

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

28 May 2023

Readings

Next Week

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

of special note

Catholic Mission Appeal—Next Weekend

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.

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

Sunday Mass

Warburton: Saturday—4:30pm (EST)
7:00pm (EDST)
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am Yarra Junction
First Friday—11:30am Warburton

Reconciliation

Thursday 6:00pm-6:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition

Thursday at 6:00pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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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
Mary Ryan
Enzo Torresan
Nino Troiani

Working With Children

There are a number of parishioners whose Working With Children Check has expired. Could you please check your cards and update if necessary.

Bulletin notices by 12:00 noon Thursday please

mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parish Meetings: Wednesday, 10 May

Finance Committee	7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding	7:30pm
Parish Council	8:00pm

Parish Notices

First Friday of the Month Mass 11:30 am Warburton

Catholic Mission Appeal—Next Weekend

Hearts of Fire Feet on the Move

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/timor
Envelopes available this weekend.

Pancake Breakfast — Save the Date

Sunday 18th June we will celebrate our parish feast day, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, with a pancake breakfast after the 8:30am Mass at Yarra Junction. All parishioners are welcome to enjoy delicious pancakes and fellowship!

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.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God. This is the deeper experience of prayer and listening which the time of silence and stillness offers to us.

Adoration: When the Church bids us to adore Christ hidden behind the Eucharistic veils and to pray to Him for spiritual and temporal favours, of which we ever stand in need, she manifests faith in her Divine Spouse, she professes her gratitude to Him, and she enjoys the intimacy of His friendship. (Pope Pius XII)

Confession: What counts most is to make people understand that whatever the sin committed, if it is humbly recognised and the penitent turns with trust to the priest-confessor, he or she never fails to experience the soothing joy of God's forgiveness. (Pope Benedict XVI)

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration. Friday mornings 8:00am Mount Evelyn

We have a NEW parish website!

With recent upgrades to Archdiocese of Melbourne platforms we have a new website melbcatholic.org/s/upperyarra. Go have a look!

Hallow — Prayer App to keep your mind on things above

'Hallow' is a prayer app that has all your favourite prayers, such as the Rosary, and Daily Mass readings. There are also many other prayers and devotions you can listen to, and join with many people around the world praying for you and with you. There are also guest speakers that you can pray with or listen to; homilies from Bishop Baron, pray the Rosary with Scott Hahn or Jonathan Roumie from 'The Chosen'. Go to <https://hallow.com/> for more information.

Something to Make You Smile

A community service worker, an old man, a schoolboy, a lawyer, and a doctor are on a plane when the pilot has a stroke and becomes incapacitated. As the plane plummets, the five passengers argue over who deserves to live because there are only four bags with a parachute.

The arrogant lawyer jumps up first and says, "I deserve to live because I advocate for my clients through my sharp wit and massive knowledge."

The lawyer grabs the first bag and throws himself out of the aircraft.

The social Worker says, "I deserve to live because I protect vulnerable children and support families in need of assistance."

He grabs the nearest bag and jumps out of the aircraft.

The doctor is the next person to pipe up. "I deserve to live because I help diagnose ill people with my specialised training."

The doctor grabs the third bag and jumps out of the aircraft.

This leaves only the schoolboy and the old man in the plane which is plummeting toward the ground.

The old man says to the boy, "Go ahead. Take the last parachute. You have many years ahead of you while I am just an old man who will die soon anyway."

The schoolboy replies, "That's okay. We can both take a parachute. Look, there are still two left."

The old man is incredulous. "Whoa ... how is this possible?"

Says the schoolboy, "The lawyer with the sharp wit and massive knowledge took my school backpack."

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