

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 31st May 2020 ~ Pentecost Sunday ~ Year A

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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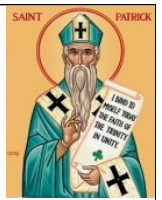
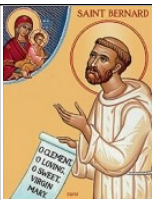
Responsorial Psalm:

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Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Our Mission Statement: 'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

Our Vision Statement: 'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pentecost day is called the "birthday" of the Church.

According to St John 20:22, the Apostles had already received the Holy Spirit, after the first appearance to them at the resurrection. But Pentecost day the descent of the Holy Spirit was a public manifestation intended to impress or amaze the crowds gathered there.

After Pentecost the Apostles were never the same.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit impacted dramatically on their convictions and on their enthusiasm to carry out Jesus' mission and wishes.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and Blessed Mary as a tongue of fire. This made the Apostles different – it transformed their lives. They were transformed as gifted preachers. The Apostles, spoke to people using their own language, but the Holy Spirit allowed those who heard the Word of God, to hear it in their languages. The Apostles became very brave and gave powerful witness throughout the world about Jesus.

Today was the day chosen for the opening of this mission for the Apostles, they all received divine power. From this day forward they were men dedicated to one purpose, to bring the Good News, the Gospel of Christ, to the world.

The life of the Apostles tells us Pentecost puts an end to fear.

The Pentecost event creates a tremendous change in the life of the Apostles. They were timid, but they became courageous in professing their Faith in the Risen Christ. Jesus brings transformation in the life of the Apostles, leading the Apostles from the darkness of fear, unbelief and distress into the light of peace and joy of the Risen Christ.

The gift of the Spirit gave courage to open the doors and share their experiences about Jesus with others. The same Spirit which we received at Confirmation gives us the courage to open doors which we lock around us.

At the moment, we are going through a very difficult time, with worries, anxieties, stress and uncertainty about the future. Maybe our prayer life was totally dry; the Feast of Pentecost challenges us to restate our original relationship with God – a person Pentecost; so now is a good time for us to examine our own conscience and ask ourselves,

"Am I spiritually healthy or weak?"

Pentecost is God looking at us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means that we cannot stand looking up to the heavens like the disciples did at the Ascension. Pentecost means that it is time to engage life and to shape the Kingdom of God; to put flesh and bones, hands and feet on the teaching of Christ. Pentecost means that each of us possesses gifts that come from the Spirit and together these gifts enrich and build up the Body of Christ in the world.

St Paul, in his 1st letter to the Corinthians, is emphasising that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are not given to an individual for his honour or glory but to help to build up the Church.

We are One Body but different parts. Pentecost creates in all of us a sense of communion and unity.

Jesus give the disciples a message of peace and mercy. He greets them with the standard Jewish greeting "Shalom" and tells them to show God's mercy in the forgiveness of sins.

Today, I ask that you take the time to ask yourself,

"In what way do I explain the authentic teaching of the Church?"

"How do I experience Pentecost as a promise realised in my life,

leading me to make the urgency of the Gospel message of Salvation, a reality for everyone I meet?"

We need to unlock our doors and let the Spirit all the way into our lives.

May the Holy Spirit today fill us with gratitude for all the God has done for us.

Fr Shaju.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/ **Parish Priest:** Fr Shaju John, OSH; **Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) - HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

ORDINARY TIME

Monday 01/06

**Solemnity ~ The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church**

Mass of the Day/Preface of Mary,
Model and Mother of the Church
Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday 02/06

Mass *ad libitum*
2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday 03/06

**Memorial ~ Charles Lwanga &
companions, martyrs**

Mass of the Saints/Preface of
weekday or saints
2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
(Alt. 2 Mac 7:1-2,9-14; Mt 5:1-12)

Thursday 04/06

Mass *ad libitum*
2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

Friday 05/06

**Memorial ~ St Boniface,
bishop, martyr**

Mass of the Saint/Preface of
weekday or Saint
2 Tim 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
(Alt. Acts 26:19-23; Jn 10:11-16)

Saturday 30/05

Mass *ad libitum*
2 Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
Remembers & prayers for...**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Selma Cabezas,
Eve Davis (baby), Angelo Marson,
Emilia Corpuz

ANNIVERSARIES: Dave Longford, CJ John,
Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran,
Peter O'Halloran, Kevin & Nancy Hester,
Jim Treacy, Joseph Treacy, James Treacy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Judy Farrell,
Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan
Leavy, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie
Mickelson, Doug Hawkins,
Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio,
Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter
Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez,
Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen
Sharpe, Penny Rigor, Jwona Nowak, Irena
Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael
McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson,
Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts, Georgia
Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin,
Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook,
Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary,
Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion,
John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam
Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Josen,
Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De
Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy,
John Macy, Tom Dawson, Narelle
Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia
Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick
Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski,

The 250 Club!

