

The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

■ 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

In 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 I have said to you.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

COMMUNICATING OUR FAITH

Through the gift of the outpouring of the Spirit, the first disciples were empowered to preach the message of Jesus in language that could be understood by all. To this day Pentecost remains a model for the continuing life of the Church as we seek to speak meaningfully to the people of our own time.

One of Paul’s greatest strengths as an apostle was his creativity and tireless search to communicate, in contemporary language, the meaning and consequences of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Like a cutter of precious stones, he was always bringing new facets to light, always searching for new ways to explain and communicate what he believed. He knew that Pentecost was only experienced by a chosen few and yet all Christians had been baptised into the love of Father, Son and Spirit. The gift of the Spirit enables all of us to call on God as Abba, as Father, sharing in the inheritance and promises of Christ himself. With this gift comes the call to respond and for Paul, this means leaving our enslaved past behind. Since the Spirit has made a home in us, we should live accordingly.

Similarly, the Gospel calls us to actualise the gift of the Spirit we have received through our faithfulness to Jesus’ command to love one another. That first Pentecost the disciples spoke in ways that could be understood by all. The simplest and most powerful language we have is being faithful to Jesus’ command to love one another.

Christopher Monaghan CP



PENTECOST SUNDAY / C

5 JUNE 2022

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

Rom 8:1-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Happy Birthday to all of us.

Pentecost is considered as the Birthday of the Church.



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

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased Ronelle Knowles (Michael Ford's sister), Barry Blundell, Mary Ige, Susanna Peruzzi, Caroline Jones AO, John Ireland OAM (President of Catholic Club, Sydney), Robyn Fletcher Grace Abela and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the sick and dying, the poor and the homeless (that they continue to walk in the light of God's love, mercy & compassion), the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus. and victims of mass murder of children and teachers in Texas.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Aldo Viselli, Tony Gauci, George Kerbage, Leonie Kerbage George Gennaoui, Jesvina Sarmiento, Aida Cruz, Jacinta De Sousa, Humberto Soares, Renato Lobo, Altino Aravjo,

The Sick: Angelo Portelli, Anton Snashel, Ellie Carter, Mary Lau, Lilly Weekes, Brian and Colleen Maguire, Max Fenech, Marc Bakusic, Metilda and Jacintha Mary, Fran Evans and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.



Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday, - 11 June, 5.00pm St Andrew's (Livestreamed)

Sunday - 12 June, 10.00am St Agnes'

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME



Greetings to all Parishioners & Visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes, Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar - Matraville.

Happy Pentecost to everyone, the beginning of the Church, as it evangelises the Good News to all peoples to the end of the earth. The Spirit of Pentecost is still alive and active, do we use it to proclaim the Good News and live in our lives daily?

Twenty one parishioners of our St Agnes' Community last Friday night received the Sacrament of Confirmation, that same Spirit of Pentecost. I wish to congratulate them altogether with their families, together with Bishop Richard Umbers DD who conferred the Sacrament upon them. I want to thank St Agnes' Catholic Primary School, Matraville for hosting our Confirmation Retreat Day last Wednesday and all the teachers and the coordinating team that made the day so wonderfully effective, in preparing for this Sacrament of Confirmation, Matraville (last Friday) and Malabar, 17 June 2022.

As Twinned Catholic Parishes of Malabar & Matraville we can use resources together. Every year volunteers are required together with new volunteers to enter into Archdiocese Child Safeguarding Training. All volunteers would have received a letter informing them of the times and dates. The training courses will be all at St Agnes' Matraville. 8, 10 & 11 June. If you have already completed the course, please forward your certificate to the Parish Offices.

Walk with Christ is back on! All are encouraged on Sunday 19 June, the Feast of Corpus Christi to walk through the streets of Sydney with the Blessed Sacrament. Please assemble on Corner of Pitt St and Martin Place. Entertainment from 1.30pm, Procession begins 2.30pm sharp. The procession will conclude at St Mary's Cathedral with Benediction. Please collect cards of the day at the entrance of our Churches.

If you are an envelope giver, your 2022/23 new envelope pack is ready to be collected at St Andrew's and St Agnes'. You may wish to become part of our envelope Planned Giving through envelopes or online? Slips are available if you wish to contribute in this way, you can receive some tax deduction. Please contact the parish office if you have any queries. Many thanks.

You may wish to buy a Catholic Weekly (CW) for \$2, it always has interesting Catholic News. This week, in the CW, there is an article on Maria Reilly of Matraville, who celebrated her 104/105th Birthday, it reports on a special person who visited Maria on her birthday to grant her, her wish.

God bless and keep you all on this Pentecost Day!

Fr John



We welcome **Patrick Og Donaghy** into our Parish Community who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday, 5 June 2022 at St Andrew's

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdio-