

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
YEAR C
The Birth of the Church**

SUNDAY May 19 2013

GOD SEND US YOUR SPIRIT

During his time on earth Jesus gave many gifts to his disciples. Among other things, he gave them a prayer, the "Lord's Prayer"; he gave them a new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you"; he gave them the sacrament of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist; he gave them another sacrament, the sacrament of reconciliation, and on several occasions he gave them the gift of peace. Arguably, the greatest gift that Jesus gave to his disciples was the Holy Spirit. The reason is that the Holy Spirit is God the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. The full outpouring of the gift would be at Pentecost. That is the feast we celebrate today.

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish feast called "Shavuot" or "feast of weeks". It was an agricultural feast celebrated on the fiftieth day after the harvest of first fruits. In Christian world it is the feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles of Christ. The Feast of Pentecost comes fifty days after Jesus resurrection. Etymologically, the Greek word Pentecost means fiftieth day.

The celebration of Pentecost is very important to us because it marks the first public outing of the church after the descent of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples on several occasions during his public ministry. Many of the things Jesus said and did during his time on earth were incomprehensible to his disciples. That is why Jesus said to them "but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you" (John 14:26). It was only by the light of the Holy Spirit, after the Pentecost, that the disciples began to comprehend all that Jesus represented and it finally dawned on them that "Jesus is Lord."

On Pentecost day we have the exact opposite of what happened at the tower of Babel in [Gen 11:1-9]. At Babel the people could not understand each other, hence confusion. On Pentecost day the Spirit of God brings together once again people who had scattered. The event at Pentecost was an answer to Jesus prayer "father, I pray that they be one", and the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy "In the last days I will pour out my spirit on every mortal. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions. Even upon my servants and maidens, in those days I will pour out my spirit" [Joel 3:1-2].

Three basic elements stand out on Pentecost day. The sound of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and charism of speaking in other languages. The sound of the wind denotes the presence of divine power for in [John 3:8] Jesus says "The wind blows where it pleases and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the spirit." The tongues of fire signify the presence of God. In [Hebrew 12:29] it says "Our God is indeed a consuming fire." And the gift of speaking in tongues designates unity in diversity. At Pentecost everyone speaks the same language of love, "Jesus is Lord."

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, Lord Send us your spirit, your spirit of love, for love as the scripture tells us cast out all fear. Lord send us your spirit, that we may become one family. Send away pride and arrogance and help us build a community able to speak the language of love, a language that can be understood by everyone irrespective of religion or nationality.

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St Joseph the Worker Church
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Sunday Mass
7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass
Monday -7.00am
Wednesday-7.00am

Guardian Angels' Church
99 Scarborough St
Southport

Saturday
6.00pm

Sunday Mass
7.00 am
10.00 am

Weekday Mass
Friday - 12.30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday - 4.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore

Sunday Mass
8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass
Sunday 3.00pm
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

CARE AND CONCERN

A reminder to all members that the next monthly meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, May 20 at 10.30am in the parish meeting room at Mary Immaculate Church. Over the past twelve months members completed 597 transports to appointments. Made 101 home visits. Worked 1601 hours, and travelled 13,096 kilometres. It is interesting to note that there has been a 20% increase in the number of calls. With such an increase any new member would be most welcome. If you are looking for something to do in the Parish this ministry could be for you. They are a friendly group and would welcome any new members.

PARISH GOLF DAY

**The Colonial Golf Club—Robina
Sunday, July 14, Tee off at 12noon sharp
Cost \$60 per person— 4 person Ambrose
18 holes of golf—electric cart
Dinner and Presentation**

Everyone is welcome even if you have never played golf before. Please RSVP and pre-pay your place in the field with Roger Fish phone 0419 224 405

or email Alan at khfishandson@gmail.com

Entries close Sunday July 7 2013

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

May 25 and 26

Vincentsians will hand you a Winter Appeal Envelope when you come to Mass. **Please take the envelope home and put it on the plate when you come to Mass next time.**

We will also have a **leaving collection after Mass** for those who prefer to give money straight away. Blankets, rugs, and tins of soup etc can be left in the Hamper Food Bins at the back of the Labrador and Mary Immaculate Churches.

Many people we visit on the Gold Coast are struggling to stay warm and have a roof over their heads this Winter. Bad weather for labourers or getting sick means those in casual work to supplement their Centrelink, lose income if they stay home. We visit people living in cars, garages and homes without heating. Parents skip or skimp on meals so children can take lunch to school. Those in "safe houses" fleeing domestic violence arrive without warm clothes, food and blankets. Elderly people shiver as they save on heating to pay power bills.

