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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st May 2023 Psalter Week 3 Cycle A

Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Bro Donati Brazil RIP
Sunday 21 May	8.30 am	Mary Schneider RIP
	10.30 am	Emily Tay RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Brendan Bruce RIP
Friday	10.00 am	Kit King RIP

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 28th May 2023 Psalter Week 4 Cycle A

Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	William & Johanna O'Halloran RIP
Sunday 28 May	8.30 am	All Parishioners
	10.30 am	Fr David Russell RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Wellbeing Mary Frost & Fmly
Friday	10.00 am	Darren Cossou RIP
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Sister Valerie, OSU, RIP
Sunday 04 June	8.30 am	May McDonald RIP
	10.30 am	Rosemary Tynan RIP

FEAST DAYS: 21ST – 27TH MAY

Thursday: St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor
 Friday: St Philip Neri, Priest
 Saturday: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

ANNIVERSARIES: 21ST – 27TH MAY

Carl Anderson, Margaret Steley, Giovanna Anon, Cecilia Collis, Mary Roper

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS:

Children's Liturgy

FEAST DAYS: 28TH MAY – 3RD JUNE

Monday: Mary, Mother of the Church
 Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: Our Lord Jesus, Eternal High Priest
 Saturday: St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

ANNIVERSARIES: 28TH MAY – 3RD JUNE

Lofty Hart, Ken Smith, Paddy Myall, Maura Kavanagh, Ursula Fitzpatrick, Estelle Cossou.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS:

Parish Funds – Lesley, Wyn and Lil

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 10.30 am – 11.00 am or by appointment

RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING: Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Mary Frost, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing Maritina Savage, Mel Alvarez, John Stratford, Shona Dane, John O'Hare.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR LINDA D'VAZ: Wednesday 14 June at 10.30 am, Epsom Cemetery Chapel. May she rest in peace.

THE BEHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP (TBNG): A missionary from Bethlehem will visit us on the weekend 27-28th May to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood, to help support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them will be hugely appreciated. ("When you help the poor you help Our Lord")

SR MARIE'S SKY-DIVE: £760 has been raised. Many thanks for your generosity

THANK YOU: to all who came on Coronation Bank Holiday to volunteer for some work on our church site. We now have a clean and sparkling church and surroundings. Also thank you to all those who organised and attended the Coronation party

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our church Austin David and Oscar Harry Samuel. Please remember them in your prayers and also their parents : Sonum and Sunny.

THE GROWING TOWARDS JESUS PROGRAMME (in preparation for the Sacramental programmes 2024). The meetings for parents with their children, who must be 8 by 31st December 2024, will take place on Saturday 10th June at 11am. The programme is for families who worship regularly at St Clements.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

8th July – Parish Quiz Night

SUMMER FAIR 25TH JUNE: It is not long now until the date of the Summer Fair. **Please see list of stalls in the narthex and put your name down if you are able to help!! Any suggestions for new stalls/activities would be very welcome.**

MAY 200 CLUB WINNERS: Mary Bruce No.212 £30 Teresa Weeks No.147 £20 Congratulations!

JUST A THOUGHT:

"We are the wire, God is the current. Our only power is to let the current pass through us". *Carlo Corretto*



And who are they, this new group? Luke now gives their names, and there are twelve of them. Now you might be expecting that, but remember that Judas has gone his way – so how does the number come to twelve? Let us go through the list. It starts with the acknowledged leader, who was born Simon bar Jonah, but was given by Jesus the nickname of “Peter” or “Rocky”; possibly because he was not all that rock-like; they are followed by the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee, to whom, according to Mark, Jesus gave the nickname “Boanerges”, or “sons of thunder”. Rather oddly, you may feel, that other brother, Andrew, whose brother was Simon, is only mentioned at this point, but that may reflect the sense that Peter and the two sons of Zebedee were the really important leaders in the Church. Another oddity is that “Andrew” is a Greek name; and perhaps it is significant that the next name in the list is also Greek, namely Philip. Anyway, it looks as though this group that has been gathered by the Holy Spirit is quite multicultural. Next comes Thomas, who has a good Semitic name; and he is followed by Bartholomew, whose name is Aramaic, then James (or Jacob) son of Alphaeus, and Simon “the Zealot”, possibly another of Jesus’ nicknames. Then there is Judas son of James or Jacob. And finally, bringing the number up to twelve, there is Mary the mother of Jesus. And what is she doing here? Well, according to John’s Gospel, she was present at the crucifixion, so she was indeed in Jerusalem at the time; this is quite an interesting group that is waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-14

PSALM Psalm 26

RESPONSE I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

Or **Alleluia!**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken; “Seek his face.” **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:13-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



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The Acts of the Apostles



Fr Nicholas King SJ looks at how the disciples spent the days before Pentecost.

