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31st May 2020
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

The presence of the Holy Spirit is the keystone of all our hopes.

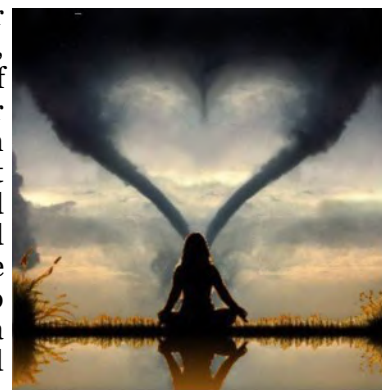
- John Nelson Darby



There is a story about an eagle. A hunter found an eagle's egg in a forest. He took the egg home and hatched it along with the other chicken eggs. This eaglet started growing up with the other chicks. It started eating white ants and little worms, pecking and hopping here and there like the other chicks. But it never learned to fly like an eagle. One day, the eagle, now grown old, saw an eagle majestically soaring high in the sky. Spellbound, the eagle asked, "What is that?" "That's the king of the birds, the eagle," said his neighbour. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth—we are chickens." So, the eagle lived and died a chicken for that's what he thought he was. – Song of the Bird

We are like that eaglet helplessly admiring the power in others when we ourselves possess that power. Very often we end up in defeat, frustration and failure because we are ignorant of the power God has given us through His Spirit. Today's feast invites us to recognise the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us. Archbishop Romero once said that "the church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her. And the church in turn reflects the Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life". The Spirit of God is at work not simply in the air, not simply in the fire and not simply on the tongues. The Spirit is at work in human hearts and minds, and souls. The Spirit is at work in the places the Spirit chooses to take up residence. The Spirit is at work in the waters of the baptismal font and in the laying on of hands and the anointing with the blessed oil.

The Spirit is at work in common, ordinary ways in common ordinary people. The Spirit functions as fruit-producer in our lives. When He indwells us, He begins the work of harvesting His fruit in our lives—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). These are the products of the Spirit's presence in our lives. The entire world is waging a war against the tiny coronavirus and all its impacts on the lives of the people. The waves of this pandemic, besides swallowing many lives, have washed away the dreams and hopes of millions of people and placed them in a precarious situation. As we strive to get through this illness, the Spirit of God replaces our fear with courage and hope. At the same time, it beckons us to abide by the most essential directives of physical distancing and be responsible for the wellbeing of everyone. The Spirit of God enables us to let go of our anger, resentments and anxiety and accept others with a spirit of forgiveness. The Spirit of God is at work in a husband or a wife who chooses to remain faithful to the other spouse in spite of the temptations to drift and the avalanche of conflicts resulting in hurts and pains. At the same time, the Spirit of God empowers us to stand for what is just and right, and defend the cause of the poor and vulnerable. The Spirit of God strengthens us to free ourselves of the bad habits and behavioural patterns and realigns our lives in the immortal values of Jesus. The Spirit of God challenges the Y-generation to find courage to stand up to friends or foes and say categorical NO to drugs, immoral activities and bullying others. The Spirit of God functions as a navigator of our lives directing us in the WAY of Jesus. Thus, the Spirit of God makes us new people with a new message.



The words of Romero resonate the words of the gospel, that the Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. The Spirit of God, who was breathed into the first disciples, still breathes in all who believe and inhale the grace and power that are Jesus' living legacy. As breath is to life, the Spirit is to the Church. Without the Spirit the Church is a field of dry, dead bones. Fulton J. Sheen said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people—frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit".

Yes, the Spirit is at work, not simply in the air, not simply in the fire, and not simply on the tongues.

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11)

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.'

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.

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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)

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.

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 20: 19-23)

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.'

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS: FROM 1st JUNE 2020

NO CHANGE:

- *Catholics are dispensed from their obligation of attending Sunday Mass.
- *Saturday Vigil and Sunday 10am Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook.
- *If you are unwell, you must stay home.
- *Social distancing rules of 4sqm per person still apply.
- *Good hand hygiene must be observed.
- *Holy Communion can only be received by hand.

