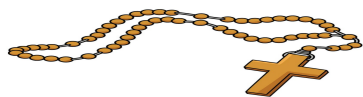


During May we shall be reciting the rosary before 10.00 am Sunday Mass so please aim to be seated by 9.45 am.



24th May 2026
Pentecost
Celebrated by
Fr. Loretu Tabone

Many voices – One faith

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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

Responsorial Psalm

103(104):1,24,29-31,34

(R) Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
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)**

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)**

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♪ Hymns for Today ♪
126 Come Holy Ghost
98 Breathe on Me breath of God
914 The Spirit Lives (Walk in the Light)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 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.

The Word of the Lord

Sequence – See attached

We Pray For

Those in our community and all our relatives and friends who need our prayers especially **Lilian Fitzpatrick who was readmitted to hospital with the third stroke in as many months** as well as those who have died

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)**

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Reflection

Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give into resignation or failure? Easter, brothers and sisters, is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness ... What is the stone that I need to remove, what is the name of this stone?
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Memorial Acclamation

He is Lord. He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

After listening to today's readings let us now consider the following :
Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too. 'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.' Does this cause any difficulties? Which is more important to you, peace or forgiveness? Or are they the same?

And from Fr Robert Draper

At the beginning of his Gospel and at the beginning of the Book of Acts, Luke constantly dips into 'Old Testament' language and concepts to anchor the Christian dispensation in the history of God's dealing with Israel. Therefore in order to have a good grasp of the significance of the Feast of Pentecost and what Luke is trying to portray, any reader needs to reflect on the Old Testament themes that are touched on. A good way of doing this is to take the four readings offered for the Mass and ponder them to discern the insights Luke offers. Luke is aware that the only vocabulary and concepts he has to describe the working of God are those that come from the tradition of Israel, and so he casts the story of the new Pentecost in the language of the Hebrew Scriptures. The Tower of Babel narrative from Genesis reveals that human pride and sin is thwarted by the division of language - division is always a sign of the absence of God - but at Pentecost that is overcome; in the theophany on Mount Sinai God's presence is portrayed in terrifying terms (cf. Heb. 12.18-19), but at Pentecost the echoes in the account of Luke are beneficent; the Dry Bones of Ezekiel show thz: that which is dead can be brought to life by the Spirit (breath) of God; while the outpouring of the Spirit from the prophet Joel offers universal access to God's gifts as the great variety of hearers on the day of Pentecost discovered. All of these insights offer an opportunity to explore the significance of the gift of the Spirit given to the Apostles and available to believers at Pentecost and today. The outpouring of the Spirit on the Apostles is not a weird and wonderful 'miracle, but a fulfilment of what God had intended and promised in the paw: and what the Paschal Mystery has now made possible.

We may be celebrating Pentecost - fifty days after Easter, but today's Gospel from John is set on Easter Sunday. This is a useful reminder that the Christian Mystery is not a series of chronological distinct steps but a seamless whole where the Resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Spirit are all part of the same action of God, and that action is always now.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Commencing **Wednesday 6th May**, and on the 15 Wednesdays up to the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Saturday 15th August, there will be a **Mass in English at Ta Pinu at 11.15a.m.** Readers are needed for these masses please.

11th June 2026 3.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in English at Ghasri church followed by refreshments.

CELEBRATIONS IN MAY

Birthdays

- 11th** Brian Coen
- 18th** Rachel Holland

Money Matters

The collection for last Sunday was € 210.09

All monies collected are deployed to cover the costs of running our community and for good causes

Eucharistic Ministers

24-May-26	Iain Dando	Monique Sant Georges
31-May-26	Ben Miltenburg	Mary Newman
07-Jun-26	Johanna Marks	David Felice Pace
14-Jun-26	Ben Miltenburg	Iain Dando
21-Jun-26	Johanna Marks	Monique Sant Georges

Readers Rota – If you would like to join please contact Johanna on johannamarks3@gmail.com

24-May Readings	John Attard	Prayers	Angelika Camilleri
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Would you like to join us on the Council and help in running our community?

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SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From Thy 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,
Visiting the troubled breast,
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;
Where Thou art not, man hath naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of 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 those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts, descend:
Give us comfort when they die,
Give us life with Thee on high,
Give us joys that never end.
Amen.