

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

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.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

28 MAY 2023

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

The great feast of Pentecost is traditionally understood as a celebration of the birth of the Church. The outpouring of the Spirit empowered the first disciples to engage in their ministry of preaching the word of Jesus and continue the work of building a community of faith. The presence of devout Jews from throughout the known world is a signal to Luke's Christians that the message that has been entrusted to them is to be shared with the wider world.

Paul was at the forefront of preaching the word and establishing new communities throughout the Eastern Mediterranean world. He knew that the gifts of the Spirit had been abundantly poured upon the community of Corinth but there were some in the community who started to look down on those who had received gifts different from their own. Imagine his consternation when the gifts which were meant to build up the unity of the community had become a sign of its division! Paul's response is to use the image of the parts of the body as a means of overcoming division, competition, arrogance, and envy.

John knew that the gift of the Spirit is one that both builds up the community and commissions it for mission. It is a gift that encourages and strengthens us for the road ahead. Two elements necessary to foster community are stressed in today's Gospel: firstly, that of building up the community through forgiveness and secondly, protecting it by retaining sins when necessary, and indicating to members of the community when their behaviour is destructive of the community.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.'

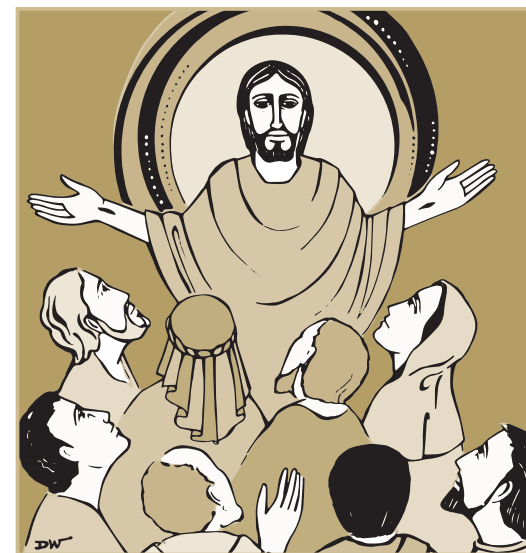
■ **The word of the Lord.**

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

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

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.

Welcome to
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Pentecost Sunday

Reflection:

We need the Spirit because only the Spirit can gather and hold us together, and also help us to do what Jesus asks us today: to go into the world making disciples of all. Only the Spirit of God and no mere human effort can bring about the spiritual renewal we need. Only the Spirit can stir up a flame among us to make us passionate about God and the desire to spread the word of God's reign in the world.

So we ask ourselves:

- How am I spreading the word of God's reign by my words?
- How do I spread God's reign by my actions?
- Where do I need to turn to the Spirit for help?

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children who will celebrate their Confirmation this weekend at 6pm and 8am Masses. We ask our parish community to keep these children and families in their prayers.

Safeguarding Officers

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045
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MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sat 27 May 6pm	St Dom
Sun 28 May 8am	OLGC
Sun 28 May 9.30am	St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 30 May 7pm	St Dom
Wed 31 May 9am	St Dom
Thurs 1 June 9am	OLGC
Fri 2 June 9am	St Dom
Sat 3 June 9am	St Dom

Healing Mass

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 3 June 6pm	St Dom
Sun 4 June 8am	OLGC
Sun 4 June 9.30am	St Dom

Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.

Saturday Soup Nights in Winter

Please join us next Saturday (3 June) after 6pm Mass for Soup & bread in St Dominic's parish centre. The soup and bread nights will run during the winter months. If you would like to help prepare soup, please use the sign up sheet at the back of church.

Senior's Group

For the month of June only, the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **6 June**: Lunch at Swan Lake Chinese Restaurant, Crn Flynn & Pearson Street, Floreat @ 11-45am. Contact Wyn 0407 261 500 or Chris 0417 979 629 for info.

2023/2024 Planned Giving Envelopes

New envelopes are available from the back of church.

Training and Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Current ministers and those in training are asked to please attend a meeting next Saturday, 3 June, after the 9am Mass at St Dominic's. New ministers will be commissioned at Mass next weekend, 3/4 June.

Upcoming Events

11 June: 8am OLGC, First Holy Communion
18 June: 9.30am St Dom, First Holy Communion

Rosters this weekend	27 May 6pm St Dom	28 May 8am OLGC	28 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	T Dabbs	D D'Souza	C Frisina
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		D Ee
Offertory Procession		S Cummins A Dhayma	
Altar Society	Group 1	M Farmer	
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	

Rosters next weekend	3 June 6pm St Dom	4 June 8am OLGC	4 June 9.30am St Dom
Readers	J Stevenson		E von Perger
Acolyte	P Wall		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		M Scaffidi D D'Souza	
Altar Society	Group 2		
Morning Tea		In recess	

OLGC Morning Tea

Morning tea after the 8am Mass is in recess for June and July.

Parish Golf

This Sunday 28 May—4pm tee off at Hamersley Golf Course.