms. Surrounding this central image are smaller circular images of various students and staff members engaged in different activities. The text "Commitment Compassion Celebration" is at the bottom, along with the college's website cvxmck.edu.au and email enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au.

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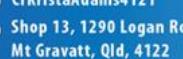
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