

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

24 May 2026

readings

Next Week

The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

Dan 3:52-56

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

in a nutshell

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.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially Kristine Desai, Helen O'Kane, Fr Pat Purcell, Margaret Broderick, Fida Rees

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

World Mission Church appeal will be the weekend of 6 & 7 June

More Information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(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.

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. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

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

The Parish of Sacred Heart

Parish Priest

REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours

Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

St Thomas a Becket, Yarra Junction

Sunday Mass

Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am

First Friday—11:30am

Reconciliation

Thursday 6:10pm- 6:40pm

Mount Evelyn: Saturday

11:30am-12:30pm

Exposition

Thursday at 6:00pm

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

St Josephs

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Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult to the toilets.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Michael Fahey
Paul Latham
Enzo Torresan
Nino Troiani

Bulletin notices by 12:00 noon Thursday
mountevelyn@cam.org.au

Parish Meetings: May 20
6:00 p.m. Wednesday

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Your financial support can be made via:

- Cash using the stewardship envelopes—call the office for information on how to become a contributor
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Sacred Heart Church**: 670642723, Presbytery: 649237379
- Use the QR Code on this page
- The website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/upperyarravalley> and choose where you are donating: church, presbytery, maintenance.



Parish Notices

Safeguarding Compliance for Volunteers—Thank you to those who have Responded

Last week emails were sent to people needing to update Working With Children Checks. Thank you for your response. If you are unsure why you received the email please contact the office. In the next week or two you will receive a reminder to sign the Code of Conduct and complete the online training. Our aim is to have full compliance by the end of June.

Mary, Help of Christians —25 May Mass at 9:00 a.m. St Mary's

There will be a Mass on Monday, 25 May at 9:00am to celebrate the national Feast Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Help of Christians. The Feast Day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844. Australia is the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it also is the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title — St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Let us take time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to make reparation by our faith and love for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even the insults our Saviour must endure in many parts of the world. Let us deepen through adoration our personal and communal contemplation. (St. John Paul II) Although I myself am a sinner in all things, and still ensnared by the devil, I am for righteousness and hope to get close to it in the end; for I fear the judgement that is to come. (A sermon of the second century)

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Yarra Junction: Thursday 6:00pm. Mount Evelyn: Tuesday 5:10pm, Friday 8:10am. Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

May Mass Counts

Each year the parish is asked to complete mass counts for four weekend in May. This annual count is important for pastoral planning activities across the archdiocese and parish and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. This week we are being requested to make note of the number of males/females at each of the masses. This weekend we are being asked to record numbers in age groups.

Right for Life News

Sunday 24 May is Sanctity of Life Sunday, marking the anniversary of the date when abortion was first legalised anywhere in Australia in 1969. 90,000 abortions now occur per year. There is hope.

Resources: <https://sanctityoflifesunday.com.au/resources/>

2026 World Mission Church Appeal – 6/7 June

One in Christ - United in Mission

In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship. You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival. Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united. *Name changed for privacy

Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session: Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses

Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

Watch John's moving testimony and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world.

Scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

Feast of St Anthony and the Blessing of Bread –14 June

As has become a custom at St Mary's, we will have the Blessing of St Anthony's Bread. The actual name of "St. Anthony's Bread" came from a French woman named Louise Bouffier in 1890, who promised loaves of bread for the poor when St. Anthony helped her with opening the broken lock of her small linen shop. After his help, her shop was the basis of St. Anthony's Bread. Come and celebrate at the 10:30 Mass. Delicious filled paninis will be available for a donation after the mass. All welcome.

This weekend's giggle!

What did the fire say to the marshmallow?

"Stop playing with me, you're toasting my patience!"

Why don't firefighters ever get bored?

Because they always have sparks to keep them entertained!

Why did the fireman bring a ladder to the bar?

He heard the drinks were on the house!

Why did the fire brigade take a class on salsa dancing?

To learn how to handle heat without breaking a sweat!

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Readings Reflection

[A Mighty Wind](#)

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 (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

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 (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

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 (see 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 (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

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 (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), 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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The Holy Spirit, The Soul of the Church

Today we begin a new series of catecheses in the cycle on the Holy Spirit in which I have sought to draw the attention of my listeners both near and far to the basic Christian truths about the Holy Spirit. We have seen that the New Testament, led up to by the Old, permits us to come to know the Spirit as a Person of the Blessed Trinity. It is a fascinating truth, because of both its inner meaning and its influence on our lives. We can even say that it is a truth-for-living, just as is all the revelation which is summed up in the creed. In a special way the Holy Spirit has been revealed to us and given to us so that he may be life's light and guide for us, for the whole Church and for all people called to know him.

