

FR ALO WRITES...

“Receive the Holy Spirit!”

(John 20:19-23)

Last week I wrote about allowing the Spirit to be in charge of us. This weekend on the feast of Pentecost the same theme is emphasized. And Jesus gave the example of himself. We know from the Gospel that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized in the Jordan River: “*And John offered testimony, saying: ‘For I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove; and he remained upon him.this is the one who baptized with the Holy Spirit’*” (John 1:32, 33). The same Spirit which I believe the Spirit of Jesus as well prepared him before going to the dessert where he was tested by the devil for forty days. It was a preparation for him to do his public ministry (Luke 4:1, 14).

When Jesus was ascending to heaven he promised to give the same Spirit to his disciples. And as Jesus prepared his mission by going through his own baptism and trial before put to death, he wanted his disciples also to go through the same pattern. They have to be “baptized” (called to be with Jesus) and put to the test by witnessing their master’s crucifixion. To complete their joy of resurrection, he urged them to wait for the advocate. They have to receive ‘new baptism in spirit’ before beginning their public ministry. He asked them “*to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high*” (Luke 24:49).

Today when we are celebrating the Feast of the Pentecost we may gather together around the Eucharistic table and with a silent heart we are calling and waiting with great desire for the coming of the Spirit within us. We may have known that there are Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We may ask God to give a few or one of them for the benefit of our own spiritual growth or for our “public ministry” in serving others. May I refresh our minds with those seven gifts: WISDOM (ability to value spiritual things over worldly ones), UNDERSTANDING (helps us to grasp the truths of the faith), COUNSEL (right judgment – acknowledging the difference between right and wrong), COURAGE (sustain our decision to follow the will of God), KNOWLEDGE (awareness of God’s plan), REVERENCE (obedience to God and willingness to serve him) and WONDER AND AWE (makes us aware of the Glory and majesty of God).

I was a little late in writing this reflection this week as I have been traveling the whole day (back and forth) from Monte Negro to Macedonia. I was hoping to have some historical and spiritual meaning in my travel, knowing that St. Paul the apostle, once traveled to Macedonia. However, I was disappointed because the part of Macedonia that I visited was not the place where he went. He went to the other part of Macedonia that belongs to Greece now. Apart from my disappointment, I came to realize that the Spirit is working not always from outside. He works mostly from within. We are asked to trust the Spirit that works from within our hearts.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 23 MAY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 24 MAY

9:30am Confirmation Orientation Mass
+ Kids Church, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 25 MAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

9:00am Mass
10.30am Funeral – Tom (Restum) Gamo

FRIDAY 29 MAY

9:00am Mass - Year 4

SATURDAY 30 MAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 31 MAY

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea,
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.

SIGN UP!

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Maria Caetano (Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm)

MASS TIMES

Sat - 6pm (Vigil)

Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am

Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm

French Mass Third Sun - 11am

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION

Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Marie Nilon – 9663 3346

OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334, is a JP and is happy to sign documents as required.

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

Galatians 5: 16-25

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 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Marie Burke, Kath Neale, Karen Lamb, Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan, Leo O’Sullivan, Min Keating, Tonia Pastorelli, Manuel Mouco, Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan, Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzysinski, Neville Dunn, Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Lucia Simeone, Fr Peter Robinson msc, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Anton’s mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

Colin Ashlford, Tom (Restum) Gamo, Guiomar De Oliveira

ANNIVERSARIES

Ernest John McCamley

ROSTERS

MAY 23/24	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	George Bedirian	Terry Gormley	John Allen
Readers	Agnes Irhia Linda Irhia	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Nicholas Black Virginia Black
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi Jan Nicholas	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox	Diana Woon Grace Pandiangan
KidsChurch	Christina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Sheila McAndrew		
MAY 30/31	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	Fred Luca
Readers	John Dorahy Sr Helen Hearne	Kelsey McGuinness Toni McGuinness	Tony King Wil Thorp
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco Dewi Suryani	Thomas Chia Briant Koh Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox Hartono Ong Ana Corpuz	Jan Nicholas Lyn King
KidsChurch	Vacancy		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Thomas Chia		

MUSTARD SEED ADVANCED MOVIE SCREENING!

