

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

24 MAY 2026

I AM SENDING YOU. The disciples of Jesus were transformed when they received the Holy Spirit. They burst open the doors of the upper room, which they had locked in fear, and boldly proclaimed the Good News. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts this Pentecost giving us the courage to break down the walls we have built around ourselves. May the Spirit free us to proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Wis 1:7

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

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

**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.'

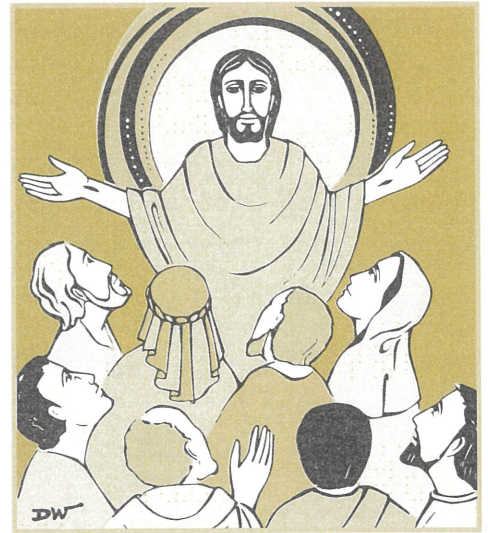
**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)**

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** 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

**A 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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful**

**and kindle in them the fire of your love.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /  
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /  
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and**

**was buried; / he descended into hell; /  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty; / from there he  
will come to judge the living and the  
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the  
holy catholic Church, / the communion  
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /  
the resurrection of the body, / and life  
everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE OF PENTECOST

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

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

### COMMUNION RITE

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Acts 2:4, 11

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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!

**R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### PEACE BE WITH YOU

In today's story from John, set on Easter day, Jesus' disciples are frightened. The doors of the room where they gather are locked. They are frightened of the religious authorities. Perhaps they think that what happened to their hero, Jesus, might also happen to them. Into the midst of their fear and locked room, the Risen Jesus comes. His first words are of peace, 'Peace be with you'. This is more than a statement to be calm and not frightened. It is Jesus' gift of wholeness, of *shalom* (Hebrew). It is his prayerful gift for them to come to a deep spirit of internal communion and calmness trusting in his presence.

It is this fearful group of disciples that Jesus commissions to be on mission—a theme familiar from Matthew's Gospel last week: The future of the Jesus movement is not entrusted to a comfortable, secure and fully integrated group of leaders. It is to a group of ordinary, struggling people that the mission is given. But they are not alone in this. Jesus' breath is the externalisation of his presence and being. This is given to the disciples who imbue his spirit, calming them, and giving them the confidence to reveal God's communion with all, despite their foibles or spiritual struggles.

This is the spirit that forgives 'sin'—that experience or marker of disruption, disease and fear. Jesus' breath, received by the Eleven is about to permeate the cosmos through the commissioned ministry and reaffirmed in John's Pentecost story.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## Pentecost Sunday (A)

23/ 24 May 2026

### Parish Office:

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### MASS TIMES:

St Greg's: Sat Vigil 6.00pm; Sun 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri 9.00am followed by Holy Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

YOUTH MASS 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
UPCOMING DATES: 14 JUNE, 12 JULY

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11.00am (or by appointment or before/after any Mass but allow time)

Anointing of the Sick before/after any Mass or by appointment

St Kevin's: Sat Vigil 5.30pm; Sun 9.15am; Tue & Thurs 9.15am

**"Wash your hands" says my son to his daughter: sensible hygiene is essential at home and at church.**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; Dan 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

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Wednesdays at 9.45am in the church meeting room

Contact Paola Cheng 0415 280 216

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: 3rd Fridays of the month

7.00pm-9.00pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 4th Fridays 7:15pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: 3rd Mondays

7.00pm in the School Parish Room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB: Membership enquiries:

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**Please pray for:** Those who are **sick** at this time including Rose Shew, Margaret Hanson, Nerie Alcala, Teresa Wong, Maria Benic, Raymond Au, Helen, Robert, Tilly, Mary Navaratne, Ivan Peterson, Amy Liu, Ann & Stephen Kennett, Chris Bannon, Yuet Sim Chow, Jason Shum, Elmo Silvapulle, Anna Ziginis, Anna Ng, Monia Iaconi, Meredith Barnes, Michael Mullens

**and for those who died recently**

Heather Fernandez, Anna Scariot, Mary S.N. Wong

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about**

**now** Joseph Mak, Siew Fong Wong,

John Balnaves, Edith Somlos, Agoston Pellich,

Claude and Merle De Alwis



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

### Words from PP,

### Future Planning – Three Parishes Partnering

I have promised to keep you aware of planning for our future as partnered parishes. Discussions are happening – no decisions have been made. We are seeking to consult broadly.

On last Tuesday evening twenty-three members of the Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Groups of our three parishes gathered to discuss what it means to be 'partnered parishes.' Seating was left open and to my great joy people from each parish mixed with the other parishes – getting to know each other – willing to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

After a light dinner (thank you Maria, Carmen, Martin) we discussed three topics: Foundational Principles; What is partnering and what opportunities and fears does partnering raise? What about Mass times in the future?