We are speaking especially about the Spirit as the life-giving principle of the Church. We saw earlier during the Christological catechetical series that from the start of his messianic mission Jesus gathered disciples around himself. From them he chose the Twelve, called apostles. He assigned the prime role as his witness and representative to Peter (cf. Mt 16:18). When on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross he instituted the Eucharist, he commanded and empowered these apostles to celebrate it in his memory (cf. Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24–25). After the resurrection he conferred on them the power to forgive sins (cf. Jn 20:22–23) and gave them the command to evangelize the whole world (cf. Mk 16:15).

We can say that all of that is tied to the announcement and the promise of the Holy Spirit's coming which occurred on the day of Pentecost, as the Acts of the Apostles relates (2:1–4).

The Second Vatican Council gives us several significant texts on the decisive importance of the day of Pentecost, which is often called the birthday of the Church in the world's eyes. We read in the Constitution *Dei Verbum* that "He confirmed with divine testimony what revelation proclaimed, that God is with us to free us from the darkness of sin and death, and to raise us up to life eternal" (n. 4). Therefore there is a close link between Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in the work of salvation.

In its turn the Constitution *Lumen Gentium* says: "He is the Spirit of life, a fountain of water springing up to eternal life (Jn 4:47; 7:38–39). To men, dead in sin, the Father gives life through him, until in Christ, he brings to life their mortal bodies" (n. 4). Therefore, through the power and action of the Spirit through whom Christ was raised up, those who are incorporated into Christ will be raised. This is St. Paul's teaching which the Council adopted (cf. Rom 8:10–11).

The Council adds that in descending upon the apostles, the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church (cf. LG 19), which is described in the New Testament and especially in St. Paul as the Body of Christ: "The Son of God ... by communicating his Spirit, made his brothers, called together from all nations, mystically the components of his own Body" (LG 7).

Christian Tradition employs the Pauline theme of *Ecclesia Corpus Christi*, whose life-giving principle, according to the Apostle, is the Holy Spirit. It comes to the conclusion in a most beautiful phrase that the Holy Spirit is the Church's "soul." Here we need only quote St. Augustine who in a speech states that "what our spirit, that is, our soul, is in relation to our other members, so the Holy Spirit is to the members of Christ, that is, the Body of Christ which is the Church" (Sermon 269, 2; PL 38, 1232). In speaking of Christ as head of the Body of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas compares the Holy Spirit to the heart, because "invisibly he gives life to and unifies the Church," just as the heart "carries out its inner influence within the human body" (*Summa Theol.*, III, q. 8, a. 1, ad 3).

The Council tells us in another place that "the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church, and thus, all those who believe would have access through Christ in one Spirit to the Father (cf. Eph 2:18)" (LG 4). Holiness is the first and the basic form of life that the Holy Spirit, like the "life-giving soul," infuses into the Church—holiness after the model of Christ "whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world" (Jn 10:36). Holiness constitutes the Church's basic identity as the Body of Christ, given life and sharing in his Spirit. Holiness gives the Body spiritual health. Holiness also determines its spiritual beauty, a beauty which surpasses all natural or artistic beauty; a supernatural beauty in which the beauty of God himself is reflected in a more essential and direct way than in any other created beauty, precisely because it is the Body of Christ. In another catechesis we shall return to the theme of the Church's holiness.

The Holy Spirit is called the "Church's soul" also in the sense that he sheds divine light on all thought within the Church, and "guides to all truth," according to the announcement made by Christ in the upper room: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but will speak only what he hears ... what he will announce to you he will have from me" (Jn 16:13, 15).

To conclude all that we have said so far, let us reread another brief conciliar text which says that the Holy Spirit uninterruptedly renews the Church and "leads it to perfect union with her Spouse. The Spirit and the Bride both say to Jesus, the Lord, 'Come!' (Rev 22:7)" (LG 4). This text echoes St. Irenaeus, who communicates to us the certainty of faith of the earliest Fathers. It is the same certainty announced by St. Paul when he said that believers have been freed from slavery to the letter "to serve in the new spirit" (Rom 7:6). The whole Church is under this new spirit and discovers in the Holy Spirit the source of her continued renewal and her unity. This is due to the fact that the power of the Spirit who is life-giving and unifying Love is stronger than all human weakness and sins.

St. John Paul II, General Audience, November 28, 1990