

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

■ **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 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth,

since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt;

and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,

since all he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;

that is why I said:

All he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

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### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Today's first reading begins with the words: 'When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place.' (Acts 2:1). Earlier in 1:13-14 we learn that with them 'were certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers'. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer (v. 14). It is in this context of a community in prayer that there arose the sound of a powerful wind and something like tongues of fire came to rest on them as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately they were changed, boldly proclaiming the good news in language understandable to all. Our reading finishes with the list of places people had come from. A very pertinent question is asked in the verse following today's reading: (v. 12) 'What does this mean?' It is a question as much for us as for them.

Paul's Letter to the Galatians entreats us to live lives 'directed by the Spirit' – lives in which the fruits of the Spirit unfold and blossom, the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness.

John's Gospel names the Spirit 'the Advocate' and 'Spirit of Truth' who issues from God. Believers in the risen Christ are not alone. The Advocate who witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ, will lead believers to the complete truth: 'And you too will be witnesses'. From then till now believers are filled with the Holy Spirit and are to be witnesses to the truth of Jesus and the Good News. Our lives will be recognisable by the fruits of the Spirit.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

### 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.**

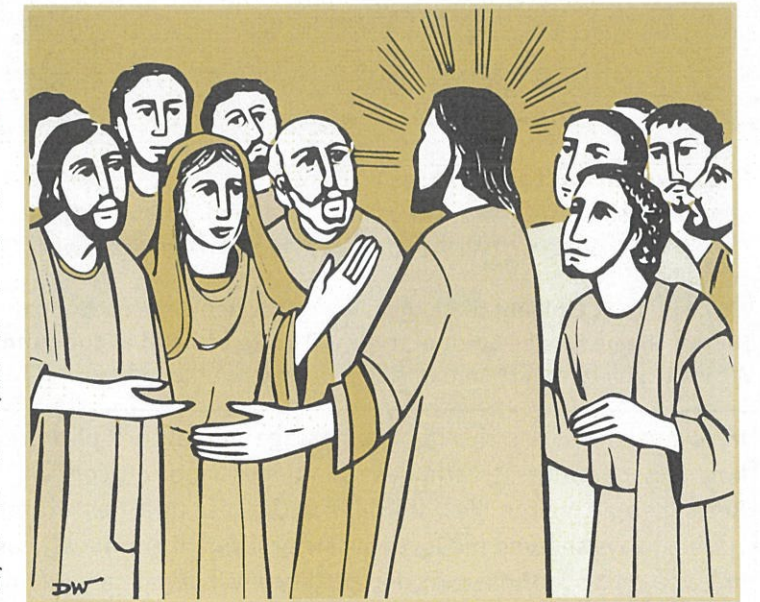
### RESP PSALM

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.**

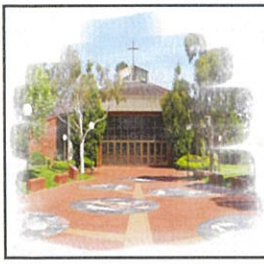
### SECOND READING

Gal 5: 16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*The fruit of the Spirit.*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course.



# St Clement of Rome Church

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**Parish Vision Statement :** Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

**Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday**  
**Today's theme is : The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth**  
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

In Galatians we read this familiar passage: 'What the Spirit brings is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.' Do we see these as our gifts too? Recall people in your life who shine with these qualities. From my Nana I learned kindness, Aunt Hazel always showed me love, my sister is full of goodness. Can you name some people in your life who embody these gifts and qualities. What gift can you offer the world? Give thanks for the presence of the Spirit in your life and in the world. Open your heart to receive the Spirit this Pentecost Sunday.



God's Word—Daily Reflections

The Parish Council would like to invite all Parishioners to join us in the Clifton Centre for morning tea after the 9am Pentecost Mass this Sunday. We look forward to seeing you all.



**Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family at St Clement's Parish**  
**Joseph Hayes baptised this Sunday at 9am Mass**

### Annual Mass Count

The Third Mass count will take place this weekend at all the Masses. Collectors at weekend Masses are kindly asked to compile the figures and complete the forms please. Thank You for all your support in collecting these statistics.

### Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians— Patron of Australia

Parish /School Mass will be celebrated on Fri 24th May at 9.15am. All welcome.



### About Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on caring for creation. Sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, this global celebration unites Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and intensify our efforts through the Laudato Si' Action Platform as well as other opportunities for education and action.

In Laudato Si' Week 2024, let us gather in community to contemplate the wonder of creation and nurture seeds of hope for our 'suffering planet' (LD 2).

Laudate Deum is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises.

This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, 'firstfruits'.

Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love.

**MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS**  
Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am & 11am (Italian)  
Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration : Sat 8.40am  
Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment

**We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.**

### PARISH DIARY

Sun 19th May at 9am—Baptisms & morning tea afterwards, organised by PPC  
Wed 22nd May @ 7pm—PPC meeting -parish office  
Thurs 23rd May @ 9.15am—No Mass  
Fri 24th May @ 9.15am—School Mass/Our Lady Help of Christians (Gr 2&4)  
Sat 25th May @ 9am—ASRE Eucharist classes in the Clifton Centre

### Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### After School Sacramental Program

The preparation classes for the Sacrament of Eucharist have been commenced. Please visit our website to see the information about our program. Thank you



### ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
18/19 May	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
	Reader	May Teh	Tim Landsberg
	Special Ministers	John Bruce	Maria Papalia
		Zina Scalzo	Shirley Pyndiah
		May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
25/26 May	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	May Teh	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	John Bruce	Jan McQueen
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Anne Fusca
		Warwick Wright	Rita Gagliardi
		John Bruce	Fulvia Gerasolimo

### URGENT: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

CO.AS.IT is an organisation which is funded by the Department of Human Services & the Commonwealth Government. The organisation is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely, socially isolated and in need of some companionship. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Tania Barbaro on 0481603702. Please note that we require Volunteers who are fully vaccinated against Covid19. Continuing support is provided.

### Caritas Australia's 60th Anniversary Online Photo Exhibition – Vote for your chance to win!

To mark the 60th anniversary of Caritas Australia, we have compiled a selection of our favourite 60 photos. Vote for your favourite photo to go into the draw to win a beautiful Indigenous Australian artwork from Djilpin Arts, our First Australian partner in the Northern Territory. The artwork is a painting by Harry Malibirr which depicts five dreaming stories.

Simply visit our website [caritas.org.au/faces-of-caritas-australia-60th-anniversary](https://caritas.org.au/faces-of-caritas-australia-60th-anniversary), choose a photo from the gallery and vote via the online form. Entries close 30 June 2024

### 60 Faces: Portraits of Compassion in Action - limited-edition commemoration book.

To mark the 60th anniversary of Caritas Australia, we have a limited-edition commemoration book. Each page of this book features carefully selected photographs showcasing the incredible individuals whose lives have been transformed by the international and Australian programs that you help support.

You can purchase the book at: [www.caritas.org.au/60-faces](https://www.caritas.org.au/60-faces)

Caritas Australia would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support over the last 60 years!

**Covid 19 update :** Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.