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PENTECOST SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022

HOLY GHOST, HOLY GUST

Today is the Feast of the Holy Spirit, the gift of Our Risen Lord to the Church. In the old days, this was known as the Feast of the Holy 'Ghost'. I can see why the translation was dropped. The word 'ghost' had come to signify a weird, misty remnant of a past life haunting graveyards and the corridors of old houses.

But that is not the true origin of the word. It comes from the old English word 'gust' as in a gust of wind, a sudden burst of wind which springs up out of nowhere, which 'blows wherever it pleases', as Our Lord would say. (John 3:8)

This helps us understand better St Luke's account of Pentecost. It tells of what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Ghost.

Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples' lives, sweeping away their fear. They were ecstatic and emboldened to proclaim the gospel. The Holy Spirit was gusting through them into the world with gale force.

It is worth pausing for a moment to consider who was gathered at that birth day of the church. The answer is a mix of female and male disciples: Mary the mother of Jesus, other women and men. It is as though the Holy Spirit had waited until just the right group of women and men were gathered with Peter. It was from the midst of their common experience that Peter went out fearlessly to become the preacher of 'the marvels of God'.

No one could doubt that the Holy Spirit was at work in the conclave of cardinals which elected Pope Francis. But may it be too bold to suggest that the Church imitate that early Pentecostal experience so that the successor of St Peter is elected by a Spirit-filled gathering of female and male disciples. Why can't the conclave of electors in the Sistine Chapel include women? Out of their midst, the successor of St Peter would stride out to the balcony overlooking the piazza of St Peter's Basilica to begin his ministry of preaching 'the marvels of God'.

To return to the Holy Gust. The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. In both Hebrew and Greek, the word for wind or breath or spirit is the same ('ruah' or 'pneuma'). *'Breathe on me O Breath of God'* is a prayer for the Holy Spirit to be breathed into us. I think it is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: *'Breathe on me O Breath of God ... until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine'*. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us. When our breathing is in unison with the Breath of God, one gets the preaching of the gospel, expressing what God wants to in-spire, to breathe into human hearts.

There is no single sacred language. All languages, all vernaculars, are capable of hearing and expressing what God wants to in-spire, to breathe into human hearts.

And what was Peter inspired to preach to the crowds 'with a loud voice'? He preached about 'Jesus the Nazarene' and the fact that 'God raised him to life' making him 'both Lord and Christ', that is, sovereign of the universe and the fulfilment of the hopes of the Jewish people.

That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God those who breathe with the Holy Gust have been preaching since the birthday of the church at Pentecost. To continue this work of the Holy Spirit, let us pray an ancient chant of the church; *'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created, you will renew the face of the earth.'* © Fr Michael Tate

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Child Safe Church

Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.



Please keep in your prayers

Recent Deaths

Sr Mary Glowrey

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

James Spry, Fr Brendan Smith,
Betty Leschke, Jean Webb,
Marjorie Jager, Margaret Lucy.

SICK LIST

Paul Donohue, Jayden Williams, Margaret Foott, Jarrod
Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis, Yvonne Annan,
Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke, Bridget Phyland,
Carmel Ryan

THIS WEEKEND (28TH/29TH MAY)

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8.30am Sea Lake
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: No Mass
Thursday: No Mass
Friday: 12noon

Church will be open for prayer during the day.

Sat: Confessions 9.00am-10am

NEXT WEEKEND (11/12TH JUNE)

Friday 5pm Culgoa
Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8.30am Quambatook
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill
Sunday 5pm Nandaly

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$
2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$

NOTICES

CUPPA AFTER 10.30AM MASS TODAY.

SOCIAL CARDS STARTING AGAIN

There will be cards (500) in the smaller meeting room of the Parish Function Centre on the first Monday of the month, starting 6th June at 1.3pm. All welcome.

ROSARY IN THE PARK 10AM next Saturday 11th June. We are now **meeting in the church** during the colder months . All welcome.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – Sunday, June 5, 2022

Celebrated every year since 1974, World Environment Day is a good time to focus on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. This year the theme is celebrating “Only One Earth”. This was the slogan for the 1972 Stockholm Conference; 50 years on, this truth still holds – this planet is our only home. With nature in emergency mode, the #OnlyOneEarth campaign for World Environment Day 2022, wants you to celebrate the planet through collective environmental action. #OnlyOneEarth advocates for transformative environmental change on a global scale. The campaign shines a spotlight on climate action, nature action and pollution action while encouraging everyone, everywhere to live sustainably. While our individual consumption choices do make a difference, it is collective action that will create the transformative environmental change we need, so we can advance to a more sustainable and just Earth, where everyone can flourish. <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

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PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, through the intercession of the Holy Family our patron, we pray that you bless this parish so that we may love you more. Help parents to be a good example to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians. Encircle our families with your loving care; to the sick and the weak grant health; to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily life. Amen.

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SAVE THE DATE: NEXT SATURDAY KID'S RETREAT SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

Sr Mary Sarah OP has kindly agreed to come up to Swan Hill to run a children's retreat day on Saturday 11th June, together with some helpers from the Melton South and Bacchus Marsh parish youth group. This retreat will have a special focus on the gift of the Eucharist. It will be aimed at primary school aged children and will be of benefit especially for those who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Families are welcome and encouraged to be part of the day. The day will run from 11am-4pm and will include many fun activities (and food of course). Even if your child can't be there for the whole day, they are still very welcome to attend part of it.

To register for the day, or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Kennedy via the parish office.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day.

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome.

We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933]. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace.

May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.

Food for thought

In what ways was the Pentecost experience, 50 days after Easter, the 'right time' for the disciples?

What emotions may the disciples have felt on that day?

How would you have reacted if you were in the disciples' place?

What is the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

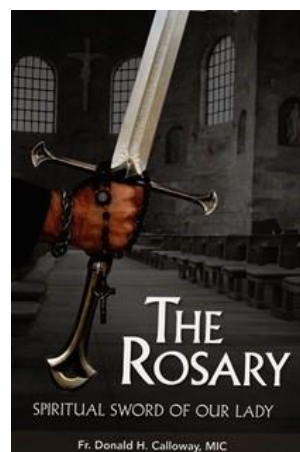
Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?

What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?

Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?

Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action?



THE ROSARY: SPIRITUAL SWORD OF OUR LADY DVD VIEWING, ROSARY AND CUPPA Wednesday 8th June 10am in the Parish Meeting Room.

In this innovative presentation, Fr Donald Calloway, MIC explains the power of Our Lady's favourite devotion: the rosary. Surveying the entire history of the Rosary, including its greatest victories and champions, Fr Calloway will make you want to unsheathe the spiritual sword of the rosary and become a champion of the rosary yourself! With the rosary in your hand and the sacred mysteries of Christ in your mind and heart, you will have the power to transform the future, defeat the enemies of Christ and His Church and be a warrior for truth! All welcome.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

The Word of the Lord.

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.

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

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
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. *The Word of 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!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings Next Week:

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Prv 8:22-31

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-5

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15

