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Pentecost Sunday (YEAR A) - 28 MAY 2023

FIRST READING

Acts 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 Cor 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.'



A VOCATION VIEW

**"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit."
Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of
the Spirit. And they are active if we utilise them
for the building up of the Church. Name the way
the Lord has gifted you.**

Dear Parish family,

As Autumn slowly moves on to become Winter and the nights get colder, I look forward each afternoon to getting home and lighting the fire in the presbytery living room. Seeing the flames take hold of the kindling and then the larger logs of wood as they are added to the fireplace provides some comfort in knowing that the evening won't be so cold and uncomfortable as eventually a roaring fire will provide all the warmth the house needs!

Perhaps the disciples huddled together felt the same encouragement upon seeing the tongues of fire descend on each other as they were filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, warming their hearts and giving life to their mission to go out to the ends of the earth as instructed by Jesus.

I remember as a child thinking this scene, pictured in a variety of styles, resembled a birthday cake with many candles burning above it. This is fitting when you think about it, as Pentecost is often described as the "birthday of the church" – the coming of the Holy Spirit inaugurates the churches mission of evangelization, drawing people into relationship with Jesus Christ, through Baptism.

Perhaps a helpful reflection for us – disciples of Jesus Christ in our time and place – is to feel the warmth of our home fires burning within our hearts. As the heat from fire penetrates our bodies to warm it up and bring us back to life, so the Holy Spirit inflames us with the love of God and the desire to share this love with the whole world.

May we all be open this week to the gift of the Holy Spirit and be reassured of the communion we share with God, with one another, and all creation.

Have a blessed week!

Fr Ben Brooks



CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2022

Parents wishing to present their children to celebrate the **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist** this year and who missed the Parent Information Evening during the week, are asked to contact our **Sacramental Co-ordinator, Rosie Caelli on 6331 4377** or email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au no later than this coming **Thursday, 1st June** to arrange a suitable time for a meeting. The Presentation & Commitment Masses are over next weekend, 3rd and 4th June and the first Faith Sharing sessions are on Monday, 4th June & Tuesday, 5th June.

There will be one preparation program for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday evening, 24th August. The candidates will then continue their preparation for First Eucharist which will be celebrated at our parish Masses over the weekend of 23rd/24th September.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Call for volunteers to become catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year old children: Catechist formation for scriptural and liturgical formation of children based on Montessori educational principles.

Where: Kingston Parish. **When:** July 12-14th for Level 1, Part 1, and July 9-11th for Level 1 Part 2. Beginners can register only for Level 1, Part 1. Volunteers are required at Kingston, Launceston, and Hobart, so if you live nearby and are interested please register. **Information:** <https://youtu.be/RJZyqsjEjwU> **Register:** Christine Wood 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au **Information flyers are in the Church**

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Ellen O'Dea, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Rosa Arvia and Terry Brakey who have died recently, Maria and Lino Rossi, Mario and Angelina Colla, Jan Mackowski, Bob Kiely, Jeanne Pereira, Michael Bilowus, Dario Colpo, Patricia James, Patricia Collins, Don Cullip, Egidio Vedovelli, Kane Leary, Anna Parsons, Daniel Currie, Robert McLaine, Mary Bennett, Kathleen Maloney, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

PENTECOST SUNDAY – There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **today** after Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., West Launceston, concluding with Benediction at 3pm. All are welcome.

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 4th June at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

LOST PROPERTY There are many items of lost property at the back of Church of the Apostles—spectacles, gloves, rosary beads etc. Please check if you are missing anything.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to “Our Blessed Mother Mary” for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome.

Enquiries: phone 6334 1082

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.



CATHOLIC
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Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays

17, 24 June; 7, 14 October

Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris

To enrol or for further information:

Dr Christopher Knauf, Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

150th Year Anniversary, Sunday 18th June 2023

Mass at 10.30am at Church of the Apostles will be followed with refreshments and a tour of the school. RSVP is essential for refreshments and the tour by 7 June. Enquiries: shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au/ 63311011

SACRED HEART OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION

All Old Collegians are invited to attend the 150th year and Final Reunion Lunch on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 12noon at Riverside Golf Club. Cost \$38. For payment details RSVP by 1st June to Hetty Binns: 0438 321 435 or hbinns@westnet.com.au

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
5.30pm	Apostles (April—September)	

WEEKDAY MASSES 29th May - 3rd June

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm –5.45pm	Newstead

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the next financial year will be distributed during the next few weeks to those who already donate to the Parish finances in this way.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program and contribute through envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377 or email: apostles@bigpond.com to arrange for a set of envelopes.

Thank you for your continued financial support to the Parish.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS



The following items would be most appreciated to give out to people in need who use the Vinnies Van: soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, jackets,. blankets, shampoo/conditioner. (No body lotion).

Please drop off to the Parish Office during office hours or call the office for further information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - WINTER APPEAL

The Winter Appeal supports some of the most vulnerable in our community during the cold months of winter in Tasmania. The Appeal helps provide for immediate necessities, and offers support and advocacy for hope, peace and justice. If you are able, please take an envelope from the back of the church, all donations no matter how small are appreciated.

Grocery Drive: The Parish will be organising a Grocery Drive for Vinnies during June. Details will follow.

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

***My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.***



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession This annual Procession is happening on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday 11 June**. For those who are wanting to join the procession, please assemble at St Joseph's Church in Hobart no later than **12.45pm**. The procession will arrive at St Mary's Cathedral at about 2.00pm with Adoration and Benediction, finishing at 3.00pm.

More information: Michael McKenna 0409 178 133.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 29th:	John 19:25-34
Tuesday 30th:	Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday 31st:	Luke 1:39-56
Thursday 1st:	Mark 10:46-52
Friday 2nd:	Mark 11:11-26
Saturday 3rd:	Mark 11:27-33

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

Daniel 3:52-56

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

DINING WITH FRIENDS

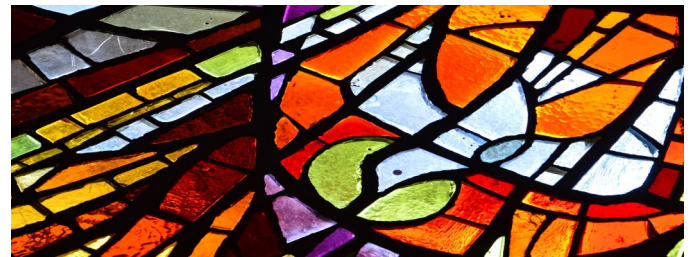
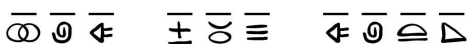
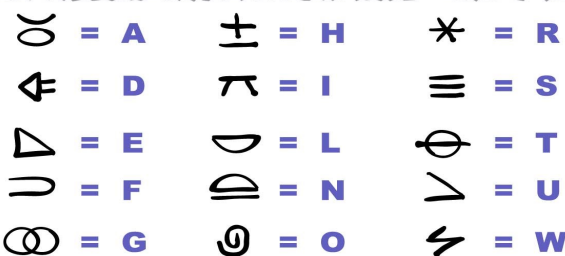
***An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society
together with the Launceston Parish.***



*If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a FREE home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to **Dining with Friends**.*

Next gathering: Tuesday, 6th June at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for catering Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.



Children's Corner



The Spirit Brings

I can show love by _____

LOVE

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

I can be a peacemaker by _____

PEACE

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

I can show joy by _____

JOY

because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

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