



*We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.*

*We are committed to
being a Child-Safe
Community*

PENTECOST SUNDAY 24th - 5 - 26
THE CLIMAX AND CONCLUSION OF THE EASTER SEASON
'The Season of Glad Song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

*This week: Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23
 Next week: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18*



Today with the celebration of Pentecost the Easter Season draws to a close. This Easter feast of Pentecost stands as the second greatest day in our Church year after Easter Sunday itself.

Pentecost is often looked at as just a feast day standing by itself. But it's not. It is an Easter day, intimately bound up with Easter itself. Pentecost celebrates that what happens at Easter belongs also to us - that the Spirit poured out by the Father on Jesus, raising him to life, is poured out on us.

And the Spirit is the Spirit of unity. As the Spirit is the bond of love uniting Father and Son in the Trinity, so the Spirit unites us, brings us into one body.

For that reason Pentecost is often called 'the birthday of the Church' for the Church is born, the Christian community is born, in the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For that reason too the week leading up to Pentecost is observed as 'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. This is a day which invites us to participate in the great unifying work of the Holy Spirit 'who builds the body of Christ'. A Pentecost people is an ecumenical people.

Fr Colin

**PASTORAL
WORKS** Broken Bay

THANK YOU and HURRAH !

Thank you to you all for your support of the current Pastoral Works Appeal, and indeed both appeals over this financial year.

Although by last week we were around \$12,000 in shortfall, further contributions have now allowed us to exceed our quota by over \$5000! A great result for our parish & a great support for the pastoral ministries supported by PWBB.

Thank you one and all,
Fr Colin



Next Sunday, the first following the Easter Season, is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity (Trinity Sunday), celebrating the God we experience in the mystery of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus: the Father, reaching out in love to the world, the Son - the Father's eternal Word - who became flesh for our salvation, the Spirit of love, drawing all things into unity in God..



A few weeks ago those at morning tea following the 8:30am Mass celebrated Bernie Benjamin's 90th birthday.

Congratulations Bernie!



The monthly gathering of the parish Seniors' Social Group took place on Friday 15th (though on this occasion a few regulars were away).

All senior parishioners welcome - 3rd Friday of every month at 11:00am.



OUR PARISH FINANCES

As we all know a trip to the petrol station of the supermarket has become a more expensive exercise of late.

Our parish expenses are taking a similar hit. If everyone was able to just put an extra \$1 into both the First and Second Collection each week it would make a huge difference. *Thank you.*

OUR NEXT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

will take place on
THIS Tuesday 26th May
at 7:30pm
in **Roseville Uniting Church**
(5 Lord St).



Please be there as we gather in the warm afterglow of the great feast of Pentecost.



This month marks the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Broken Bay. All are invited to two events to mark this occasion:

1. **The Mass of Thanksgiving THIS Thursday 28 May** at 7pm at The Light of Christ Centre, end of Yardley Ave, Waitara, followed by a farewell supper for Archbishop Anthony.

If you would like to attend, please scan the QR code and register.

2. **40th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner Friday 29 May**

Join Archbishop Anthony Randazzo for this anniversary celebration in our Diocese when we can also support and thank our Diocesan Award Recipients for their many years of service and support. For booking information and details of the night: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLZBE> or click on the QR code. Why not gather a table of ten?



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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LINDFIELD

OPEN DAY

Saturday 30 May 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

A SCHOOL WHERE EVERY CHILD SHINES.

At Holy Family Catholic Primary School Lindfield, every child is known, valued, and supported. Our close-knit community and dedicated teachers nurture academic excellence, strong faith, and personal growth in every student. With rich opportunities in learning, sport, music, and performance, children are encouraged to discover their gifts and thrive.

Meet with our Principal and take a first hand look at our learning environment



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Are you or is someone you know considering becoming a Catholic?



RCIA

A Journey In Faith

The team from our parish RCIA programme will again be leading the journey to next Easter guiding and preparing those who wish to become members of the Catholic Church.

