

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

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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.

Welcome to
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Pentecost

Reflection:

Look what happened very rapidly for the gathered disciples: the descent of the Spirit upon them, the gift of tongues, Peter's speech and the formation of the Church. While the elders in the Hebrew Scriptures (1 Samuel 10:5 ff) spoke in ecstatic speech under the impulse of God's Spirit ("prophecy"), today we celebrate Jesus' Spirit empowering all in the fledgling church to speak to the nations and to be understood by them.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Do we find ourselves always gathering with people like ourselves?
- What "different" or "foreign" group do I need to reach out to?

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children receiving Confirmation this Sunday at 8am Mass. We ask our parish community to keep these children and families in their prayers.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Losinjanin family on the passing of Paul. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday 20th May, 8.30am at OLGC. Rosary Sunday 19th May, 6.30pm at OLGC. We pray the Lord to grant Paul eternal rest and the family peace and consolation.

Project Compassion donations this year \$3568.

MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 18 May 6pm St Dom
 Sun 19 May 8am OLGC
 Sun 19 May 9.30am St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 21 May 7pm St Dom
 Wed 22 May 9am St Dom
 Thurs 23 May 9am Communion Service OLGC
 Fri 24 May 9am Communion Service St Dom
 Fri 24 May 10.30am Communion Service Birralee
 Sat 25 May 9am Communion Service St Dom

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 25 May 6pm St Dom
 Sun 26 May 8am OLGC
 Sun 26 May 9.30am St Dom

Dinners for Eight

This is a Parish Social Committee initiative to encourage friendship & socialisation within our Parish Communities. Two very successful Dinners have already taken place and we are now hoping to expand on this concept. We are looking for hosts who would be prepared to coordinate a dinner/lunch/morning tea/picnic in the park/barbecue or any other gathering involving the sharing of food. You can host one dinner a year or more if you are comfortable doing so. We are envisioning four dinners per year with the first to be held in June on a date & time convenient for you. Dinner groups will be between 6 to 8 adults with everyone expected to contribute in some way to the meal. Simple is better! Once hosts have been arranged we will call for guests to sign up for one of the dinners. If you feel this may be a way of making a contribution to the Parish Community and would like further information please feel free to contact Paula Bell 0402468309 or Kirsten Ward 0468858275.

Safeguarding Officers

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045
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Rosters this weekend	18 May 6pm St Dom	19 May 8am OLGC	19 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	R Maugeri	B Webb	A Rodriguez
Acolyte	W Italiano		O Pilot
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society		K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	
EMHC	Pat, Dermott		Ben, Darry

Rosters next weekend	25 May 6pm St Dom	26 May 8am OLGC	26 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	J Stevenson	B Croxford	C Nevin
Acolyte	Boni		D Ee
Offertory Procession		Thuy Dinh Phi Trong	
Altar Society	Group 1	M Farmer	
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	
EMHC	Pablo, Berly		Ramona, Luke

Saturday Winter Soup Nights

From Saturday 1st June & throughout winter, soup & bread are being shared after the Saturday 6pm Mass in St Dom's Parish Centre. If you can help with making soup, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of either church. All welcome to attend.

Senior's Group

Coach trip & tour to the Gin Gin Observatory on 28 May from 10-3pm. Meet at St Dom's 9.45am. Cost: coach \$20pp, entrance/self guided tour fees \$14pp. The Gravity Café for refreshments or bring your own. Chris 0417 979 629, Wyn 0407 261 500.