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**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm**  
**Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm**

**PENTECOST**  
**Year B May 18/19, 2024**

**Next Weekend's Readings**  
 Deut 4:32-34 39-40 R:14-17



**Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close**

In the readings for the feast of Pentecost there are some interesting connections between fire and water. In the gospel for the Vigil the Spirit is described as 'rivers of living water' flowing out of the hearts of believers. In the Acts of the Apostles the experience of the Spirit was likened to 'tongues of fire'. In liminal moments like this, when natural logic is confounded, the boundaries between seeming opposites are blurred and new meanings emerge.



**Congratulations to all the children you received the Sacrament of Eucharist last weekend.**

Rainey Sheridan, Abigail Cawley, Leni Nientiedt, Matilda Smith, Joshua Arrigo, Sam Smith, Alexandra Webb, Martin Cabrera Carcuro, Emmanuel Kong, Louis Beach, Daphne Martin, Madeleine Papineau, George Hartley, Matthew Stynes, Joseph Potter, Addison Wright, Matthew Stynes, Joseph Potter, Addison Wright, Aidan Tabain, Ethan Sullivan, Arthur Lopes Silva, Jack Hales, Scott Bontempo, Samuel Hewer, Miles Finucane, Lucy Moloney, Lachlan Rohr, Ashton Godfrey, George Pazin, Ethan Laffrey, Sally Cooper, Sara Gauci, Ashwin Suppiah, Alby Thompson, Mia Walter, Hugh

**CIRCLE OF RIENDS event next Friday MAY 24 6.30.**

*Welcome*

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** We take this opportunity to welcome all new parish members. We hope that you find St Thomas the Apostle a friendly parish community. Please join us after the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses for a 'cuppa' in the parish centre. Say hello to Father, meet some new/old friends, sit down and have a chat. Please become part of the family of St Thomas the Apostle. See you there!



**MARRIAGES/BAPTISMS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH:**

Marriages by appointment: 6 months' notice required.

Baptisms: usually 10.00am each Saturday, Baptisms are held after the 9.00am Mass on Saturday. Contact Fr Richard or Prue (Parish Office) for more details. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Catholic Church requires that baptismal godparents **have been baptised in the Catholic faith** as they are required to make a promise that they believe in God. People who belong to other Christian faiths can also be godparents, **but one must be Catholic. Unbaptised people cannot be God parents.**



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, your work is greatly appreciated by Fr Richard and Parish members.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity please speak with Fr Richard or contact the office. Email [claremont@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:claremont@perthcatholic.org.au)



**We are very short of people to go on the flower roster, and would appreciate a few more people on the flower roster. Training provided.**



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF  
**MARY  
MACKILLOP**

**PILGRIMAGE  
15th-26th  
October 2024**

**FIND OUT MORE PHONE: (02) 8912 4818  
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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT - PERMANENT PART TIME ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL (PERTH)**

St Mary's Cathedral Perth has a vacancy for a permanent part time Administration Assistant, 1 day per week (or 2 half days): total 7.5 hours. This person will work under the supervision of the Director of Music to carry out routine clerical and administrative tasks which will assist with the smooth running of the office. A high level of confidentiality is required, together with good communication and organisational skills, and a demonstrated ability to use the Microsoft Office Suite. This position requires computer skills for the preparation of documents, use of Calendar in Outlook and filing. An ability to follow instructions and procedures as well as a positive and flexible approach and the ability to work as part of a team will be required. An understanding of Cathedral parish life and the Catholic ethos would be an advantage. Applications close by **Monday, 27 May 2024**. We reserve the right to begin shortlisting and interviews prior to the closing date. To receive the Job Description and



Thank you all for your donations to SVDP of food etc for the poor and hungry. The donation box is always at the entrance of the church. Contact Henry on: 0417 985 992. Thank you.

**God bless from your local Vinnies Team**

**New Parishioners, and those not so new, who wish to update their census details:** Please put your name and address in the space below and drop into the collection basket or email to the office. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ No of People in household \_\_\_\_\_

**PS:** If you would like to join the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Programme and give your financial support to the Parish, please tick this  box and Prue Pupazzoni (Parish Secretary) will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you. Alternatively, she can arrange for you to make your contributions by direct debit.

**THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH** at 12.00noon before the 12.30pm mass each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are welcome to come & join us in prayer to Our Lady. Followed by;



**THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** held in the Parish meeting room, after the 12.30 pm Mass, you are all welcome. Please bring a plate to share. **See you there.**

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Embark on a transformative journey with **Catholic Youth Ministry** at our Getaway Weekend Retreat, tailored for young adults aged 18-30. Getaway Weekend is a time to get away from the busyness of life and to reconnect with your faith.

The Weekend's theme is 'Consumed by Grace', drawing inspiration from John 1:16-17, "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

Through heartfelt testimonies, insightful discussions, and reflective activities, immerse yourself in the transformative power of grace. Join us for a weekend of spiritual rejuvenation, community bonding, and personal growth!



**ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROLMENTS** St Thomas' Primary School is excited to offer families a holistic Catholic education in the heart of Claremont. Limited vacancies are available for 2025 enrolments. Please visit [stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/](http://stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/) for more information, or contact us to book a tour of the school on 9286 9500 or email [admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au). An application form can also be found at the back of the Church.

**GLORIA....** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle** Almighty and everlasting God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through

**APOSTLES' CREED....** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** Are you in the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? Would you like to join the Program? When you join, you will assist the Finance Committee in planning for the Parish's future on-going costs. If you would like to lend your support in this way, please phone Prue at the Parish Office on 9384 0598 during office hours, or fill in one of the direct debit forms available at the back of the church. **Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue**

**First Reading:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

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**

**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.

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:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25

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. 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:** Gospel according to John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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**