The process involves a series of meetings in which the various aspects of Catholic faith and life are presented and discussed, and culminates with either baptism or reception into the Catholic Church at Easter 2027.

For those whose principal language is Mandarin, this year we will ask you take part in an Alpha Course (introduction to Christian faith) in Mandarin, prior to the main RCIA programme.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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您或您认识的人是否正在考虑皈依天主教?

《天主教成人入门圣事》(RCIA) 是天主教为希望加入教会的成年人设立的一个信仰培育过程。我们教区的RCIA团队将再次带领大家踏



RCIA

A Journey In Faith

上通往下一个复活节的信仰之旅，陪伴并帮助每一位渴望成为天主教会成员的人一起学习和成长。

RCIA的整个过程包括一系列每周一次的聚会，我们团队将介绍和讨论天主教信仰和生活的各个方面，最终帮助大家在今年复活节接受洗礼并加入天主教会。

对于母语为普通话的朋友，今年我们将特别邀请您在正式的RCIA课程之前，参加一个普通话的Alpha课程（基督教信仰入门），这将是帮助您了解和建立信仰的第一步。如果您感兴趣或想了解更多信息，请尽快联系教区办公室。

As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found. We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Food for the spirit

THE COMPLEX MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

Sometimes it is hard to tell sickness from health. When we're suffering, is it an indication that there's something wrong with us or might it be that the suffering is the healthy result of living faithfully? When we are anxious, are worrying God's kingdom into birth or are we simply worrying ourselves to death? Suffering is complex and ambiguous. Here's an example.

Henri Nouwen, one of our generation's most renowned and respected spiritual guides was, as he shared so honestly in his writings, a complex and often tortured individual. He was a saint, but one who struggled mightily at times to keep his life true to his commitments and his vows. His commitment was solid, but his emotions were not.

He was a Roman Catholic priest, vowed to celibacy, but prone to fall in love at times. In one such instance, he fell in love obsessively. Having a vow of celibacy, recognizing that this relationship could never include the special intimacy he craved, and getting a clear signal from the other that the obsession wasn't mutual, he fell into a depression which landed him in a clinic for a number of months. Eventually he regained his health and balance, and from that new space, wrote *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, his signature book which has become a spiritual classic.

Most of the commentaries on Nouwen's life treat this incident as a pathology, as a period in his life where he was not healthy, as certain downfall from grace. They point to a number of things that seemingly indicate this: He was gay and had fallen in love with a heterosexual man who did not have romantic feelings toward him; his seminary training had ill-prepared him for the experience of falling in love in this way; he was by temperament an emotionally complex and often times tortured individual; and there are questions about how healthy his relationship with his mother was as he was growing up.

All of these factors no doubt played a role in his depression; but, looked at more deeply, this incident can be viewed in a very different way, that is, not as a pathology, a sickness, or an immaturity (albeit these are always a factor for all of us), but rather as a crisis that ultimately gives profound witness to Nouwen's deep spiritual health, to his fidelity to the Gospel, to his commitments, and to his willingness to, like Jesus, sweat blood in Gethsemane.

Whatever else, Nouwen accepted this crushing pain in his life with honesty and integrity and, like Jesus,

accepted to be personally broken rather than to break his vows.

That's the deep challenge, one given to us by Jesus and one that was given to me and my siblings by my dad, who would tell us: "Unless you're willing to sweat blood, you will not be able to keep your commitments." Jesus tells us the same thing and we see that he had to precisely do that, sweat blood to remain faithful to his mission. Moreover, it is significant to note where he sweated blood, namely, in a "garden".

Sin both Old and New Testaments, the word "garden" does not refer to a place to grow vegetables. Biblically, the "Garden" is the place of love; it's where lovers go. Note that Jesus doesn't sweat blood in the temple, or on a mountain, or in a boat on the sea. Rather, he sweats blood in a garden, the place of love, as one whose heart is breaking in love. Henri Nouwen sweated blood in a clinic, as one whose heart was breaking. That clinic was his "garden", his Gethsemane, the place where he was undergoing paschal transformation more so than succumbing to an illness.

Whatever his weaknesses, his temptations, his emotional crises, Nouwen always shared these openly and with a disarming honesty. For all his complexities and the seeming contradictions in his life, he was always transparent, almost in a childlike manner. He kept little under the surface. Moreover, the argument that this crisis was ultimately a healthy experience for him can be based too on the fruits it bore in his life.

By their fruits you will know them!

Henri Nouwen, despite his immense popularity, struggled his entire adult life to simply receive love and to believe that he was lovable. He was changed radically by undergoing this breakdown. After leaving the clinic and returning to his normal life, he had for the rest of his life an abiding sense of being loved and of being lovable. Out of that transformed space he wrote his spiritual masterpiece, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, which has helped thousands of us to receive love more deeply and accept that we are (despite our haunting congenital doubts to the contrary) lovable.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi

NOTICES RE VARIOUS GATHERINGS, COURSES:

We have received notices re various gatherings, short courses etc. for which there is no room in the bulletin.

You can find the details on our 'Virtual Parish Noticeboard' on the parish website.

Go to 'News and Events' —————> 'Virtual Parish Noticeboard'.

Headcount

Just to let you know that, as has been the case for many decades now, the bishops of Australia arrange for a headcount at all Masses during May. This helps us in being attentive to the health of our communities and to be able to focus on pastoral planning.

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW ORGAN

will take place at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield today, Pentecost Sunday.

At the conclusion of the Mass Jim Forsyth will play a postlude.

Morning tea will follow Mass in St Brigid's Hall.

Hymns for the Pentecost

ENTRANCE HYMN : COME HOLY GHOST, CREATOR COME

1. Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from your bright heavenly throne,
come take possession of our souls,
and make them all your own.
2. For you are called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.
3. And you are sev'nfold in thy grace,
finger of God's right hand,
his promise, teaching little ones
to speak and understand.
4. O guide our minds with your blest light,
with love our hearts inflame,
And with your strength, which ne'er decays,
confirm our mortal frame.
5. Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath your sacred wing.
6. Through you may we the Father know,
through you th'eternal Son,
And you the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessed Three in One.
7. All glory to the Father be,
with his co-equal Son:
The same to you, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

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HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS : BY YOUR KINGLY POWER O RISEN LORD

Refrain: By your kingly power, O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored:
in your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen:
death has no more victory,
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

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COMMUNION HYMN: COME DOWN O LOVE DIVINE

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN : BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD

Refrain: Behold the glory of God, the Day-Star arising!
Christ Jesus shines on the earth with mercy enduring!

Night of hope, night of glory divine—
Darkness conquered evermore.
Christ triumphant shines on the earth
With joy that endures. *Refrain*

Dance for joy all you angels of God,
Let the pow'rs of heav'n exult.
All creation, join now in song:
"Salvation is won!" *Refrain*

Let the earth in its beauty rejoice,
Radiant as the morning sky.
Chains of death lie shattered this day –
Christ's vict'ry complete! *Refrain*

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Thanks to some generous volunteers
Children's Liturgy of the Word has
returned and takes place within the
10:15am Mass at Lindfield on the Sundays
on which there isn't a Children's Mass - ie
on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the
month.

The children will be called forward just
after Mass begins and will then go with
their leaders to encounter God's Word at
their level.

This is for all young
primary school-
aged children.

Next one is on next
Sunday 31st May!



ON THE 'OTHERNESS' OF GOD.....

God is not "something near" (first, because God is
not a 'thing', and second, God is infinitely distant
in His incomprehensibility, unfathomability, and
unobjectifiableness), but rather God is *nearness*
itself. God is light, declared St Bonaventure,
repeating the well-known expression Scripture, and
went on to say that when we look we do not see the
"light" itself, but we see all things *in the light*.

