



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Parish: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill; St Laurence O'Toole Church, Broadmeadow. **Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains,

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Last Monday morning the news on the T.V. was of a light plane circling Newcastle Airport as its undercarriage landing gear had failed. The emotions were suspended between expectation of the unknown and yet knowing that there will be an outcome.



This is the state of the Apostles and disciples prior to Pentecost. Pentecost was like the landing that provoked fear as the unknown began to happen that gave way to jubilant rejoicing and everyone wanting to share their experience and relief that something truly wonderful had just happened. However Pentecost is much more than an emotional experience. It is a transformation, empowerment and the activity of God changing our world. This is the Good News we live and share.

Deacon Kevin Gadd.

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Our Parishes incorporate suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and justice.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

7th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday 20th May

Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 21st May

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

6:30pm Confirmation @ The Cathedral

Wednesday 22nd May

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Christ the King, Mayfield West

6:30pm Confirmation @ The Cathedral

Thursday 23rd May

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday 24th May

Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians

10:15am Mass @ St Joseph's

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 25th May

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (followed by Reconciliation)

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 26th May

The Most Holy Trinity, Year B

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral *

11:00am Mass @ The Junction (*Italian*)

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (*Polish*)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

* *Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton and on the Diocesan website*

** The Vietnamese Mass is now celebrated fortnightly

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Catherine Grant rsj, Sharron McGovern, Sr Patricia Adams RSM

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Mary Dwyer & Winifred Rose Fitzgerald, Barry Dwyer, Neil Sattler, Bill Cook, Rachele Dos Santos, Sr. Florence Tobin rsj, Clarrie Holland, Carmel Webber, Brian Bellotti, Mary McIntyre, Len Griffiths, Arthur Smith, Richard Long, Doris Zimmerman, Jim Ryan



SICK: Peter & Bev Woods Leeton, Lisa Woodland, Maria Therese Perera, Tui Innes, Marko Kefcecek, Jolina Joyce Saranillo, Maureen Dwyer, Angela Cottier, Joshua Zalanardo, Rosa Silivinec, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefcecek, Carlo Rossi, Neil Thomas, Kathryn Gray, Emilie Tseronis, Josephine Diwa

Names may be placed here by contacting the Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Parish website—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Speak the name of the dead and they will live forever.

We remember those in our Columbaria whose anniversaries occur in May:

At Sacred Heart

Margaret Winsome Azzopardi	Gerard McCosker
Joyce Callaghan	Cyril O'Neill
Michael Clement Daley	Lorna Pearl Roberts
Marjorie Hardy	Barbara Smith
Ian King	Beryl Smith
Mario Malaspina	

At St Joseph's:

Violet Ernst	John Joseph Skehan
Edith Isabel Fahey	Francis Smith
Anne Marie Gilroy	Eunice Smyth
John Hogg	Meryl Ryan
Margaret Kelly	Jack Robinson
Maureen Maher	Charles Tynan
Paul-Elizabeth McNamara	Frederick Wilson
	Geoff Young

Eternal rest grant unto them and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Most Holy Trinity, Year B

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20



LAUDATO SI' WEEK MAY 19-26 2024

THEME: SEEDS OF HOPE

Our Shared Future

Pope Francis in Laudato si' (LS) says: "'A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice" LS #49 . "

From reflection to action: Indigenous peoples have deep connection with and knowledge of the natural environment. · Can you learn more about and from your area's Indigenous people?

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390,

E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or

www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS: THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE AND LIBRARY AND THE 2024 TWEC DINNER – FRIDAY 31 MAY

It is with much excitement that you are invited to join us for the official opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library. The Library, which stands on the site of the original Newcastle Central Catholic Library, offers our community access to resources relating to Religious Education, Scripture, Theology, Liturgy and more.

Following on from the official opening, the celebration continues with the reimagining of the TWEC dinner with guest speaker Kelly Paget, Chancellor and Director of Mission at the Diocese of Broken Bay. Kelly was amongst five Australians chosen personally by the Holy Father to participate in the General Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Library Opening – 4.30 PM

Free entry. All welcome

Dinner & Speaker – 5.30 PM

\$40 pp includes buffet meal and guest speaker presentation. Dinner

Registration link: [https://](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/twec-dinner-library-opening-tickets-872278206597)

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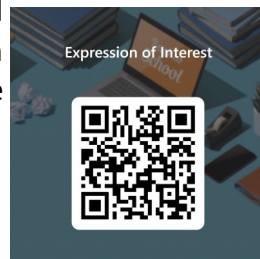
VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat meets May 22 for View, Chew, and Chat. To participate, please email the parish office.

RCIA TEAM – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dear friends,

Over the past couple of years, our Pastoral Region has received an increasing number of enquiries from adults interested in becoming Catholic. To assist our parishes in responding to this need, I would like to form an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team for our region, to guide and accompany these individuals on their journey of faith in preparation for being initiated into the Church. I have spoken with Bishop Michael, who is very supportive of this proposal. Formation will be provided to those who will become part of this new team. Accordingly, I would like to invite anyone who may feel called to share their faith with others in this way, to please register your interest via this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/DdYEiSwPUu>



Fr John

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 25 May, 9.30am - 2.30pm

John and Anne Gray will lead this event, opening a space for inner silence, gratitude, love and divine beauty. The duo will lead us in Imaginative Contemplation and share the aims of the Worldwide Prayer Network.

Where: St James School Hall (Vista Parade, Kotara) – parking available on Church grounds or Street.

Morning tea provided. Bring your lunch.

