



## Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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*Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa,  
St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill  
as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group*

### PENTECOST SUNDAY: SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

#### ***THERE IS A VARIETY OF GIFTS BUT ALWAYS THE SAME SPIRIT***



So here we are again, celebrating this great Feast of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit in which we all share. It is the Holy Spirit who breathes life into us, who guides us with the gift of faith, who strengthens us with hope and unites us in love. There is so much that can be said about all the many graces the Spirit bestows upon us, and how the Spirit moves in us, but let's just focus in on one special way the Spirit showers us with His gifts, and that is with the particular charisms which are given to each of us. You may remember some of the examples St Paul gives, of how some are gifted as teachers or prophets, or with powers of healing, of how others have the gifts of encouragement or administration or help.

St Paul actually provides several different lists and elsewhere mentions other examples, and even then, these lists are not exhaustive. St Paul does not pretend to name them all. He just names some examples so that we can understand the broader point; the Spirit will give us special gifts so that we can share them with others and help build up of Jesus' Body. The particular charisms we are given are not meant to be kept to ourselves. They are given to be shared.

Have you ever considered what special gifts the Holy Spirit has given to you? Do you recognise yourself in any of the examples St Paul gives? It can be hard to see the gifts in ourselves. So maybe it is easier to start by recognising the gifts we can see in each other. Like the friend who is always so good at lifting you up when you are down and giving you new heart and hope; they have the gift of encouragement. Or the one who is always there to lend a hand with cheerfulness and grace; they have the gift of help. Or the other friend who you know you can always turn to for comfort and consolation, the one you just know you will feel better after speaking with them; surely they have some share in the gift of healing? Or the one who is always so attentive to the needs of others, and work tirelessly to make sure those needs are met; they have the gift of service. Or the one who always sees through to the heart of the matter, who can name reality as it truly is and bring light and clarity; surely they share in the gift of prophecy?

As you think of the people around you, do your best to name the special gifts you see in them. Perhaps you could also ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you. And don't just keep what you find to yourself. Don't be afraid to tell your family and friends what you see in them. Name their gifts, so that we can all recognise the special charisms the Spirit has given to each of us. They are given to be shared. Relying on each other is part of being human. None of us are sufficient in ourselves. We are made for each other. We are made for Communion.

The particular charisms given by the Spirit remind us of this, and help draw us together as members of Christ's Body. Let's name those gifts and give thanks for them.

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#### **Parish Priest**

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#### **Child Protection Officers:**

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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+**

Kevin Moar  
Domenico Isgro

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Rosario Pizzo (10 yrs); Marjorie Jager; Margaret Lucy  
Pasquale Trinci; Margaret Sury; Mary Morris  
Mollie McLean; Catherine Curran; Laurie Scala;  
Bill Hinton; Nathan Mangiameli; Anastacia Neiman  
Ann Maher; Irene Cattran; Antonio Miliano

**SICK LIST**

Pat Hoare, Pat Croft,  
Yvonne Richardson, Paul Donohue, Jayden Williams,  
Margaret Foott, Jarrod Crimmins, Michael Bourke,  
Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis, Bridget Phyland,  
Carmel Ryan, Peter Amezdroz, Ken Duryea  
Helen Duryea

**THIS WEEKEND 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Saturday Swan Hill 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am Quambatook  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill  
Sunday 5pm Nandaly

**WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL**

Tues: 10.30am  
Wed: 10.30am  
Thursday:  
10:15am MacKillop College 'Hearts & Hands' Mass  
Confessions 5pm; 5.30pm Mass, Adoration  
Fri: **NO MASS**  
Saturday: Confessions 10am, Mass 10:30am

**NEXT WEEKEND 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill (*First Communions*)  
Sunday 8.30am Culgoa  
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill (*First Communions*)

**NOTICES**



**BAPTISM WELCOME**

This Sunday we welcome Zoey, daughter of Arnold and Jerah. May God bless you today and keep you always in his care!

**CONNECT GROUP**

Connect will meet this again this Saturday night after the 6pm Mass in the Parish Function Centre, a special opportunity for young adults and families to come together for some games and a bit of shared food.



**CUPPA AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND**

We will be having the cuppa after 10:30am Mass this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**"GIFTED FOR THE MISSION:  
AN INTRODUCTION TO CHARISMS"**

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM) and its advisory council have released a new resource, "Gifted for the Mission: An Introduction to Charisms". Building upon the principles of the 2023 document, "Evangelisation: Encounter, Discipleship, Mission", the document introduces the concept of charisms through reference to the writings of St Paul. Download the document at [www.catholic.au/s/article/gifted-for-the-mission](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/gifted-for-the-mission)



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE NEWS**

This last week saw a passing of the baton in our local St Vincent de Paul Conference. Brian Richardson retired from his role as President (but still very much a member of the Society!), and Chris Mahon was elected as his replacement. We acknowledge and thank Brian for his terrific work as President, and

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thank Chris and indeed all the Executive, Society members and volunteers for their generous service to those in need in our area.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

This week we had a Retreat Day for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion. NEXT WEEKEND 14/15<sup>TH</sup> June the children will be making their First Holy Communion. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers, and please also pray for all who have a part in preparing them.

### HAVE YOU 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?

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT? THE SPIRIT

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.



### NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY: MARY COLOE *We shall come and make our home with them.*

Following the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community, who were at first all Jews, experienced the power of the Risen Jesus still present in their midst, restoring their faith in him and giving them the courage to proclaim Jesus as God's chosen one. Paul called this experience of God, the God who is Spirit, the 'first fruits' – 'we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.' (Rom 8:23) The Spirit is the first fruit, the first sign of a harvest that is already ripening. A process has already started. We had an apricot tree at my family home. When that first fruit appeared, I knew for certain that summer had begun.

Luke gives us the time frame that the Spirit came to the disciples fifty days after Easter (pente = fifty) and some scholars see in Luke's theology that the Spirit is the first fruit of the Risen Jesus. Certainly, with the gift of the Spirit there is a flourishing of the Gospel message within the first community.

In John's gospel, the Spirit is called 'The Advocate' or 'The Paraclete,' and the role of the Spirit is to teach and remind the disciples of Jesus' words. These are functions that happen within a community where people gather to share stories, to ask questions, to try to find meaning in the events of their lives. Jesus promises that when Christians gather for this purpose they will not be alone. Jesus promises that he, and the God he calls 'Father', will make their home with us, and the Spirit will be there to guide and enlighten us.

We sometimes say to visitors, 'Make yourself at home'; today's Gospel invites us to speak these words to God, 'Make yourself at home in my life'. One difference is that visitors come and go whereas Jesus promises a presence to be with us forever.

God may even be more 'at home' within our lives than we are.

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**FIRST READING** Acts of the Apostles 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. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

**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.)**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 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.

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**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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** John 14:15-16, 23-26

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*  
*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love  
him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word  
is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the  
Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my  
name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have  
said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*