**Week 07:
25/05/2020 ~**

**Number: 179 ~
Winner: Robert Hawkins ~
Amount: \$25.00**



Weekend Masses resumed at ST BERNARD'S Berowra Heights

With the successful replacement of the roof on the church completed last Monday, it is again safe to resume weekend Masses at St Bernard's Berowra Heights.

Masses at St Bernard's can now be reserved for:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm & Sunday mornings: 9am

[We're also reinstated the 6pm Sunday evening Mass at Asquith]

Hot on the heels of the roof replacement, work commenced on Tuesday on the outside of St Bernard's. This involves carpentry to repair rotting eaves and replace the two toilet doors; sanding, prepping and painting of outside window frames and doors; painting of eaves and some internal ceilings; and the cleaning, rustproofing and painting of the parapet cladding around the exterior of the church. Until this work is completed, weekday Mass at St Bernard's Berowra Heights is unable to be offered, but it is hoped weekday Mass may resume in as little as a fortnight, weather permitting.

So, Masses currently being celebrated in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish are...

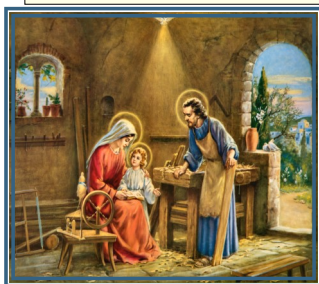
Church	St Patrick's Asquith	St Bernard's Berowra Heights
Weekday	8am & 9am Mon-Fri ; 9am only on Sat.	Not as yet available
Vigil	6pm	5pm
Sunday	8am; 10am; 6pm	9am

Please note: A limit of 50 people per mass applies from June 1, 2020.

Weekdays: No need to reserve a seat

WEEKENDS: It is strongly advised that you reserve a seat through the parish office.

For your convenience and safety, we will not be passing the plate for collections, instead there are two boxes beside the entry door for collections, or you may prefer to use our 'Tap and Go'. Boxes will be emptied after each mass.



Dear Saint Joseph, As a carpenter and builder you supported the Holy Family in Nazareth. As we embark on the major repair works at St Bernard's, please intercede on our behalf and ask the Lord to provide us with the faith, strength and resources to complete the task. St Joseph, pray for us, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us. Amen.

Can you help financially to achieve this restoration? If you can, your financial assistance towards this restoration would be appreciated. Little fish are sweet, so a donation of any size, small, medium, whatever !!, will help pay for this investment in your church's future, *thank you.*

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

We are delighted that we are able to support the faith needs of our Catholic community and grateful that we are still here and able to assist you. Please show your support for your parish and the commitments we have made, by giving whatever you can.

As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Matthew 6:21).

BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001 Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish—Church Account

When making donations to our bank account please be specific if you wish to split your donations between the 1st and 2nd collections.

Perhaps send us an email with your wishes clearly indicated, so we may honour your intentions exactly.

1st Collection: Goes to Pastoral Revenue and is used to support the welfare of our priests, both active and retired. **2nd Collection:** Is retained in the parish and used to pay regular outgoings and honour commitments to maintain and improve parish life. *More information: Call 9456 2450.*

