

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.**

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## FOSTERING COMMUNITY

The great feast of Pentecost is traditionally understood as a celebration of the birth of the Church. The outpouring of the Spirit empowered the first disciples to engage in their ministry of preaching the word of Jesus and continue the work of building a community of faith. The presence of devout Jews from throughout the known world is a signal to Luke's Christians that the message that has been entrusted to them is to be shared with the wider world.

Paul was at the forefront of preaching the word and establishing new communities throughout the Eastern Mediterranean world. He knew that the gifts of the Spirit had been abundantly poured upon the community of Corinth but there were some in the community who started to look down on those who had received gifts different from their own. Imagine his consternation when the gifts which were meant to build up the unity of the community had become a sign of its division! Paul's response is to use the image of the parts of the body as a means of overcoming division, competition, arrogance, and envy.

John knew that the gift of the Spirit is one that both builds up the community and commissions it for mission. It is a gift that encourages and strengthens us for the road ahead. Two elements necessary to foster community are stressed in today's Gospel: firstly, that of building up the community through forgiveness and secondly, protecting it by retaining sins when necessary, and indicating to members of the community when their behaviour is destructive of the community.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## 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.

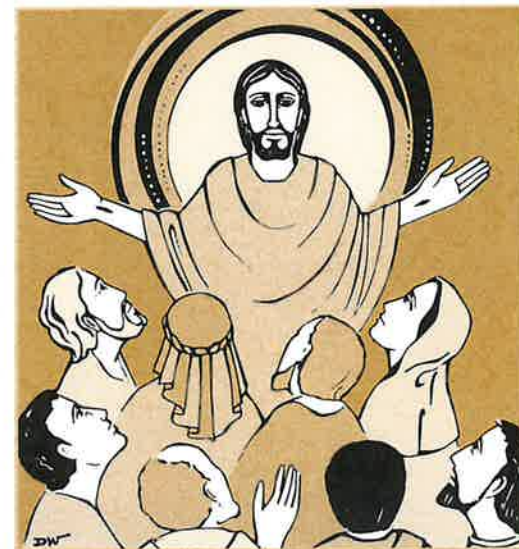
Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each 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.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)**

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**

*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.



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: Stjepan Cavolic, Joyce Bennet, Sr Judith Carney, Allana Vedder, Ken Beasley, Fabian LoSchiavo, George Rezcallah, Joe Tax, Antonia Schilt, Litizia (Letti) Aramini, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane. All the souls in Purgatory.

Anniversary: George Kerbage, Ida Rotta, Joseph Rotta, Dr Ralph Baccash, Giselle & Nasri Baccash, Carmel Donovan, Lilian Hinks, Pagta Delgado Jones, and Demi Jean Borg Sultana,

The Sick: Marcus O'Dean, Mick Hall, Angela Beveridge, Marie Cullen, Merley Nate Fien, Patrick Sargent, Gina Buchan, Ethan Sharpley, John Sarniak Thomson, Pam O'Grady, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, Santa Viselli, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless

Mona Rezcallah & family wishes to thank all at St Agnes' who sent their condolences on the passing of George Rezcallah (dearly beloved husband and father).



**Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?**

Saturday - 3 June 2023 - 5.30 pm St. Agnes'  
Sunday - 4 June 2023 - 9.00 am St. Andrews

Memorial Mass for the Late Fabian LoSchiavo, 30 May, 11am—St Andrew's Malabar

*From the Pastor's Desk*



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes of Malabar-Matraville.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. In receiving the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were propelled into the ministry of Baptism to the end of the earth and teaching all that Jesus had taught. This event 2,000 years ago we describe as the beginning of the Church. We are the body of Christ with Jesus as the head in which we continue to spread the love of God to this generation as others have passed it on to us. Our Candidates for Confirmation in a few weeks' time will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit assisting them in caring out as missionaries of God's Love.

Congratulations to Judy Chew who was on the Vigil of Pentecost 27 May 2023 (St Andrew's Malabar) received into full Communion of the Catholic Church. Congratulations Judy, it is great that you were prompted by heard the Spirit to be fully part of our Twinned Catholic Parishes of Malabar & Matraville.

'Walking with Christ', procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the Streets of Sydney—Sunday 11 June 2.30pm. Let us gather as Parishes for the love our Eucharistic Lord. Please place in your diaries.

Below are photos of our Dempsey Award recipients 2023, St Andrew's, Maire Jennings & David Strawbridge, St Agnes, Sue Donovan and Joji Kandour, congratulations and thanks you for your sterling ministry to our parishes.



GOD BLESS—Fr John



Congratulations and best wishes to Ange Portelli (St Andrew's) who celebrated his 90th Birthday on Friday, 26th May and to Maria Reilly who celebrated her 105th Birthday also on Friday, 26th May.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for children not attending St Andrew's or Sacred Heart schools will resume on **Wed, 31 May**, 3.45pm-5.15pm in the meeting room of the Church at St Andrew's.



Available at the Piety Stall (\$20) both parishes. Bob Cameron a parishioner of St Andrew's has published a book about his journey back to God—**21 Days Back to God**. You can also purchase online Coventry Press at: <https://coventrypress.cm.au/index.php?route=common/home> Just enter the title in the search box. Or order through Catholic bookshops such as: <https://www.paulinebooks.com.au/location/index.shtml> and <https://mustardseed.org.au/>.

**REMINDER PARISH OUTING:** Tuesday, 30 May 2023, Departs Matraville RSL 8.30am, Malabar Library 8.40am and Maroubra 8.45am. Please bring ID.