Donating money gives us the flexibility to give the most appropriate hand-up to those calling on us for help: we spend time with them – often several home visits - sorting through issues to work out how to get them back on track and in control of their budget and their lives. Time, compassion and the right hand-up can deliver hope, dignity and respect to people who feel they have no value. **We thank you for giving so generously to those less well off than ourselves. When we assist those in need we come closer to God.** Please pray for them. We keep you, your families and those we visit in our prayers.

HELPERS WANTED FOR FIRST COMMUNION DAY

Sister Helen is seeking helpers to assist with the special morning tea for the children and their families, when on Sunday, next May 26, 85 children in our parish will celebrate their First Communion at a special 10.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. There are many ways to help. * **Be in the meeting room by 10.00am to receive items of food from families.** * **Prepare cordial for the children.** * **Serve tea and coffee after Mass.** * **Pass around the food,** * **Cut the special cake.** * **Send a plate of food to share.**

Please email Sister Helen helenw@scp.com.au if you will assist in this special parish celebration.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Parishioners are encouraged to pray for all the children and their families preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist in our parish. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 23, at 7.00pm and First Eucharist next Sunday, May 26, at 1030am Mass

MAY—THE MONTH OF MARY

Week 3. Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary



O Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you your just dues of praise and thanksgiving, you who by the wondrous assent of your will did rescue the fallen world? What songs of praise can our weak human nature recite in your honour, since it is by your intervention alone that it has found the way to restoration? Accept, then such poor thanks as we have here to offer,

though they be unequal to your merits, and receiving our vows, obtained by your prayers the remission of our offenses. Carry our prayers within the sanctuary of the heavenly audience, and bring fourth from it the antidote of our reconciliation. May the sins we bring before Almighty God through you, become pardonable through you; may what we ask for with sure confidence, through you be granted. Take our offering, grant us our requests, obtain pardon for what we fear, for you are the sole hope of sinners. Through you we hope for the remission of our sins, and in you, O Blessed Lady, is our hope of reward. Holy Mary, succour the miserable, help the fainthearted, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God; make all who keep your holy commemoration feel now your help and protection. Be ever ready to assist us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual care to pray for the people of God, you who, blessed by God, didst merit to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lived and reigned, world without end Amen.

SEQUENCE

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.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED TO US BY JESUS CHRIST



The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He “proceeds from the Father” (John 15:26) He proceeds also from the Son,, Sent by the Father and Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church “to know the truth”. (John 16:13)

At Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, was breathed into a corpse and brought to life the Body of Christ, the Church.
Archbishop Mark Coleridge

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill Davies, Brien Bourke, Lorraine O'Connor, Patricia Stabback, June Buttigieg, Connie Kerwin, Betty Donato.

ANNIVERSARY: Patrick Noonan, Margaret Noonan, Mary Fletcher, Gunter Fraude, Dick Gordon, Anthony McDonald
ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon Andrew Ryan, Ed Hands, Yvonne See, Gary O'Connell, Ross McAlpine, Jim Cliffe, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Vickey Smith, Babes Valenzuela, George Ovens, Iris Rogers and family. Bernadette Gaspard, Matthew Byrne, Queenie Powers, Arthur Hocking, Glenda Donovan, Helga Gaspar, Angela Taylor, Tracy Howars, Michael Skinner, Tim Howard, John Henry, Will Connell, Arthur and Peter McConnell, Lyn Maranta, Natalie Silver-Oyarzun, Gloria Gaskin, Sharon Fraser, Lyn Cooper,

Lord Grant your people protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“The Counselor, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you” (John 14:26) The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us and from us. It is good to know that when we are confused by our stewardship responsibilities, we can call on the Holy Spirit to show us the way.

WORTH A SMILE

A young man asked an old rich man how he made his money. The old guy fingered his wool vest and said, “Well son, it was 1932, the depth of the Great Depression. I was down to my last 50 cents! I invested the 50 cents in an apple. I spent the entire day polishing the apple and at the end of the day, I sold the apple for \$1. The next morning, I invested that \$1 in two apples. I spent the entire day polishing them and sold them at 5.00pm for \$2. I continued this system for a week, By the end of which I'd accumulated a fortune of \$10. Then my wife's father died and left us two million dollars.