Tomáš Halík

The Prayers and Responses of Mass

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

THE PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

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.

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.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to God.
I find my joy in 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!

THE PENTECOST SEQUENCE

(please remain seated to pray the Sequence)

Holy Spirit, God of light,
fill us with your radiance bright;
gentle Father of the poor,
make us by your help secure;
come, your boundless grace impart,
bring your love to every heart.

Lord of consolation, come,
warm us when our hearts are numb;
great Consoler, come and heal,
to our souls your strength reveal;
cool, refreshing comfort pour,
and our peace of mind restore.

Light immortal, fire divine,
with your love our hearts refine;
come, our inmost bring fill, make us all to do your will;
goodness you alone can give,
grant that in your grace we live.

Come, our lukewarm hearts inspire,
mould our wills to your desire;
in our weakness make us strong,
and amend our every wrong;
guide us when we go astray, wash our stain of guilt away.

Give to ev'ry faithful soul
gifts of grace to make us whole;
help us when we come to die,
so that we may live on high;
ever let your love descend,
give us joys that never end.

Veni sancte spiritus Stephen Langton (d. 1228), Archbishop of Canterbury.
Trans. Anthony Petti

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection, until you come again.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: STAY, LEARN, AND LOVE.

*Rev. Cameron Trimble connects the monastic wisdom of
Saint Benedict with the desert ammas (mothers) and
abbas (fathers) who were his spiritual ancestors:*

St Benedict told his communities to stay: to root
themselves in place, in relationship, in shared life.
Stability, he taught, is how love survives collapse. You
do not run every time the world shakes. You commit.
You tend. You remain.

But long before Benedict organised communities that
stayed, another stream of elders stepped away for a
time—the Desert Mothers and Fathers—because they
wanted to learn how to live in the world without
becoming shaped by its distortions.

At first glance, these look like opposite instructions:
Go versus stay. Leave versus root. Desert versus
monastery. But underneath, they answer the same
spiritual problem: How do you remain faithful when
the surrounding culture is losing its moral centre?

The desert elders left noise to recover clarity.
Benedictine communities built structure to protect
clarity. Both traditions understood that without
intentional spiritual formation and maturity, power,
fear, and spectacle will train the soul faster than truth
will. The desert was never the final destination. It was
a training ground for perception.

One elder taught that the first task of spiritual life is
learning to see your own reactions clearly: how
quickly anger justifies itself, how easily fear pretends
to be wisdom, how often ego disguises itself as
courage. Silence exposed all of that, not to shame
people, but to free them.

Benedict took the next step. He asked: Once you learn
to see clearly, how do you live faithfully in community
over the long haul? His answer was not intensity but
rhythm—prayer, work, shared meals, mutual care,
accountability, humility, repair.

So the question for us is not whether to leave or stay.
Most of us are not called to geographic withdrawal. We
are called to interior non-cooperation with corruption
while remaining deeply committed to one another.

You can stay without surrendering your soul. But it
takes practice.

It takes boundaries around attention. It takes rhythms
that interrupt outrage. It takes communities that tell
the truth to one another gently and directly. It takes
prayer, or silence, or honest reflection that clears
emotional distortion before it hardens into identity.
Right now many people feel spiritually flooded,
saturated with alarm, analysis, reaction, and dread.
The nervous system never powers down. The moral
imagination never gets quiet enough to hear wisdom
instead of impulse. The elders would recognise this
immediately.

They would not tell you to disappear. They would tell
you to build inner ground. They would tell you to
create small deserts of clarity inside daily life—spaces
where truth can speak without competition—so that
when you act, you act from depth instead of reactivity.

Benedict would agree. Stay. But stay awake. Stay
rooted. Stay practiced in humility and courage. Stay
shaped by love more than by fear.

The goal is never escape. The goal is freedom—the
kind that lets you remain fully human when systems
forget how.

