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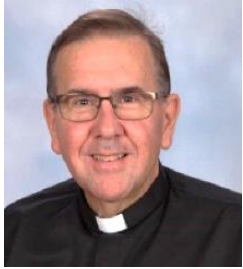
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Pentecost Sunday

Year A

31st May 2020



Our Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

In our churches there is no shortage of images, mostly statues, paintings or stained glass. They are mostly of Jesus, Mary and the saints, or even images of Old Testament figures like Abraham and Sarah, or Moses and

Miriam. The Holy Spirit, whose feast we celebrate on Pentecost, does not lend itself easily to imagery. The traditional image of the dove is drawn from the scene of the baptism of Jesus. But the language in that passage is rather vague; the Holy Spirit *descended like a dove*, or in the way that a dove might descend. There are two other images of the Holy Spirit in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke says that all who gathered in one room heard *what sounded like a powerful wind* from heaven; he goes on to say that something appeared to them that *seemed like tongues of fire*. Just as the evangelists do not portray an actual dove at the baptism of Jesus, Luke does not say that the wind and fire at Pentecost were tangible phenomena. The Holy Spirit is impossible to visualise, because the Spirit cannot be seen as such. Yet the Holy Spirit is *profoundly real*.

Many things in our universe are real even though invisible to the naked eye. What we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit belongs to the spiritual world, and it naturally cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Yet, there are helpful ways of *imagining* the Holy Spirit. St Paul uses an image drawn from nature when he says that the Spirit *bears fruit*. He means the visible effect of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the effect of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the effect of the wind on people and objects of various kinds.

Paul is saying that wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The person who most of all had those qualities was Jesus because he was full of the Holy Spirit, full of the *life of God*.

In his letter to the Romans he has the wonderful statement, 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us'. He also indicates in Sunday's 2nd Reading (1 Cor) that the Spirit is at work in our lives, to make us more like Jesus. The good things people do are all manifestations of the Spirit of God. The spiritual is not something other-worldly; it is humanity at its best.

In the Pentecost story, humanity appears at its best, united and sharing in wisdom. Pentecost brought about a wonderful bonding of people from all over the Roman Empire. They were united in admiring and praising the marvels of God. In spite of differences of language and culture there was a real communion among them. Wherever communion of heart and mind exist among people of different backgrounds, the Holy Spirit is at work. Unity in diversity is the mark of the Spirit. Jesus points out another manifestation of the Spirit: the pursuit of truth. Only the Spirit can lead us to the complete truth. If someone is genuinely seeking for truth, and willing to engage in good works with others, there the Spirit is at work. Fullness of truth and love is always beyond us; but the Spirit is given to lead us towards the complete truth and love, in all its height and depth.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Live Streaming of Mass from St Stephen's Cathedral

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast

Family Prayer

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-by-week.html/>

The Catholic Leader

Read the entire digital newspaper for free here:
<https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

Pentecost Pilgrimage

Register for free at: <https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/>

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

Readings at Home

Please see the link for the readings of Pentecost: <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

Vision: To be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all.

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Parish Office Re-Opening

The Parish office at Kenmore has re-opened to visitors. Procedures & protocols have been put in place to ensure we continue to abide by COVID-19 regulations.

Protocols for Visiting the Parish Office:

- If you are sick do not visit, stay home.
- Short term Parking in Church car park is permitted.
- Only one person to enter the office foyer at any time, other visitors to wait outside keeping 1.5 metres apart.
- Protective screening at counter.
- Contactless payment facility.
- Hand sanitiser available.
- Once business is conducted, we ask that you leave the church grounds without delay.
- The OLR School site is currently out of bounds to Visitors.

Mass Attendance Protocols

With the resumption of daily Mass those who have booked online via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPGK> are reminded of the following protocols:

- Arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to Mass
- Note attendance with monitor on arrival
- Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Observe 1.5 metre distancing at all times
- No physical contact during Sign of Peace
- Communion under one kind, in the hand only
- Depart promptly following Mass
- No congregating on church grounds
- If sick, stay home

First Friday Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Friday the 5th June from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and will be held in the Church at Kenmore. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 10 people at any one time and must be recorded upon arrival and departure. Please observe 1.5 metre distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene practices, and if sick, please stay home.

Parish Youth Ministry

With restrictions still in place, OLR High School Youth is going ahead with online Zoom meetings every Friday night from 6:00-7:30pm. These meetings have a pretty simple flow, they consist of an online game, a brief talk, a time of prayer and small groups. We have some exciting news however – OLR Youth will be returning to face to face youth groups at the OSHC Hall on Friday the 19th of June! Of course there will be a number of safety measures as to how this will work but I will email more information on that to whom it may concern. *Peace, Matt Foxon*

- **Friday Zoom Youth Gathering 6:00pm–7:30pm**
- **Instagram @olrkenmoreyouth**

Prayer Requests

If your relative or friend has been removed from this list and you wish them to remain on it, please call the Parish Office.

Recently Deceased: Please remember and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Lakdasa Fernando, Ernest Soyza** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Katherine Parsonage, Anthony Kenneth Thomas, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Colin Warnick, Melinda Craig, Kay Houghton, Pat Clohessy, John O’Dea, Paul Smeaton, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Eugenie Hargraves, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Wal Giugni, Leo Thomsen, Pat Logan, Danielle Keymer, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon (Mo) Kanithasevi, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Rest In Peace

Ron Heritage who’s Memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday 30th May at Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore.

Jim Minogue who’s funeral service was celebrated on Friday 29th May at Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore.

Please remember Ron and Jim and their families in your prayers.

Financial Support of Your Parish

Thank you to the many Parishioners who have taken the opportunity to give electronically. As we re-emerge slowly from COVID19 restrictions we are looking to reduce the handling of cash as much as practical and as such we ask all those currently giving via envelope or loose cash to seriously consider moving to one of the electronic giving methods available if possible. Where this is not possible your envelope and cash giving may continue to be placed in the donation box in the church or through the Parish Office. The future viability of printing planned giving envelopes is being reviewed and it may well be that this method of giving will take on a different look in the new financial year. More information will follow on this soon. Please contact the Parish manager to discuss any concerns you may have in this regard.

Options for electronic giving are as follows:

Electronic Funds Transfer:

BSB:064 786 - OLR Parish Account Number: 006651102 (please include your name, giving number if applicable and reference i.e. "Parish giving")

Direct Debit from your bank account or Credit Card payment: can be arranged through the Parish office.

Parish Giving App: Available online and for download from the Apple App Store and Android Google Play.



Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has a number of education services, please contact these for further information

Parish Primary School	Principal - Andrew Oberthur	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.net.au
Parish Kindergarten	Director - Emma Lane	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au