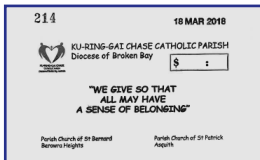
A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony 26 May 2020]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In a sermon on Pentecost Sunday given by Pope Leo the Great in the fifth century, the Pontiff and Saint reminded the faithful, "The Spirit's work is still continued in the Church". He said that it is the Spirit who "sanctifies the whole Church and quickens every rational soul". The same Spirit "is the Inspirer of the Faith, the Teacher of Knowledge, the Fount of Love, the Seal of Chastity, and the Cause of all Power". (cf. Pope Leo the Great, Sermon 75) These wise and sensible words are as valid today as they were in the fifth century. The great challenge that each one of us faces is to believe them and in so doing, to allow the Spirit to use us in His work of the renewal and the sanctification of our Church and our world. The Spirit is at work in the community of the Church in Broken Bay and in each one of us, his faithful disciples. Sometimes, there is a temptation to make our faith something rather sophisticated by quoting rules and regulations or theological essays or articles. Do not get me wrong, I am not anti-education. I am the first to encourage people to read more about the faith, to study more deeply, what we believe. However, if our newly acquired knowledge tempts us to think that we are sophisticated in the faith, the temptation might also be to establish a false hierarchy of discipleship where some are perceived to be "better" than others. That is something to be avoided. As we approach the great feast of Pentecost this Sunday, might we see these days as a time of preparation for faithful discipleship? I think that in a simple kind of way God desires to reveal to us, the living disciples of Christ, the action of His Spirit in us and in our community. It is encouraging to remember that the Spirit is given to all people – men and women, girls and boys, young and old, weak and strong. Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit will come to our aid in our human weakness. During his mission and ministry, Paul was constantly confronted with difficulties, challenges and resistance. And yet, he constantly emboldened the community by reminding them that the Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts so that we might hear the words of Jesus, and in this way we will be led – and we will also lead others – to the all-embracing encounter with God our Father. Over these coming days, I pray that the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit will be with you and your families.

+ Anthony

The July 2020 - June 2021 Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection... AT LAST ...it was just a matter of time!



At the outset, we would like to thank all of you who contribute to the Planned Giving programme, for your ongoing financial support of our parish. To those who were able to, and have swapped over to monthly credit card giving this year, we thank you again, as this represents an additional cost saving to the parish.

So ... **at last** ... the envelopes are sorted, prepared and available for distribution. Wherever possible we will attempt to contact you via email (or a phone call) to offer options for collection which will be:

From the back of St Patrick's Church
OR

From the Parish Office Berowra Heights (Monday to Friday 9am to 3.30pm).

We have "closed the gaps", by re-allocating envelopes that were no longer being used. As a result, you may not have the same number as last financial year. Please **DON'T PANIC** if your number changes, our recording process seamlessly takes care of the transition and be reassured that whatever you give is definitely recorded against your name, even though it cannot be used for a taxation benefit. [For more details to make the switch to credit card giving (and by doing assist the parish even further financially) please call the office on 9456 2450]



ART SPACE:

Pentecost,
Jean Retout II,
1732,
The Louvre

This artwork is created in the baroque period. Monumental in both size and narrative, this was originally commissioned for the refectory of the abbey of Saint -Denis. The painting, transferred to the Louvre in 1944, has been cut down from its original size and shape. It is believed that the top of this artwork was curved and depicted the image of the Holy Spirit as a white dove. In this version, the Holy Spirit is present and 'experienced' rather than portrayed. The luminescence, or divine presence, reaches down to the disciples and Mary as striations of light culminating in flaming sparks. The baroque style appropriately conveys the experience through colour, movement and facial expressions – we see awe, confusion, fear and grace modelled on the witnesses. Mary, however, stands serene in grace and acceptance of this truth. Mary's own divinity as Queen of Peace is reflected in the gesture of the bow by the lady next to her. Wherever you are, and whatever you do, may you find peace, awe and wonderment during Pentecost this year. To give you a sense of scale of this painting, you may like to take a 360 degree tour through the Louvre <https://www.360cities.net/image/musee-du-louvre-paintings-paris>

IMPORTANT CHANGES

TO NOTE RE:

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

NEW VIGIL MASS TIME AND CHANGE OF VENUES FOR OUR MASSES

As we both our Churches are again available, there will be a slight change to our

live-streaming programme for Masses.

Our Vigil Mass will now be live-streamed from St Patrick's Asquith at 6PM
Our Sunday Mass remains at 9am but will come to you from St Bernard's Berowra Heights.

Please join us for Mass, live-streamed to your home via our Facebook page at your choice of time and venue.

6pm Saturday evenings
from St Patrick's, Asquith
9am Sunday mornings
from St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

To live-stream Mass from our parish, simply 'like' our Facebook page and you'll be all set. <https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase>

Please stay in touch with us ~ we miss you!

Contact us via: **Phone:** 9456 2450

Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au;

And we will stay in touch with you ~ using our:

Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp>;

KCCP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>

Friday mailouts: Not receiving yours?

Please send us an email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au and insert

"Please add this email to the Friday Mailout List", WHO misses you? in the subject line.

We're in this together and we're still here for each And everyone of you!
KCCP Staff.