Killara Church
5:30pm Vigil
9.00am*

Lindfield Church
8.30am 10.15am**
12noon Chinese Mass
6:00pm Youth Mass***

* Morning Tea follows 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sunday.
** 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, with Children's Choir, and is followed by morning tea.
*** Parish Pot Luck dinner follows 6pm Mass on the 3rd

Weekday Mass this week

EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Location. Rows include Mon 8am Killara, Tues 8am Killara, Wed 10am Lindfield, etc.

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (gathering in our church at Killara):

Mass Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)
Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon
Evensong 4th Sunday of the month 4pm

Sunday Mass Roster

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Priest. Rows include SATURDAY Killara 5:30PM Fr Colin, SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Fr Colin, etc.

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For all of our staff click on 'Our Parish' on the website.

Holy Family School: 4 Highfield Rd, Lindfield
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Ways that you can support our parish

1. Direct debit contributions from your bank A/C:

1st Collection:

(providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy):

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

2nd Collection:

(providing for all the operating costs of the parish):

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2. Credit card: Scan the code & then select each of our two collections



3. Periodic payments from your credit card:

Just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

4. The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.

MAY

Online Meditation Group every Wednesday

8:00-8:30am.

Table with 2 columns: Date, Event. Rows include Sun 24th 10.15am Blessing of the Organ, Wed 27th 7:30pm Scripture study, etc.

JUNE

Table with 2 columns: Date, Event. Rows include Wed 3rd 11:00am Scripture study, Thu 4th 8.45am Playgroup, etc.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturdays at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

五旬節主日 (節日) 24.5.2026
中文主日彌撒正午12時
讀經一 (眾人都充滿了聖神, 說起外方話來。)
恭讀宗徒大事錄 2:1-11
五旬節一到, 門徒及眾人都聚集一處, 忽然, 從天上来了一阵響聲, 好像暴風颯來, 充滿了他們所坐的屋子, 有些他們都充...

就如身體只是一個, 卻有許多肢體; 身體所有的肢體雖多, 仍是一個身體; 基督也是這樣。因為我們眾人, 不論是猶太人, 或是希臘人, 或是為奴的, 或是自主的, 都因一個聖神受了洗, 成為一個身體, 又都為一個聖神所滋潤。
五旬節讚歌
聖神, 請你降臨, 從高天放射你的光芒。窮人的慈父, 請你降臨! 恩寵的施主, 請你降臨! 心靈的真相, 請你降臨! 你是良善的施慰者; 你是心靈甘飴的賓客; 你是甜蜜的涼蔭。在勞苦中, 你是憩息; 在酷熱裡, 你是清風; 在悲痛時, 你是慰藉。你是萬福的真相, 求你充滿你信眾的心靈深處。沒有你的助佑, 人便一無所有, 一無是處。求你洗淨我們的污穢, 灌溉我們的乾枯, 醫治我們的創傷。求你軟化頑固的心, 溫暖冷酷的心, 引導迷途的人。求你將七種神恩, 賜給你的信眾。求你賜我們修德的能力, 善生福終, 永享天福。
福音前歡呼
領: 聖神, 請你降臨, 充滿你信徒的心; 在他們心內, 燃起你的愛火。福音 (就如父派遣了我, 我也同樣派遣你們, 你們領受聖神吧!) 恭讀聖若望福音 20:19-23
領: 願你們平安! 說了這話, 便把手和肋膀指給他們看。門徒見了主, 便喜歡起來。耶穌又對他們說: 「願你們平安! 就如父派遣了我, 我也同樣派遣你們。」說了這話, 就向他們噓了一口氣, 說: 「你們領受聖神吧! 你們赦免誰的罪, 誰的罪就得赦免; 你們保留誰的罪, 誰的罪就被保留。」——上主的話。
彌撒後, 請各教友參加午餐聚會
Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語)
**牧職修女司徒金美修女 0419-426899
**北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung 0416-118089

Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:
Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Molly Barry of our parish who died last week. Molly's Funeral Mass will be celebrated this Friday 29th at 11am at Lindfield.
Please pray also for Theophanes Manchoon Park (Cecilia Park's father) who died in Korea last week.