The most important Foundational Principles were: Being Intentional Disciples of Christ who are open to and led by the Holy Spirit; Recognising that Fr Charles as our shepherd/pastor/parish priest must be able to be present to each community: often (and Fr Anton too); Care for each parish community; Care for our priests (Fr Anton and I); Care for each other. These are at the core of how we seek to move forwards: respectful of what we have and who we are but recognising the need for change.

About the fact of us being partnering parishes the most important things raised were: realising it is our choice how we respond to and approach change; fear of losing "parish identity" but having the will and capacity to enable growth together that retains the identity of each parish; being intentional in moving ahead together; sharing leadership; collaborating in ministries. There were more things raised but these capture the scope with the focus being that partnering has the capacity to result in mission renewal, growth in efforts, and renewal of our faith.

Mass times for the future. An emotional subject. Mass times and have been in place for decades (mostly). But we have three Masses at 5:30/6 pm and three Masses at 9:00/9:15 am. Three Masses / two priests: impossible!

The ongoing regular use of supply priests is not possible for two reasons. Most importantly: it would negate a foundational principle: Fr Anton and I would not be present regularly/reliably. And practically, supply priests are not easily available now and doubly not on an ongoing basis.

What to do? We canvassed adjusting Mass times to provide a gap of at least 40 minutes from the end of one Mass to the start of the next. We also canvassed the possibility of cancelling one or two Masses. Fr Anton and I would prefer not to cancel Masses but it needs proper consideration. There is more work and discussion needed! I would hope that we can reach a decision, with your input, and implement changes starting in July. It is not far away but we cannot shy away from the reality of who we are: St Gregory's, St Kevin's, St Clement's! Partners! One Parish Priest.

I am open to your comments – in person; via email to the parish offices; via your Parish Pastoral Council members. Finally, you will find that in the period May/June I may not be at your Mass very often – that is the result of the commitments there are across the parishes and our reliance on supply at present with the current Mass schedule. Please know that you are not forgotten, you are in my prayers.

### Confirmations:

We keep in our prayers the 40 or so candidates who will be Confirmed this weekend on Sunday afternoon – by our long-term friend: Bishop Les Tomlinson. Confirmation fills us with the Holy Spirit and enlivens us to burst forth with joy at the wonder of Jesus the Christ.

*God Bless, Fr Charles.*



### Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

That each of us will remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and willing to act on the surprises it leads us to.

*St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love*

**THIS WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm  
Sun 9.00am  
Sun 10.30am  
Sun 5.00pm

**LECTORS**

Gerald O'Donnell, Frances Cannizzo  
Philip Dunlop, Margaret Wallace  
Brian & Jenny Tyedin  
Nat de Silva, Alfred Ablaza

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Agnes Chee, Sharron Wilkinson

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
Mary Stocco  
Agnes & Fred Fulia, Edith Ma  
Caterina Gioffre, Judy Ablaza  
**MORNING TEA:** Lina & Don Pavone  
**FLOWERS:** Le Nguyen

**NEXT WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm  
Sun 9.00am  
Sun 10.30am  
Sun 5.00pm

**LECTORS**

Peter Whiting, Benedicta Wong  
Chris Perera, Joan Dinneen  
Jane Gunawan, Ivonne Gunawan  
Isabelle Hii, Viviana Perera

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Stephen Ma

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Philip Dunlop

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell  
Tony Nimmo, Philip Dunlop  
Tony Ting, Dai Sim, Lucy Giardino  
Dot Haynes  
**MORNING TEA:** N/A  
**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

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Celebration of the Mass is our central act of worship, bringing us closer to God and our community.

**THE MASS**

Presented by:  
**FR FRANK O'LOUGHLIN**

RETIRED PRIEST, AUTHOR AND THEOLOGIAN, FR FRANK WILL LEAD US IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE OF THE MASS AS THE CENTRAL ACT OF FAITH IN OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION.

**Session 1**  
Exploring the fundamental shape of the Mass.  
Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June  
10.00am to 1.00pm

**Session 2**  
Gaining a richer understanding of the Mass.  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June  
7.00pm to 9.00pm



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**Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession**

Jesus himself came near and was walking with them.  
LUKE 24:15

**SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 2PM**  
**STARTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**  
**CONCLUDES AT FED SQUARE**

Together with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist—our light—into the heart of the city of Melbourne.  
**Communities are invited to bring their banners!**

The annual Guild of St Stephen Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli will take place on Friday 12 June 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

During this Mass, new members will be admitted into the Guild of St Stephen.

Active altar servers currently in **Year 7 and above** are eligible to be admitted into the Guild this year. If you would like your child to be received into the Guild of St Stephen, please contact the parish office by email or phone for further details.



**Join us for the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians on Monday, 25 May at 6:30 PM at St Gregory the Great. All are warmly welcome.**



Congratulations to the children from St Gregory's School and our neighbouring school who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. A warm welcome to families, friends, and sponsors joining us for this special occasion.