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Pentecost Sunday

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June 4th/5th, 2022

Recently I was accosted by a fundamentalist Christian in the street. He asked me whether I had given my life to Jesus Christ. I have. He asked me if I spoke in tongues. I can, but don't. He asked me if I had made the necessary sacrifices for the Holy Spirit to come into my life. At this point I said that as a Jesuit I was poor, chaste and obedient for Christ, which I think is a decent effort in that direction.

Mind you, in saying I take the vow of poverty I always think of my mother, who, on seeing Jesuit real estate for the first time said, 'If this is poverty, I'd like to see how you guys live chastity – it all seems pretty loose and fast to me.'

The problem with our evangelical brothers and sisters is that they often think the Holy Spirit can be reduced to external signs.

We know, however, from the first Pentecost and from our own experience that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God.

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of them goes like this:

- 1 Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
- 2 The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
- 3 The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.
- 4 The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
- 5 Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
- 6 Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
- 7 The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Not bad for a guy who died in 1556.

So Pentecost is not the charismatic movement's birthday. It is God's promise to abide with us come what may. And living in the power and love of the Spirit and claiming her direction is an intensely practical affair.

It is with this type of confidence that can sing the ancient chant, 'Come O Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we will be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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Readings: Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16: 12-15

READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

1st Reading

Acts 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 people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear them speaking their own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these people speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in our 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

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

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.

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.

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

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

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 and sisters, 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 child of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of children, 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

John 14:15-16, 23-26

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.

Parish Diary

Saturday, June 11th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

Trinity Sunday

Saturday, June 11th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, June 12th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's
Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'
Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

THE 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.

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Sean Ryan and Nancy Tiainen. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Robyn's team.

COFFEE AND CHAT

This Monday, June 6th please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All children are invited to join CLOW on Sunday, June 12th at the 9:00am mass at St Agnes'. CLOW is a great way for children to get involved in the mass in a child friendly environment allowing them to have a more active part in the liturgical celebration. All parents are very welcome however it is asked that children under the age of 5 are accompanied by a parent.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Our next Youth and Family Mass is happening as usual on the second Sunday of the month, June 12th at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church. A light dinner will be provided.

ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL



Your generosity will give more women and children the chance to escape violence. Domestic violence is the number one cause of homelessness for women and children. By giving them the help needed to start again, we can stop women and children from staying in violent homes or spending nights on the streets.

The annual appeal will be held in this parish on the weekend of June 18th/19th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

VOLUNTEERS PASTORAL CARE - HOSPITALS

Centacare will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course, timeframes and eligibility criteria please email: adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone Judy Norris on 33243193.

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE TOUR

You are invited to attend the College Tour on Friday, June 10th from 9:00am to 10:30am. The tour will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of the college. To register for the tour please visit: <https://bit.ly/3aCEkYP>

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE OPEN MORNING

Lourdes Hill College warmly welcomes you to attend their OPEN MORNING TOUR on Tuesday, June 7th from 9:00-10:45am. Take part in a student-led guided tour of our grounds and facilities. On conclusion of this tour you are invited to enjoy light refreshments and members of our Leadership Team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. To book please go to <https://bit.ly/3zc8v3f>

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT - PRAYER PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council in Sydney from 3-9 July. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

journey

"Journey" is a space where young women can join together with others who are discovering God's plan for their life. It's a place of sharing community together and being supported by others to explore their vocation. The June "Journey" walk and brunch will be walking Toohey Forest Park at Nathan! To register please go to: bit.ly/ebjourney

POSITIONS VACANT – BRISBANE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese has a variety of positions available across Brisbane. If you would like to find out more information go to <https://bit.ly/3GEpSLX>.

BLACKSTONE-IPSWICH PARISH PLATINUM JUBILEE MUSIC-CONCERT

On February 6 this year, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British Monarch to celebrate 70 years of service. In celebration of this Platinum Jubilee, the Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir is marking this milestone with a concert of music from Her Majesty's Coronation. Accompanied by organ and brass ensemble, and featuring a dramatic narration of the ceremony, this will be a grand celebration not to be missed!

Tickets: Adult \$35; Group of 8+ \$30 ea; Child (6-15 years) \$15; Under 6 free. Available via the choir's website, www.cambrianchoir.org.au, or by phone at 0410 310 846.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

- ✚ Archbishop Mark – The secular nature of our universities has diminished so faith and reason need each other
- ✚ BCE executive director Sally Towns considers patron St Mary MacKillop a perfect example of a courageous leader
- ✚ A saint is a sinner that keeps trying
- ✚ Aged to set faith example for youth
- ✚ Why sign up got theology or religious studies
- ✚ Holy spirit 'alive and active' right throughout the ages

My Parish, My Dream.

This weekend we continue in the process our parish is undertaking towards the creation of a strategic plan by dreaming for the various ministry areas we hope to build up in the coming months in our parish. This weekend we listen to Chantale Wilson (Associate Director of Children and Families at Evangelisation Brisbane) dream about what a Children and Families ministry could look like in a parish - Video link - <https://youtu.be/bpWbsy86SA0>

Do you have a dream for Children and Families ministry? If yes, we want to hear from you! Follow the link below to complete a quick 2-minute survey - Survey Link - bit.ly/HPMGSurvey2

Week 1 results

The questionnaire last week received 75 answers with 30 people saying they are interested in learning more about the Liturgy Ministry in our Parish. We were amazed! Thank you to all who responded.

Please save the date Saturday, 16th July from 9am-1pm for our Parish Summit.



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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. 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.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.