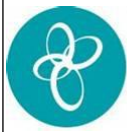
CHANGES TO TAKE PLACE:

- *We are now allowed to have 50 attendees at each Mass.
- *Weekday Masses (Tues-Fri at 9:15) will NO LONGER be livestreamed.
- *There will be 2 more Masses on the weekends:
Saturdays—5:30pm; Sundays—8am, 10am, 11:30am, 4pm, and 5:30pm
(These times may need to be adjusted in succeeding weeks depending on our turnout.)
To give a chance for others to attend Mass on the weekend, I ask you to consider attending weekday Masses instead so you can have the blessing of receiving Holy Communion.
- *Everyone is asked to REGISTER for the Masses they are intending to attend. **Please contact the office by email: stmads@yahoo.com.au or by phone: 96542260 to ensure you are allocated a spot.** You will be asked to sign the Mass Attendance register as you arrive.
- *There will be no collections during Mass. Instead, everyone is requested to place their donations in the boxes (for 1st and 2nd collections) attached to the rear pews. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.
- *There will be no morning tea after the Sunday Masses. We ask everyone to avoid socialising outside the church before and after Mass.
- *We will try our best to address the needs of our community so we ask for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we continue to make changes.

Social Justice @ St Mads

Reconciliation Week challenge for us, can you watch Dean Parkin's TED talk in Canberra on the Uluru Statement from the Heart

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB-31jD4XcA



TEAR AUSTRALIA

Reconciliation programs from TEAR Australia which is a non-denominational Christian organisation helping communities end

poverty, challenge injustice and build a sustainable future. TEAR is working towards a more just and compassionate world where everyone has the opportunity to experience fullness of life. In 1971 our organisation emerged with a prophetic imagination to inspire and enable Australian Christians to make a biblically-shaped response to poverty and injustice across the world. Today, TEAR Australia lives out that vision as a powerful catalyst for global transformation. In communities once burdened by poverty, the outcomes are seen in the flourishing of human potential - God's life lived to the full.

~Sue Martin

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

for Confirmation, Reconciliation,
First Communion, and RCIA:

Fr Vincent will meet with the coordinators soon to plan how to carry out these sacraments.

We will keep you updated with new information and guidelines through the bulletin, our Facebook page, and the parish website.



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 135

2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$ 920

Thank you to all who have been sending in their contributions through direct deposits or by dropping off their envelopes at the office. Your contributions are a great help for the maintenance of our parish.

For those who would like to **make donations to the parish**, please select from the options below:

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- ◆ **to organise regular contributions**, please ring or email the office so we can assist you with the necessary forms
- ◆ And of course, we still welcome your donations by **envelopes**. Please feel free to drop your envelopes in the locked box outside the office. We will check it regularly.
Please feel free to ring the office (96542260) on Tuesdays to Fridays (10am—4pm).
Thank you for your generosity!

We will continue to livestream Masses for the Saturday Vigil at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 10 am on <https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>

A BIG THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Des and May Dockery who have been so instrumental in making the Live Streaming of Masses possible in our parish with the supply of the required gadgets and paraphernalia. May the good Lord continue to bless them in their ardent effort of bringing the Good News to the people. Let us keep them in our prayers!

~Fr. Vince

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME

We would like to invite anyone interested in helping with the welcoming, reading, and altar serving for the weekday and weekend Masses.

To volunteer, please ring the office—96542260— or send an email to stmads.liturgy@gmail.com.

We could really use your help!

BAPTISMS

Baptism preparation sessions are still on hold.

Please check upcoming bulletins and the parish website for announcements.

Families who completed their preparations are welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their child's baptism.



Please ring 96542260 (Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm) or email stmads@yahoo.com.au

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Mr B Geddes, Familia Fajardo Milan and Alfred Roy Burton

For the dearly departed

Setna Mulvihill, Christy & Breda Sherlock, Antonio Echevarria, Eriberto Adan, Teodora Canseco-Pardo, Antonio & Domenica Scarpin, Giovanni Scarpin, Maria & Giovanni De Santi, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Sandra Catuogno, Giulia & Salvatore Russo, Fulvio & Aldo Russo, and Harold Burns

For healing of the sick

Aura Krakowski, June Brennen, John Spencer, Keith Dawson, Selina Calleia, Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Sheila Cañabano, Candida Irugalbandra, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Giuseppi Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

For the special intentions of

Cheryl Burton, Shirley Burton, Mr & Mrs John Addison

***If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office.**



Be faithful to the touch of the Holy Spirit upon your soul.
The Holy Spirit when free, works marvels within us.

-St Madeleine Sophie

Dear Friend in Faith,
 You are invited to join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am – 12pm.

Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting:
<https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUodu-trDwqGtft0-J88Baq1YDV3N3Z7Xz0>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing links to the presentation and conversation.

30th May 2020, Patrick Lencioni: The Amazing Parish

Pat Lencioni is a New York Times best-selling author and has worked with hundreds of corporations to help them achieve success through organizational health and leadership.

He is also the co-founder of The Amazing Parish. In this talk Pat talks about teamwork. The information he shares has meaning across business, parish and even families.

Please contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org for further details or questions.



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