THE LIST OF THOSE WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today we return once more to the very beginning of Acts, but because of the reading we have done during this Easter season, we now read it in a very different way. What is narrated in today’s first reading is the origins of the Church, for Luke gives us a list of those who were gathered together in the upper room. We should notice what has happened so far in the story: Jesus has been raised from the dead and has appeared to a number of those who knew him. They must recognise that everything that happened to Jesus, including his death and resurrection, was foreseen in the scriptures, as Jesus patiently teaches them. Then they are given their mission, which is, of course, also our mission: to preach in Jesus’ name “repentance for the forgiveness of sins”, to all the Gentiles. We notice that, as always in Luke, the job starts in Jerusalem. But the Church does not begin just yet; the new mission requires them to “wait for the promise of my Father”, which Jesus is going to send upon us. That is the Holy Spirit, of course, not far away now, with Pentecost beckoning. For the moment, therefore, they (and we) are to sit and wait.

Then comes the ascension, so important to Luke that he tells it twice, once at the end of his Gospel, and now at the beginning of his volume two. For now they go back to the upper room, where the Last Supper had taken place, and where Jesus had appeared to them after the resurrection, giving them (and us) their mission: “you are witnesses of these things”. It is also where they seem to have been since the resurrection, a group that has remained together. Presumably we are to understand them as rejoicing in the Easter Good News, but there is no sign at present that they are in a frame of mind to go out on their Gospel mission.



21 MAY 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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DIVINE OFFICE WEEK III

The extraordinary thing is, as the crowds point out, these men speak the Galilean dialect of Aramaic, and no one speaks that remote language. And yet everyone hears it clearly in their own tongue, and Luke takes us on a journey all over the world. First, we go east to Parthia, which is roughly Iran today, then in a big circle round the Mediterranean: there are people from Media, then Jordan and Mesopotamia; after that, it comes closer to home, into Asia Minor, then across the Mediterranean to Egypt and Libya and back again to Rome; and it embraces everyone, including "Jews and proselytes", and finishing up with Crete and Arabia. And what does this rich mixture hear? "Speech in our own language about the great deeds of God." That is what the Church is supposed to do, from Pentecost onwards; it has been doing it ever since. And the reaction is very powerful: "they were all amazed and puzzled and asked, 'What does this mean?'"

COMMUNITY

That is an excellent question, and the answer to it is clear: it means there is a community to whom the risen Jesus has been made known and who are setting out to tell the entire world about it. That is the community whose growth we have been watching during our reading in these weeks of the Acts of the Apostles. That is the community to which you belong today. Enjoy reading the Acts of the Apostles.

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11

PSALM Psalm 103

RESPONSE Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, 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 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 20:19-23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Next Sunday's Readings:
Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18



FIRE AND THE SPIRIT

And so we come to Pentecost, which in one sense is where we have been aiming all through these last weeks; but notice that we are still only at the beginning of Acts, as the Church rather nervously embraces its mission. There is no need to be nervous, however, because God is in the story. And how do we know? Look at the typical Lucan phrase with which the story begins: "when the day of Pentecost was fulfilled". This is a way of pointing to the presence of God. Not only that, but the group has turned into a community: eleven apostles, 120 others, and Mary the mother of Jesus, each of them with their own story to tell. But they are united "all together, on the same case".



Then God intervenes: "suddenly a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming... and tongues as it were of fire". The reader will recall that at Jesus' baptism, John the Baptist said of Jesus that "he will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire". That prediction is now being fulfilled. And there is more, for the "wind" (or, just possibly, "the sound") "filled the entire house where they were seated". So between the wind and the fire it is quite clear that God is present and active in this story. As with many other characters in the tale of Luke-Acts, "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they began to speak in different languages as the Spirit gave them to utter."

And now we see where the mission takes them, and it is round the entire world. Luke tells us about the people who were living in Jerusalem and who heard these people talking in strange languages; or, rather, not strange languages, but languages native to each of them. Have a look at the geography of it all: there were "Judaeans", living in Jerusalem (which is what you might expect); and we notice how Luke's two-volume work keeps coming back to the city. But it does not stop there: "there were pious men [and no doubt women also] from every nation under heaven". Do you see how Luke opens up our geographical imagination so that we see the Gospel being sent out to the entire world? It causes quite a ruction: "The crowd came together and in confusion because each of them heard the apostles speaking in their own language."

The Acts of the Apostles



Fr Nicholas King SJ concludes this series of reflections on the Acts of the Apostles by looking at its account of Pentecost Day.

28 MAY 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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DIVINE OFFICE WEEK IV