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The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

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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

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.'

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

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

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

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

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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.

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.)

IN YOUR PRAYERS



SICK

We pray for all the sick, especially those in our parish community

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the souls of all the recently deceased

ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel & John Galea, Sonia Care, Domenica Cesile, Jennifer Allan, Emilio Trovato, Natalio Baera Sr., Michael Burke

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

Sunday, 24th May 2026

Harley George Daskalovski

Sunday, 31st May 2026

Zayden Rodrigues

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 25 May Our Lady, Help of Christians

Tuesday 26 May St Philip Neri

PARISH NEWS



PROCESSION OF OUR LADY: SATURDAY 30TH MAY

On **Saturday, 30th May**, we will have a Procession (weather permitting) with Our Lady's statue, commencing at **5.00pm** from **St Peter's Church** and returning before **6.00pm** for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Mass at 6.00pm. **All Welcome.**

MINISTERS' ROSTER: 1/7/26-31/10/26

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please email or call the Parish Office with any 'away' dates between July-October 2026, by Tuesday, 2nd June.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED' We need more volunteers for all our weekend Masses, to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers and Altar Servers, for our Roster. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference form (*salmon coloured forms can be found on the display stand in the narthex*). Please return to the Parish Office by 2nd June. Training will be provided.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE: ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Concludes this weekend. Thank you to all who have assisted in compiling the figures during the past 4 weeks.

COME HOLY SPIRIT



Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God,
who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and
ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

YEAR 6 STUDENTS' CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES – 23 & 24 MAY

At the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil and 10.30am Sunday Masses, Year 6 students will present themselves as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children, their families and teachers in your prayers.

PRAYING THE ROSARY AT HOME

If you would like to borrow the small statue of our Lady of Fatima to pray the Rosary at home, you may do so. Please ensure add your name and contact details on the clipboard in the narthex before removing the Statue from the Church.

ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - Sunday 7 June at 2.00pm from St Patrick's Cathedral, concluding at Federation Square

All are warmly invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession through the streets of CBD Melbourne and concluding at Federation Square. melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (*or upon request of Parish Priest*)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026 PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

We are grateful for the school families ongoing support of the Parish Thanksgiving Program (2026 family contribution), which continues to sustain the life and mission of our parish. May God bless your families with peace and joy.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.