

Pentecost Sunday, Year A 30th/31st May 2020 Vol 47, No 20 VINCEA

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PARISH CALENDAR: 31st May—7th June 2020

Sun 31st Pentecost Sunday

Mon 1st The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Wed 3rd St Charles Lwanga & Companions

4-5pm St Catherine of Siena Prayer Group—Church

Fri 5th St Boniface

6.30-7.45pm Divine Mercy prayer—Church Sun 7th The Most Holy Trinity

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

"PEACE BE WITH YOU"



On Pentecost Jesus fulfilled his promise of giving power of the Spirit to his disciples. The blessing "Peace be with you" was not just a casual greeting; it was a blessing prayer, wishing for the other health, prosperity and everything good. It was also a prayer of longing for God's coming to fulfill the Jewish hopes for the liberation of the nation. .lesus'

greeting of peace then is an announcement that, what the people longed for, had arrived in him - though certainly not in the shape they expected. He was not going to overthrow nations, but he was going to bring peace and unite people.

Jesus repeats the peace blessing, this time bestowing the Spirit on the disciples. With a blessing Jesus breathes on them, a reminder of God's breathing life into Adam - life from the living One for others in need of it. No one has to tell us of the importance of our breath: if it stops, we die. That is physical breath. Jesus was not just doing artificial respiration to revive someone who had suffered a heart attack and had stopped breathing. He had conquered death and his was a resurrected life and that is what he is breathing into his dispirited and lifeless disciples. In a manner of speaking, they had suffered a severe heart attack; their heart was broken when Jesus was taken from them and killed.

Jesus breathed new life into his disciples. First, by his greeting, "Peace be with you" – which were reconciling words to them after the previous days' failed behaviour. Then he bids them peace again and began the new creation by his breath - the Spirit. They

are commissioned to take his reconciling peace which they have received and to proclaim it to the

Today, Jesus enters their fears and locked-up places. What he says actually happens, "Peace be with



you." Those who hear him, receive his word, and receive his peace. Here is the dynamic of grace: what we humans cannot achieve for ourselves, God gives us. When we hear Jesus offer peace in the gospel, he is also offering it to us. We did not do anything to deserve it, in fact, there is a lot in our lives that probably shows we do not deserve the gift he is offering us. Still, "Peace be with you" is Jesus' offer of grace to us. In him God has set things right with us. We did not earn or deserve what God has done for us but, remember, it is grace. We realize we need it and so we accept it as a gift.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

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9:30am

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: The sick of our parish: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr JulieThomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Sun	31 st May		Friends of suffering souls For the People of the Parish
Mon	1 st June	7:00am 12:00pm	Dominican Vocations Special Intention
Wed	3 rd June	12:00pm	Marjorie June Whelan
Thu	4 th June	12:00pm	Barry Hickey
Fri	5 th June	7:00am	Deceased Dominicans

If you want to have a Mass offered, please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of June is available on our website http://www.stdominics.org.au to remind us to pray for those mentioned

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"The Holy Spirit comes where he is loved, where he is invited, where he is expected."

St Bonaventure

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" Psalm 46:1.



Hymn: Listen to the Spirit Speaking - Fr. Rob Galea **Facebook:** St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

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A REFLECTION: PENTECOST 2020

Today we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the 120 disciples of Jesus, including Mary and the apostles, who



obeying Jesus' command, waited in the Cenacle in Jerusalem in prayer "for the promise [or gift] of the Father."

The Father's gift, the coming of the Holy Spirit, in the tradition given us by

Luke in the Acts of the Apostles took place on the day of the celebration of the Jewish feast of Pentecost or Weeks. This feast was celebrated 50 days after Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread and while initially a harvest festival when a choicest portion of its produce was offered in the Temple, by the 1st century AD it also commemorated "the day the Lord gave the Law on Mount Sinai to the Jewish people."

Thus we see similarities in Luke's description of the descent of the Spirit on the disciples and that of the theophany or divine self-manifestation at the giving of the Law. On Sinai there was thunder, lightning and the shaking of the mountain; at Jerusalem there was the roar of a mighty wind and fire.

Linking today's feast with the memorial of the giving of the Law enables us to see how it fulfils the Jewish Pentecost. In line with the prophets who looked forward to a new law engraved on the hearts of God's people, the Spirit writes the new law, not on stone tablets, but on the heart of the believer. In the Christian tradition what is primary in the New Law is the grace and freedom of the Holy Spirit. Thus St Thomas Aquinas would say, "The feast of Pentecost, when the Old Law was given has been succeeded by the Pentecost in which was given the law of the Spirit of life."

We also celebrate this day as the birth of the Church. Luke begins his Gospel with the Holy Spirit over-shadowing Mary, and thus Mary conceiving Jesus. He begins the Acts of the Apostles with the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples empowering them to preach the Good News and celebrate the sacraments, and so to give birth to the community of believers, the Church.

Importantly too, today we recall that at Pentecost a new dimension of our Christian life was revealed: The Christian is one who believes in Jesus and so lives in the Spirit.

Paul reminds us of our life in the Spirit in our second reading when he says "In the one Spirit we were all baptized ... and one Spirit was given to us all to drink." This echoes what he had earlier told the Christians at Rome - "The Spirit of God has made his home in you."

The Holy Spirit is the Divine Personal Presence, distinct from the Father and the Son, dwelling within us, enlightening and inspiring us. The Spirit guides by empowering us to grasp and live the freedom of the New Law as taught by Jesus.

The Spirit also guides us through the gifts and charisms he distributes to each one of us for the good of all. As St Paul reminds us today: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ... To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

So today we celebrate the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit which gives birth to the Church and makes the Christian life a life in the Spirit.

Fr David Willis OP

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES Environments

Thirty years ago (yes, 1990), Australian bishops spoke out about "ecological" issues and called us for creation along the following lines.

A prescient John XXIII said to look for the signs of the times. Vatican II asked us to try to discover what the Church should be in the world of our day. Today, it is surely a sign of the times that many people are calling for a more enlightened care for the earth and for all living things. We give thanks for the human wisdom that has raised this cry of concern.

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A more strident approach seems necessary today?

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRAYER GROUP: HOLY HOUR The St Catherine of Siena Prayer Group meets each Wednesday from 4pm till 5pm in the Church for exposition and adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come and join us in prayer for the Catholic Church. Bookings are essential Please contact Kathryn O'Connor on 9830 5489 or kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au no later than midday on Tuesdays.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS AT ST DOMINIC'S

Divine Mercy prayers will be led on Fridays in the Church from 6.30pm till 7.45pm. You will be able to attend it if you attending the 6pm. It will be not possible to attend the Divine Mercy prayers only as for COVID_19 restrictions we can't let people in before sanitising the Church. Please call the Parish office to book at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

TRINITY SUNDAY Prayers for the Renewed Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Sunday 7th
June 2-4pm at St Dominic's Church. Prayers for peace and needs of the Holy Land, for the Church, Australia and the world.

2pm Holy Mass 3-3.40pm Exposition of the blessed Sacrament, Hour of Mercy, Benediction

3.40-4pm Veneration of the relics of saints

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If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

PROPER OF THE MASS: Pentecost Sunday, Year A

Entrance Antiphon The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands

what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

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

Today's Readings
Next Week's Readings

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia. (Pentecost, Year A) Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

(Holy Trinity, Year A) Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Psalm 3; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

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