'The Good Lie' Starring Reese Witherspoon. An inspirational film about a group of Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America, where their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all of their lives. At The Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe - on Thursday, 4 June at 7.30pm. **Book your tickets** (\$5 each) by phone on **9646 9000**. **Tickets are strictly limited!**

WALKING THE CAMINO

An 80 minute audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney about a 700km pilgrimage walk in Spain. Q&A session at conclusion. Three locations: **North Sydney**. Saturday, 30 May 11.00am (nearly full) and 2.00pm, Tenison Room, Mary MacKillop Place, 80 William Street; **Winston Hills**. Sunday, 31 May 11.00am, Fr. David Scott Parish Centre, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 40 Buckleys Road; **Strathfield**. Saturday, 27 June 12.30pm. St. Martha's Hall, Churchill Avenue. Suggested donation \$10 / \$8 concession. **Limited seating. Registration essential:**

camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au. Please specify event location, session time and number of seats needed.

PREPARING FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE?

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for **June 27 & 28**. \$230 per couple. For more information, call **9646 9010** or go to www.caec.com.au - ***A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime***

ACU THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY COURSES

Short courses in Sydney on Jesus and the Gospels start in **August**. At ACU Strathfield Campus, Gleeson Auditorium, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm; Cost: \$80 (a Certificate of Attendance issued for Catholic teacher accreditation purposes) or \$40. **Registration essential by Friday, 31 July**. For more information refer to the attached flyer or visit www.acu.edu.au/theology/shorcourses.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL AND AQUINAS ACADEMY

The Aquinas and CFR Saturday Reflection will be held on Saturday 6 June at 9.30am to 12.30pm at Hunters Hill Villa Maria Rooms cnr 1 Mary St/Gladesville Rd. The Leader is Fr Aloysius Rego ocd who will guide us to: "St Therese and the God of Merciful Love". Come and enjoy a few hours of peaceful solitude in that Merciful Love. No charge but donation appreciated. Tea and coffee available. Enq: to Michelle on 9958 5963.

REFLECTION MORNING AT THE GRAIL CENTRE

You are invited to a morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on Tuesday 2nd June from 10am to 12 noon. We will be reflecting on the meaning of stability in the context of Benedictine Spirituality. There will be time for silent meditation and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. We ask for a small donation to cover costs. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the Grail Centre (9955 3053) or ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au, or Tricia Gemmell (pgemmell@tpg.com.au).

HOUR OF GRACE & MERCY

Thursday (First Friday Vigil) | 7-8pm
Reconciliation available.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Funeral of Colin Ashelford, son of Peter and Anne Ashelford will be held at St Agatha's Catholic Church - 20 Boundary Rd Pennant Hills on Monday 25th May at 11.30am.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The Parishioners of OLR wish to extend a warm welcome to our Confirmation Candidates and their families this weekend who will be attending the 9.30am Pentecost Sunday Mass. This will be followed by their orientation and first preparation session. Parents are asked to take their children straight to the hall after Mass.

**MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL
30/31 MAY**

Fr Adrian Meaney msc will hold the MSC Mission Office Appeal next weekend at all Masses. Please give your support to this appeal.

**MSC MISSION OFFICE
VOLUNTEERS**

Interested in helping/supporting our Missionary endeavours by offering your time, skills and talents? We invite women and men aged 18 to 80 to become part of our team of volunteers at the Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave Kensington 2033.

Expressions of interest are most welcome. Please call (02) 9697-0983 or email mscmisio@acon.com.au
Fr Adrian Meaney msc.



WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

YOUNG ADULTS SILENT RETREAT WITH FR JOSEPH CHUA










Amidst all the noise, God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. Let's give God some of this precious silent time in order to enhance our relationship with Him and work out where He may be leading us in the next step of our life journey. Join us for this silent retreat as we are led deeper in our spiritual lives by Fr Joseph Chua, a Cistercian monk of Tarrawarra Abbey in Victoria. Fr Joseph currently serves as the vocation director and novice master of his community and has a deep interest in helping others foster a contemplative spirituality in their daily living. Fr Joseph is travelling to Sydney especially to give this retreat. The retreat will run from 6:30pm Friday 5 June and finish with an optional dinner at 5:00pm Sunday 7 June, with daily mass and spiritual direction available. The retreat will be held at the beautiful BXVI Centre and will cost \$215. Places are strictly limited, to register, please book via www.trybooking.com/HQCB For more information email events@catholicyouthservices.org or call us on 9764 4357.

JOKE CORNER

A Priest, a Minister, and a Rabbi are on a fishing trip. The Rabbi says he wants a drink, so he walks off the boat, across the water, and grabs the drink. A few minutes later, the Minister wants a drink too, and also walks across the water. The priest thinks to himself 'If God lets them walk on water, he'll let me too', and leaves the boat. The priest sinks like a stone into the lake. The Rabbi turns to the Minister and says "guess he didn't know where the stepping stones were."



Jesus told his disciples about the Holy Spirit: "The Helper will come – the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father." Unscramble the words to find out what he said the Spirit will do for the disciples.

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