Recently deceased: Christine Walsh, Fr Robert Crawford, Rusty Walters, Renaldo Gaiety, Fr David Taylor, Patrick Martin, Elvira Rodriguez, Mary McCormick, Peter Lawrence, Edward Carlos Aouad. Anniversary: Michael Lyons, Joan McCreanor, Kevin McCreanor, John McCreanor, Margaret Dwyer, Marjorie Johnston, Fr Peter Flynn, Alexander Kalnoky, May Spies, Marjorie Steffel.

Please pray for those who are sick: Fr Clem Hill, Helen Tisdell, Evelyne Jones, Tony Plottel, Elizabeth Wales, Annette Leong, Diana Rosewell, Genevieve Larkin, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, William Wise, Janette Brennan, Barbara and John McMullen

A parishioner's experience of Alpha

Joining the Alpha programme for me was not so much to learn more about the Jesus I know and love, it was more about making connections as I was new to Sydney last year. As I reflected at the retreat, I found a church community, I made connections and beautiful friendships. Yes, I learnt more about God and the Trinity, but going to Mass on Sunday, people greeted me by my name. I felt welcomed, and I thank God I joined the Alpha programme.

P. Mills.

WHICH SIDE OF HISTORY DO WE WANT TO BE ON?

At the time of the fall of Rome in an historical situation somewhat similar to our own times after the collapse of the bipolar world, a period of migratory crisis and fear of tensions within a fatefully interconnected world - Saint Augustine was confronted by a number of theological and political questions. Whom was God seeking to punish with these phenomena and for what? Augustine rejected those speculations and created his original theology of history on the threshold of a new Epoch. He did not speak of a clash of civilisations but of a contest between two loves pervading the world and the Church - love of self to the point of rejecting God and love of God to the point of transcending self. These are the basis of the two communities: *civitas Dei* (City of God) and *civitas terrena* (city of the world).

Our age also needs a new theology of history, a new vision. If nations, cultures, and religions, in a world in which they can no longer isolate themselves from one another, cultivate "love of self" without respect for others and their interests and needs, they will create the *civitas terrena* of which Saint Augustine wrote. States whose politics are dominated by reckless national egoism (in the spirit of Trump's "American First" slogan), and who surround themselves with walls of indifference to others and abdicate their shared responsibility for justice in the world, will become - to quote Augustine again - "great robber bands."

Tomáš Halík



Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view.

Alpha is free (meal provided) and everyone is welcome.

Date: 6 August 2026 at 7pm

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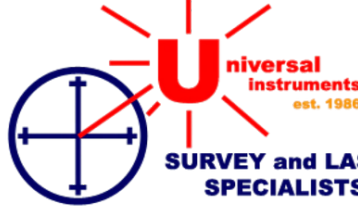
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**We are filled with the
Holy Spirit**



Pentecost Sunday, Year A, B and C

Gospel

Jn 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.'

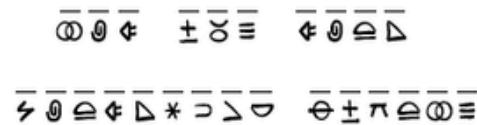
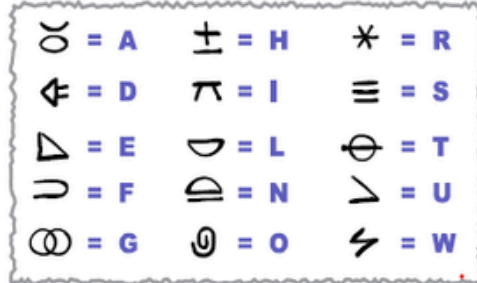
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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.



The Spirit Brings

LOVE

I can show love by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

PEACE

I can be a peacemaker by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

JOY

I can show joy by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.