

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

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

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.'

or Ad libitum for Year B

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

23 May 2021

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

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.'

Responsorial 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*

(R.) 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

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.

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.

or Ad libitum for Year B

Gal 5:16-25

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

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<p>NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.</p>		

Registration: The government QR coding is now compulsory. Please check in with the QR code provided each time you attend any of affiliated churches. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process or who do not have a smart phone. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted, so that Mass may still start on time. Wearing of masks is not compulsory, but you are required to carry one with you and wear it if the 1.5m social distancing cannot be maintained.

Mass times at our affiliated Churches for this week:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget					5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		9.30am			5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am
First Friday of each month - St Bridget's @ 8.30am (with Anointing) and St Anne's @ 10.30am						

Safety Of Children And All Vulnerable People: We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of all children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display in all churches and all Parish Policies are available on the website or at the parish office



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Reach out. Give life.

On the weekend of **June 5 & 6** we will conduct the annual Catholic Mission Collection. Catholic Mission supports the work of missionaries throughout the world. The effects of COVID-19 are still being felt throughout the world, and in some countries it has had devastating consequences. Your generous donation will support the missions to alleviate some of the pain and suffering. Envelopes will be available. **“You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.”**

Mass Count: The annual Mass count concludes this weekend, with the count being done by selected age brackets.

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting: A weekly Parish Divine Mercy Prayer meeting will be held at St Anne's Church each Tuesday at 6.20pm. Prayers with music and song will take place for about 30 minutes. We welcome you to join us. Our first gathering will be on **Tuesday 25 May at 6.20pm**. For further information, please contact Sam 0408 608 123 or Michael 0434 532 426.

Stewardship Envelopes: The current set of giving envelopes will finish at the end of June. Before we order a new set for you, the Finance Committee has asked that parishioners seriously consider moving to electronic giving. It's safe, convenient and efficient and you have your own record; and it will also be a saving for the parish as each set of envelopes costs \$15 to print. Options for electronic giving are:

- Credit Card – set up for monthly giving;
- Direct Debit – set up for periodic giving;
- Direct Credit to the Parish Account.

To move to electronic giving, please contact the parish office on 9857 6395 or greythorn@cam.org.au. as soon as possible as envelopes will be printed shortly.

Letter from the Archbishop: Attached is a letter from Archbishop Peter Comensoli titled; **“Take the way of the Gospel – re-imagining our local church”**. It highlights the work being done and the need for new way to adapt the way we structure and resource our local faith communities. Fr John addressed the parishioners of SBG at the parish focus meeting recently on this renewal journey of the Archdiocese.

Chaplaincy Appeal: Many thanks to all those who donated to the appeal last weekend. A total of \$473 was raised. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith to those in need.

Rosters for May 29 & 30 May

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am
<i>Lectors</i>	M Landini	L Wong
<i>Minister of Holy Communion</i>	G Lawson	E Siva-Pereira
<i>Communion to the Sick</i>	V Tozer A Mariampillai	

NOTE: Ministers distributing Communion at Mass and visiting the sick at home must wear masks whilst doing so, and must sanitise their hands before and after administering the Sacrament.



Morning tea helpers needed

Can you help with morning tea and coffee after the Sunday 10am Mass on the first Sunday of the month? Its easy, just make a cup of tea or coffee and hand out a cookie. It's a great way to meet new parishioners and catch up with friends. We need to form a roster, so please advise the parish office on greythorn@cam.org if you want to help.

Global Week of Prayer: The Archbishop has asked that during the Global Week of Prayer for China (23-30 May) we remember in our prayers the people of China who are being persecuted for their faith.

At the same time we continue to pray during the Month of May to Mary, Mother of God for Her intercession with those suffering with COVID throughout the world, particularly at this point in time for the people of India.

We pray that religious freedom be allowed in our world, relief of suffering from the pandemic, and that human dignity and respect is always upheld and respected.