



# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds



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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend I read the following headline 'Get set for new order post-pandemic'.

This weekend as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, I think the above headline could be changed slightly to read: 'Get set for new order post-Pentecost!' because, whether we like it or not, the post Pentecost (pandemic) world we are moving into is going to be vastly different to the one that preceded it!

Unlike the disciples crowded together in one room for fear of the world outside, we have all been 'locked away', isolated in our own homes, for fear of the coronavirus, now, as the initial fear of the pandemic begins to recede and filled with the Pentecost Spirit, we begin to emerge from our isolation, as, slowly, our daily lives get underway again.

"Get underway again" with massive changes concerning the number of people allowed to work in one office space, dine out, go to the movies, or more importantly for us, attend Mass, a Funeral or a Wedding!

Besides regulating the number of people who can attend these retrospective ceremonies, there is strict stipulation that an hour has to pass before another ceremony can get underway, allowing time for the congregation to leave the church, so the church can be cleaned, disinfected and sanitized before the next ceremony can commence.

What this will mean, especially for our Sunday morning Masses, is a complete change of times. We will be no longer able to have our 'normal' Mass times of 8.00, 9.15 and 10.30am! The times of our Sunday morning Masses will have to change! Might the change be to something like 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30am to allow for that hour between Masses? Or do we look at reducing the number of our Sunday morning Masses, maybe from 3 to 2, with starting times of something like 8.30 and 10.30am?

As I said: 'get set for a new order post Pentecost!'

It is now up to us to try and discern what the Holy Spirit might be asking us- *we are all in this together*-as we arrive at a 'new order' of doing things in this time of 'post-pandemic'

Please email, snail mail or ring though with any ideas/suggestions you might have, so that with the help of the Parish Pastoral Council, WE, as a community of Spirit filled disciples, can decide how we will live and celebrate together, this 'new order' the Spirit is calling us to. Please keep staying safe and well,

*Fr. Tony and Fr. Andrew*

**We congratulate Anian and Dayanthie De Silva on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 4th June.**

**\* SUNDAY ONLINE MASS \***

will be available via our Parish Webpage  
[www.stmonicasparish.com.au](http://www.stmonicasparish.com.au)

Every Sunday by 10.30am for parishioners to participate in their homes.

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home;**

Please click on each link below to find guided reflection for Pentecost Sunday

[For Adults:](#)

[For Families with Young Children:](#)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of*

**Alan & William O'Connell; Richard & Ben Whitehouse; John O'Callaghan; Marija & Ivan Vivoda; Teresa Barillaro; Alfred Josph Bastian; Sr. Dorothy Maher,RSC**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We remember in prayer,*

**Peppina (Giuseppina) Timpano; Angelo Ramunno**

*May they rest in peace*

**WE PRAY FOR**

*The elderly and the sick*

**Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Barbara Burby; Stella Mammone; Gino Salva**

*We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
understands what is said, alleluia.

### FIRST READING (Acts 2:1-11)

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.** — *Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.**

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.)**

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.)**

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 letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

**The word of the Lord.** — *Thanks be to God.*

### SEQUENCE



Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.



Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

### 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

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.** — *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.