

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Pentecost Year B

19th May 2024

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
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and
began to speak different languages.*

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

(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.)

Second Reading

reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised,
making one body.*

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 holy Gospel according to John

*As the Father sent me, so I send you:
Receive the Holy Spirit.*

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.'

Communion Antiphon

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

Reflection By Dr Scott Hahn

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see [Acts 1:14](#)).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised. The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which he made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with his Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages he will pour out his Spirit on his body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle .

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

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Recent Deaths: Ivan Sporn
Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill, John Moulder and Joan Pohlner

Sunday 19th May
Welcomer: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach
Reader: Leo O'Callaghan
Prayers of the Faithful: Merrill Boland
Offertory Procession: Jessica & Jona Kilaton
Eucharistic Minister: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach
Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 5th May
Ouyen \$180.20
Planned Giving \$325.00

Church/Presbytery Cleaning: May
Margaret & Leo Collins

Mass Times:
Ouyen each Sunday at 11am
Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays at 9am

Weekday Masses this week
Friday at 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Father will be available after the 11am Mass or any time by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays 2:30 – 5:30pm

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Today is Pentecost Sunday – the birthday of the Church 

Come and celebrate our different cultures through food and enjoy something different for lunch after Mass. We have food from many different places including the: Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Europe, Australia and the Middle East. So, come and find a new favourite and maybe try something different – and just enjoy each other's company.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit by St Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation has begun, if you know of anyone who is interested in their child receiving any of the sacraments please see Marie; a notice has also been placed in the school newsletter.

The new roster of priests will look like this for our parish:

1st Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2nd Sunday Fr John, 3rd Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4th Sunday Fr Matt

Words of Wisdom: "Patience is adjusting our time to God's time." *Mother Angelica (foundress of EWTN)*

"Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude." *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world, in atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Freedom of Religious Belief: Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work openly with our faith communities, and for faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, to protect religious freedom from within our churches. We pray for the appropriate formation of children in accordance with the traditional teachings of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians. Amen



Mass counts continue this weekend and last for the whole of May, so if you see someone looking at you with a strange look, you know they lost count 😊

This Sunday we are commissioning and recognising the members of our community who take on various roles in our parish. Our parish is blessed with such generous people because everyone helps out in some capacity whether it is reading, cleaning or supporting everyone is involved and although you may not think you are doing anything important – it is and you are valued. Today when it comes to the Commissioning of people for ministries, everyone will be invited to stand and be officially recognised for their work in the parish. The Commissioning today is a lead up to the formation and preparation of our Diocesan Assembly later in November where members from all parishes will gather to consider how we can operate better in our communities and as a whole in our diocese.

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024: In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances, which we have done. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils/Parish Teams, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who would consider future leadership and like to participate. **Our date will be June 13th** Please see Marie if you are interested.

This week is National Volunteer Week: Each year, National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. From May 20-26, 2024 we have the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. This also applies to our parish and is partly recognised through our Commissioning ceremony. If you would like to help out in any other way, or see a need that could be met please see Faye, Cheryl, Carmel or Marie.

Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish on Sunday 28th July. He will be here for Mass, followed by lunch, and a chance to speak with him; more details about this nearer to the time.

Something to Smile About . . . Father Murphy was recapping the 10 Commandments during his homily, and he noted a member of the congregation was listening avidly. Unaccustomed to this attention, he kept an eye on him. At one stage the man looked extremely worried, but a little while later his expression became relaxed, and he looked at peace.

Father Murphy was intrigued, so after Mass he approached the man and asked what was going through his mind during the homily.

The man said, “When you mentioned “Thou shalt not steal.” I realised my umbrella was missing and I thought someone must have stolen it, but when you got to “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” I remembered where I left it.

And this one . . .

You can't beat a silly Dad joke ... When does a joke become a 'Dad joke'? When it becomes apparent.

St Joseph's Parish is a Child Safe Parish - Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Melanie Grace 0477 846 777