

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

**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.

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.

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.

### Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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.

### Gospel

John 20:19-23

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 I am 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.'

### Reflection

Back in December of last year, when my appointment to St Luke's was imminent, I wrote out my vision for this new community:

*St Luke's is a vibrant, faith-filled, caring community of missionary disciples who are nourished in coming together for Mass, social groups, faith-sharing groups, prayer and sacraments to go out to the world and share their faith. We have great connections within the parish, are a truly welcoming community and engage in many good works to help make the world a better place. We*



*have excellent music, preaching, sacramental and hospitality ministries.*

*We are a parish that many other parish leaders come to in order to learn how we do things.*

*We have a strong leadership team which is well connected to the thoughts and needs of the parish community.*

*Quite ambitious, don't you think!*

*Well, that's MY vision. I'd like to know what YOUR vision is.*

*Our coming **Welcome Evening, on June 2 (6pm – 8pm) at St Luke's Catholic College** is one opportunity to get your thoughts on what our vision for St Luke's should be. Please give this some prayerful reflection.*

*I am encouraged that many things within my vision are already starting to come to life. We have a huge way to go but I am greatly encouragement in the number of people volunteering for ministries, in the social climate we engender through or morning teas, in the excellent working relationship we have with learning community, the strong interest in helping the local homeless community through Hawkesbury's Helping Hands, the great support given by our Advisory Group members and even down to basic things like how you all happily assist in packing up the chairs after Mass each week. I give thanks for these and many other early signs of life and, on the occasion of Pentecost, pray the Holy Spirit continues to guide us all on our journey in faith.*

- Deacon Tony Hoban,  
Pastoral Director

## Our Celebrant this week is:

I am Fr. Marcelo of the Camillians. I am also called Fr. Bong, my nickname.



## OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron,  
a person of faith  
who desired all people to come to know and  
love you  
in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke  
pioneered:  
discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace  
and nourished by Word and Sacrament  
may we grow in our relationship with you  
and together make our Catholic Faith  
Community  
a community of communities,  
a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink  
in the midst of their journey,  
and a center of constant missionary  
outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,  
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

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[www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

### The Catholic Foundation May Appeal

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal is focusing on Diocesan works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians. Your donation supports our growing number of seminarians and the good works they do in the community of feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick and conducting catechises in state schools. Donations can be made online at

[www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au). Thank you and God bless.

## Positions Vacant

Administrative Assistant - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

Financial Counsellor - Richmond & Blacktown offices

More details at: [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

Head of Property Development Services – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at:  
[www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

## Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario: 26 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario on Saturday 26 May 2018 at 6.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Monica's Church, Richmond. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Feast of Corpus Christi: 3 June

Santa Sophia Catholic College invites everyone to come celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi. 3 June at Santa Sophia Catholic College, Schofields. Lunch from 12pm and 2pm Eucharistic Procession with Fr Warren Edwards. RSVP Daryl 0407 406 668 or [dcastellino@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dcastellino@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Holy Hour for Vocations: 7 June

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 7 June at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, e-mail: [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) mob: 0449 656 406

## Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 10 June

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

## Candidacy for Holy Orders: 24 June

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be accepting into Candidacy for Holy Orders of Mr Roderick Pirota, Mr John Cina, Mr Roque Dias and Mr Thong Nguyen at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 24 June at 11am.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS**

## SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub  
St Luke's College (Enter via Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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