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31 May 2020

**Pentecost**  
**Sunday**  
**Year A**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

### **First Reading:** *A reading from the Acts of the 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:** (Ps. 103)

**R. 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. (R)
- 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)
- 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:** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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!

### **Gospel:** *A reading from the Gospel According to 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.'

**Memorial Acclamation:** When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

### MASS INTENTIONS

All the Masses that our Priests are celebrating in private are being offered "pro populo" - for the intentions of the people of God.

Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.

### Live stream of Masses

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## PASTORAL CORNER

Coming to faith is a journey for most of us as we discover God's existence within the realities of our life experiences. This happens mainly through prayer and reflection. Just as the disciples gathered together to pray when they were anxious, so it is important for us to gather with our faith community to share the highs and the lows of our journey. Regular time to pray alone, to pray in community and time to reflect will be fruitful.

In today's Gospel, fear had caused the believers to lock themselves away. Can you recall a time when you have felt 'closed in' with a problem? What helped to free you from this? When Jesus appeared and breathed the Holy Spirit into his friends, this experience was totally life changing. How has the Holy Spirit changed your life? How do you use the Spiritual gifts you have been given in service of others?

While you are unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion you may wish to pray the following prayer

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### Jim Gorman RIP

It is with great sadness and shock that I inform you of the sudden and tragic passing of **Jim Gorman**, a "*beloved son of St Emilie's*" and much loved and respected by all. Jim had a fall on Sunday 24 May and sadly passed away on Tuesday 26 May 2020. Jim was very discreet in his unwavering and energetic support of our Parish. I will keep you informed of the funeral arrangements as they come to hand. In the meantime let us continue to pray for the repose of Jim's soul and for comfort and solace for his widow Nora and their family at this most painful and confusing time. *[Fr Jean-Noël Marie-Administrator]*

### Parish Finances

At every weekend mass two collections take place to meet the functional needs of the church and community.

The **First Collection** provides our Priests a monthly stipend covering household food, cleaning and other presbytery expenses.

The **Second Collection** provides income pertaining to the running expenses of the parish, these include: all utilities, maintaining and operating the Parish Office, liturgical supplies, insurance, maintenance, water, electricity, Council rates, waste collection, etc.

Our Parish relies on the support of its parishioners to financially contribute to its ongoing community mission.

#### **Ways to contribute:**

There are three ways by which to make your contribution:

- a) An authorised periodical direct debit from your bank account,
- b) Setting up a periodic electronic fund transfer from your account or credit card
- c) Offering a cash donation during Mass collections, as explained above.

During these troubled times you may wish to deposit your donations into the following accounts:

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# A Reflection on the Solemnity of Pentecost

Fr Jean-Noël Marie



The Solemnity of Pentecost draws our attention to the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the life of the Church. We cannot have a relationship with Jesus without the active intervention of the Holy Spirit. The spectacular manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost does not in any way relegate the Risen Christ to the sidelines. The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ and is always with him. We hear about the action of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Genesis at the dawn of creation. At the Annunciation, the Holy Spirit came upon Mary and covered her with its shadow. When he emerged from the waters of the river Jordan at his baptism the Spirit descended upon him like a dove. As he began his public ministry just after his baptism Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit. When he manifests himself to a group of frightened and reclusive disciples in the upper room on Pentecost Sunday it was not to proclaim a Gospel of his own but to shed dazzling light upon and bring to the fore everything that Jesus himself had taught his disciples. The Spirit brings us into this communion with Jesus so that we may know him more profoundly and through Christ may enter into communion with the Father and with one another. Therefore every time we receive Holy Communion and we say *Amen* we are wholeheartedly and in total freedom embracing the Lord's invitation through the power of the Holy Spirit to enter into Communion with him and with all those who are baptised in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

When the Son and the Holy Spirit are seen in isolation from one another, then we are tempted to see Jesus and the Incarnation in the past tense and the action of the Holy Spirit as a movement towards the future. Then the same appears to be so for all the rest of us: we then allow time to tear us away from all those that have gone before us. But the good news is that the Holy Spirit frees us from this endless division, separation, disintegration and dislocation. With the renewing action of the Holy Spirit, time collapses, barriers come tumbling down and the broken elements of our lives are pieced together again in perfect Communion. Although we are many parts but we are all one Body in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Only the Holy Spirit is able to generate diversity and, at the same time, bring about unity. It is he who brings harmony to the Church and heals our divisions and brokenness.

In the person of Christ, the Spirit holds us together and so is responsible for our unity. Within Christ each of us may be so unique and irreplaceable and yet at the same time are united in perfect communion.

The latest COVID-19 crisis has helped unleash within us a spirit of compassion, generosity, hospitality and creativity that binds us together, making us realize that despite our diversity and different social and geographical locations, we are all one in this common global pandemic experience.

Certainly, the bond is not the virus itself but rather, the love of God that has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us. Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.





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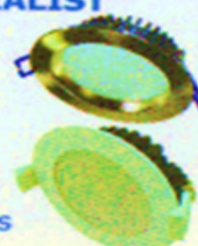
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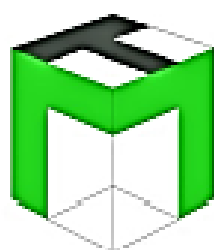
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