



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year B

May 18th/19th, 2024

*When the advocate comes,
the Spirit of Truth who issues from the Father,
He will be my witness.*

Come Spirit of Truth

This part of John's Gospel reflects a time in the Early Church towards the end of the first century when the community is experiencing conflict with both the world of Judaism and the wider Greco-Roman world. In this situation, the disciples are to witnesses to Jesus and here we listen to words of promise that the disciples will not be left alone in this task. The Spirit of truth will come to help Christians in their living out the Gospel in the midst of a hostile world. The hostility need not be in the form of religious persecution; hostility at that time may have come from people worshipping Greek and Roman gods, puzzled that their Christian neighbours don't follow this normal practice. Living out a way of worship and values that are different from those around you places the believer in a hostile situation.

Christianity is in such a situation today. Generally, our society appears to be irreligious, if we take the evidence of religious surveys. No longer does society support Christian values; Sunday is no longer 'sacred', nor is Good Friday. When the surrounding society offers no support, and indeed often presents values contrary to the Gospel, Christian faith and action demand much more personal commitment and witness. We do need the Spirit of Truth to maintain our convictions in the face of indifference and bewildered amusement at 'quaint' religious ways.

We continue to pray, 'Come Spirit of holiness and truth, kindle in our hearts your fire of conviction and love.'

Mary Coloe PBVM

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, Vene Sancte Spiritus, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagara 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.

First 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 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

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

Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said:

All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Parish Diary

Monday, May 20th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, May 22nd

Mass Cancelled

Thursday, May 23rd

Mass Cancelled

Friday, May 24th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, May 25th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 25th

Mass (Vigil) 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, May 26th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation,
as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

This Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small group of Aboriginal Elder women and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014.

Readings – Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40 2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Travis Crossland. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Dunn-Johnston, Niven and the Simmons and De Vere families as they celebrate the baptism of Harrison, Zoe, Lucy and Sienna in the parish this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)



All children are invited to join us for CLOW at the 9am mass at St Agnes' **today**, Sunday May 19th. All parents are very welcome! Children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after 9.00am mass this weekend.

COUNTERS

Maureen's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, May 21st.

CANCELLATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no masses on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning this week. Fr Thomas will be away at an MCBS retreat.

HOSPITALITY AT ST JOACHIM'S

There will be hospitality after the 7:30am mass at St Joachim's next weekend.

LOST PROPERTY

An earring was found in St Agnes' Church on Sunday evening. Contact the parish office if you are missing one.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – MARIA AND CARMELO CASABELLA

On Sunday, May 24th Maria and Carmelo will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a blessing from Fr Thomas at the 9:00am mass. They would like to invite parishioners to stay after mass and join them for morning tea.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST COMMUNION GOD'S MERCY AND PRACTICE NIGHT

Celebration of God's Mercy** for First Communion

will be held on
Wednesday 29th May, 6.30pm
at **ST JOACHIM'S CHURCH**

After the celebration, we will be having a practice run of receiving the Eucharist.

Please allow enough time to sign in and find your seat before the session starts.

Don't forget to bring a pencil and your child's mass passport.

****All children must attend to be eligible to receive their First Communion****

Parish Spotlight ~ Kristy Ploeg

How did you come to our parish?

I began working at St Joachim's OSHC in 2013. Since starting my role as the coordinator, we have increased our service capacity from 75 children up to 150 place. I have had the pleasure of working alongside a few priests. We now have the privilege of working alongside Fr Thomas.

Please describe your current involvement in our parish.

My involvement with the parish is through my work and also my daughter attending St Joachim's Catholic Primary School.

Please describe one thing that is memorable about our parish.

The one that stands out to me the most was Fr Josen use to come to the school oval to exercise every morning. He would always pop in and took interest in how things were going at the OSHC. Fr Josen had an easy-going manner and made us feel like we mattered. He also had a great sense of humour.

What do you appreciate about our parish?

Here at St Joachim's OSHC we have a good working relationship with the parish. Dot Lomax (office secretary) and Kate Waymouth (WHS) representative are a big help and always make an effort to ensure our needs are met. We look forward to continuing this relationship and building an even better rapport.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME – SATURDAY EVENING

As from Saturday, June 15th the mass at St Joachim's Church on Saturday evenings will commence at 5:00pm.



The Parish had set up a Container for Change initiative to provide an opportunity for you to be part of our recycling program. To do this we are seeking donations of bottles, cans and other containers to recycle through the program.

You can drop your donations into the parish office of if you are attending mass on Sunday at St Agnes there will be a container outside for you to use. If you cannot get to the office please call and we can make arrangements for collection.

Alternatively, you can use our client number (C11371867) to deposit the return into our containers for change account when you are recycling at the depot.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CANDLE VIGIL

FRIDAY

MAY 31ST 2024

6:00PM

Regina Caeli Parish, 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill

Victims of domestic violence are from all ages, socio economic backgrounds and genders.

By 23rd April, 2024, 25 women had lost their lives this year in Australia.

In 2020-2023, four men lost their lives. In 2022, eight children lost their lives.

1800RESPECT | 1800 737 732; Kids Helpline | 1800 55 1800 Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491

Why are crowded places chosen?



Readily available and accessible



Simple weapons and tactics are effective



Generates media attention and instills fear



Promoted in propaganda



Most have limited security measures

Due to recent events, we are providing this advice to our parishioners so that you are prepared if there is an incident involving an active armed attacker, not because we are expecting one.

What you do matters in an attack and the three words you need to remember are:

ESCAPE – move quickly and quietly away from danger.

If you can't escape then:

HIDE – stay out of sight and silence your phones.

TELL – call the police by dialling Triple Zero when it is safe.

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EMERGENCY

CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000

CALL THE
NATIONAL SECURITY HOTLINE
1800 123 400

<https://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/crowded-places-subsite/Files/active-armed-offender-guidelines-crowded-places.pdf>

Cathedral Parish Executive Officer Role Vacancy

The role of the Cathedral Parish Executive Officer is to be responsible for the administrative and organisational aspects of the parish, including the parish office and employment. This role must work cooperatively and collaboratively as part of the parish team with priests, staff and parishioners to ensure the smooth, effective and professional operation of all parish functions. This is a permanent full-time position of 37.5 hours and remuneration will reflect the experience of the successful candidate.

For further information please contact the Cathedral Parish team via cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au, or you can view the ad here: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/75224144>

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PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12



2PM SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

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... 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.