THE BUSH FIRE OF PENTECOST © Fr Michael Tate

As summer progresses in Australia there is a sense of expectation. It is the bushfire season. Millions of eucalypts breathe their oils which hang as a potent haze over the hills. The prevailing conditions are just right. One spark and all that potential energy can ignite and fire can sweep through with great intensity. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The state of the world after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension was much like Australia in summer.

There was a great air of expectation – Our Lord had promised that he would send the Holy Spirit. The earth had quaked at his death, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality with Divine potency hovering over humanity. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit. This was like a flaming spark, a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind'. That was as close as the early church could get to describing the phenomena accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord. Scientists tell us that, in the Australian landscape, there are few things more creative, more necessary, than an intense fire to burst open the seedpods in our eucalypt forests. It not only opens them up but it clears away competing undergrowth and allows new life to germinate in the ashes, to take root and to grow.

This is what happened to the early Christian community at Pentecost.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since. It is the birth-day of the church, the Catholic Church, the universal church, the "all-languages" Church. [Continues over page]



[from previous page] In the Hebrew scriptures there is the wonderful story of the Tower of Babel. Human beings grew arrogant in their mastery of technology and started to build a tower reaching into the heavens. To bring a halt to this arrogance, God causes division through difference of languages. So the tower project lapsed as people scattered into their separate groups.

Pentecost reverses Babel. Language was no longer a barrier to people hearing and responding to the message which St Peter went out and boldly preached. Peoples from every part of the known world heard the gospel in their own tongue. A new unity was possible for humanity in its response to hearing the core message preached by St Peter.

And that was that Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and that Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord. This is still the core message and task of the successor of St Peter. Everything else is peripheral. His role is to preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world. This helps shape the Church as the community which Our Lord intended.

How is this community to fulfil the promise and expectation of Pentecost at the beginning of this third millennium?

Without abandoning Europe, the Church has to become less obviously a European institution. It has to take the opportunity to exemplify its worldwide character with greater recognition of the way in which Catholicism can express itself in the cultural terms of other continents.

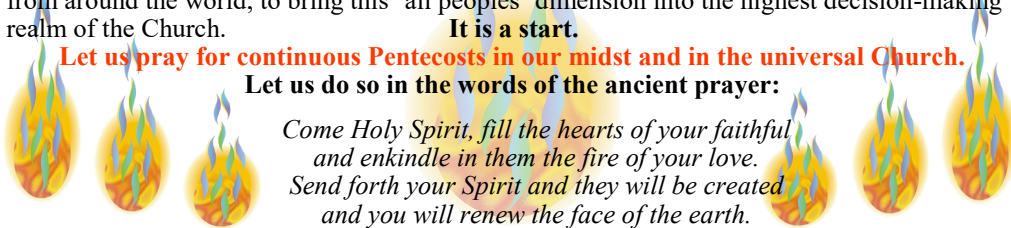
The successor of St Peter, Pope Francis, has appointed a group of eight cardinals (the 'G8') from around the world, to bring this 'all peoples' dimension into the highest decision-making realm of the Church.

It is a start.

Let us pray for continuous Pentecosts in our midst and in the universal Church.

Let us do so in the words of the ancient prayer:

*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
and you will renew the face of the earth.*



Plenary Council Assembly new dates:

The bishops have announced the new dates for the Plenary Council 2020 assemblies!

The thematic papers written by the Discernment and Writing Groups will be released on

Pentecost Sunday, and more resources and updates will follow for delegates and non-delegates alike.

In the midst of the nation's slow but sure recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are thankful for all those who continue to pray for the Church in Australia as we now travel towards October 2021!



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL
is a Catholic school dedicated to students with disabilities and want you to know that they still have enrolments for 2021.

St Lucy's School is also one of the 5 charities that the Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund continues to support.

So, ...

Do you know someone who has a child with a Disability?

St Lucy's School is a Catholic school dedicated to students with disabilities. We are a community enriched by difference; inspiring learning for a life of purpose. We provide intensive instruction in: literacy, numeracy, social and emotional learning and independence skills in a dynamic and creative environment across Primary and now High School.



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL
ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021



Please contact the School Registrar for a tour at enrolment@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or 02 8355 3157

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Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 31 May 2020
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. **Or** The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Penitential Act:

(All.) I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **(and, striking their breast, they say):** through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; **(then they continue):** therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

(P.) May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

(R.) Amen.

The Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. 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. 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. 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. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 ~ A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 (R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (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 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 ~ A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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 (R.) Thanks be to God.

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: Jn 20:19-23 ~ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 (R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow).

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Acts 2:4,11

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