THIS WEEKS FEAST DAYS

Friday, May 24 Our Lady Help of Christians

In 1844, 'Mary, Help of Christians' was adopted as patron of the Catholic Church in Australia. It was a significant time in our history. British settlement was just a little more than 50 years old, the transportation of convicts was coming to an end, and the first elections in Australian history had been held in 1843. Today the task of evangelising the Australian culture is more urgent and daunting than ever. Recourse to our national patron, Mary, Help of Christians is as relevant and necessary today as it has ever been.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice will re-commence tomorrow Monday, May 20. 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church. Anyone interested in joining the Choir would be most welcome.

A BIG THANK YOU

Our sincerest THANKS to Councillor Dawn Critchlow for arranging the supply of plants which now adorn the front of Mary Immaculate Church.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

1st & 3rd Thursday, each month Lectio Divina Canacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

First Sunday of each month, Morning Tea at the “Annex” after 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month, 11.30am Charismatic prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church. Tuesday, **May 21**, Aquinas Biggest Morning Tea Parklands Thursday, **May 23**, Confirmation will be celebrated.

Thursday, **May 23**, BIG MORNING TEA at De Paul Manor Saturday, **May 25**, Fund raising dinner at De Paul Manor Sunday, **May 26**, Children will receive First Eucharist.

Sunday, **July 14**, Parish Golf Day.

Sunday, **July 21**, ARTICO Ensemble will present a Concert in Mary Immaculate Church. 'M' for Mozart

BIBLICAL QUIZ

Last weeks question: **Who was the mother of Solomon?**

Answer: Bathsheba. (2 Sam 12:24) This weeks question:

Where did the people anoint David king over Israel?

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Why did this man, Francis of Assisi, attract so many followers?

Living in total surrender to his heavenly Father, and desiring to live as his brother Jesus lived in the Gospel, Francis moved around Italy radiating a spirit of simplicity, of peace, of joy, of compassion and love for all people, and for all of God's creation.

In his own lifetime – Francis died at age 46 – several hundred Friars were scattered throughout Europe and the United Kingdom living the sublimely simple “way of Francis”. This was the First of his two Religious Orders. The Second was the Order of Religious Women, the Poor Clares.

Lay people too, while living in the Secular World were drawn to Francis and wished to commit themselves more fully to Christ by following his example and inspiration. Francis gave them a simple Rule of Life and they became known as the Third Order.

After eight hundred years the “way of Francis” is still relevant today.

The next Fraternity Meeting is Wednesday May 22, 12.30 to 3.30 pm, Infant Saviour Meeting Room, Park St. Burleigh Heads. All most welcome.



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HYMNS



COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR, COME

Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come from your bright heav'nly home, come take possession of our souls and make them all your own.

For you are called the Paraclete, Best gift of God above, The living spring the living fire, Sweet unction and true love.

And you are sev'n fold in your grace, Finger of God's right hand, Whose promise teaches little ones to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with your blest light, With love our hearts in flame, And with your strength, which ne'er decays, confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe; True peace unto us bring; And through all perils lead us safe beneath your sacred wing.

GLORIA

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bo nae voluntatis.

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. **R**

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. **R**

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.

COYPRRIGHT WORD OF LIFE LICENCE 129/130

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Father we praise you as Lord, All of the earth gives you worship, for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

The Spirit of the Lord is now upon me.

To heal the broken heart and set the captive free.

To open prison doors and make the blind to see.

The Spirit of the Lord is now on me.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, And profess your Resurrection until you come again.

AMEN

Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

O BREATHE ON ME, O BREATH OF GOD

O breathe on me, O breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love the things you love, And do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God, Until my heart is pure; Until my will is one with yours, To do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God, My will to yours incline, Until this earthly part of me Glows with your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with you the perfect life Of your eternity

SPIRIT COME TRANSFORM US

(Gregory Norbet)

Refrain:

Spirit, come, transform us.

Come, be our breath, be our hope.

Spirit, come, transform us.

Come, be our breath, be our hope.

Deep in the womb of our heart reveal your presence, O God. **R**

Draw us to share others' burdens, healing and loving with truth. **R**

You are the one who unites us in striving for justice, for peace. **R**

Sing in our heart, be the dancer, birthing our love as we grow. **R**

Teach us to live with compassion, unfolding creator's love. **R**

RECESSIONAL

LORD THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

(Graham Kendrick)

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining: Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy:

Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. **R**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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