RSVP: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or 0407 436 808

\$10 donations would be appreciated

BBI SHORT COURSE

Ethical Foundations: Human Dignity Mondays 20 & 27
May, 4pm -5:30pm

Human dignity is at the heart of all ethical and moral reasoning. What do we mean by human dignity? Why is it so important, that without it, we cannot properly act toward others, develop economic systems or know what is good or bad care of another human being?

Register to join us at the Diocesan Resource Centre, at home or as a parish group at <https://forms.office.com/r/7uMVUncy4f>

THE CHUCKLE

I went swimming with dolphins and thought it was really expensive. But when I went swimming with sharks, it cost me an arm and a leg!



CONFIRMATION, BALLOONS, & THE HOLY SPIRIT

A REPORT BY ANNE MILLARD

Around eighty children will be confirmed in our pastoral region over the next two weeks. We ask you to keep the children and their families in your prayers. These children received most of their training for the Sacraments of Initiation online. Using a platform called Moodle, the children and their families logged on each week to watch a short instructional video about aspects of the sacraments. They discussed the video as a family and were asked to post responses via a discussion forum.

The online platform ideally embodies the Diocesan directive that the Sacramental journey be family centred, parish based, and school supported. Almost all the videos are homemade featuring individuals from our Parishes. Although a bit cheesy, they have been well received and the children all seem to have learned from them.

The use of video for instruction ensures the learning is easily accessible for the whole family. Our school teachers have been incredibly supportive of the program. We are very blessed to have such wonderful schools in our Parish!

A major part of the children's preparation for Confirmation is the Works of Mercy project, whereby the children, with support from their families, devise and carry out either a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy. The reports are beautiful. Our children are caring, thoughtful, and compassionate.

The final piece of the children's preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is attending a full day retreat at The Cathedral. A number of parishioners volunteered their time to provide the students with hands-on experiences to learn about our faith and our church.

The final part of the retreat day involved each child being given a balloon. Balloons often indicate celebrations—we usually see them at parties. The balloon is red—the colour of Pentecost. It's no accident that Confirmation takes place during the same week as Pentecost. We think of Pentecost as the birthday of the church. Another good reason for a balloon!

You can have a lot of fun with a balloon. But there is something lacking in balloons. They needed to be filled with air—before a balloon can fulfill its purpose, someone must breathe some life into it!

I think a balloon provides a perfect metaphor to help us understand the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the day that God sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into the church so it would be all that God intended for it to be.

At the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples that he would not be with them much longer and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. We hear about the arrival of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Before God sent His Holy Spirit, the church was lifeless --like the balloons the children received. After the Holy Spirit breathed life into the church, people began telling everyone they saw about Jesus. The church as we know it was born! The story of Jesus spread from that day throughout the whole world.

At the retreat, we encouraged the children to breathe life into their balloons and to remember that just as the balloon needs to be filled to become what it was intended to be, we all need the Holy Spirit to fill us so we can be all that God wants us to be.

There's beautiful energy between children and balloons, but inevitably some broke—the Holy Spirit can be a violent wind. Sometimes the Holy Spirit is buoyant and makes our balloons fly high. Sometimes they pop. We can't control a balloon, just as we can't control the Holy Spirit. I hope the spirit soars in you this Pentecost.



CATHEDRAL MORNING TEA

Thank you so much to those who brought treats for our morning tea at Sacred Heart Cathedral!

Our next morning tea is June 9



*The hand of Christ
blesses the cup*



*The hand of love
offers the cup*



*The hand of suffering
receives the cup*

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL COMING TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU!

NOTICE TO PLANNED GIVERS - THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR IS COMING!

Planned Giving Tax Receipts: Parishioners who require a tax receipt for planned giving for the 2023/2024 financial year must notify the Parish Office **by Friday, 28 June 2024.**

Please submit requests in writing by one of the following methods:

Email to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au: Use the wording, *"Please provide me with a Planned Giving tax receipt"* and include your name and envelope number.

Planned Giving Envelope: Write on your weekly envelope, *"Tax receipt required"*.

Tax receipt data will be processed immediately following 30 June 2024. If you make a request after that date you will not be eligible for a receipt, nor for a tax deduction in relation to your planned giving contributions. This is because there is a designated sum that can be attributed to planned giving receipts and, once this distribution has occurred, no further allocations are possible.

The 'designated sum' provision also means that the claimable amount for each giver decreases when more people request a receipt. We therefore request that if you do not intend to claim a tax deduction, please do not request a receipt.

REFLECTION DAY WITH SRE TEACHERS

Special Religious Education (SRE) offers a safe place for students in state schools to learn about Jesus' love and to discuss matters of faith, spirituality, and beliefs. For teachers, it is a response to a calling of journeying with young people as they come to know Jesus Christ, who loves and teaches love.

You are invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy and the Special Religious Education teachers for a day of prayerful contemplation on 29 May 2024 commencing at 9am and finishing at 2.30pm. Starting with Mass, this is an occasion to listen to and engage in stories and experiences involving this ministry. An opportunity exists in the afternoon for us to visit the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to learn about this sacred space where children use sensory-rich materials and Montessori principles to explore their relationship with God.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/iaKTYrJHt7>

This event is also great for anyone who is interested in becoming an SRE teacher or has been one in the past.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 2nd June @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *The Pavilion in the Clouds* by Alexander McCall Smith. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION CENTRE, 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am – and has done so for the last 25 years, in which time many hundreds of people have taken up this prayer form. After meditation on Fridays Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. Through both practices we open ourselves to the fullness of life; we come to know ourselves by knowing that we are known and loved by God. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj -0412122297 - or just come.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE

Expressions of Interest for 2024/2025 Christian Formation Course are now open.

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity and develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church? The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a learning experience that allows participants to explore the foundational elements of the Catholic Faith Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy.

- The Course runs across twelve (12) months and comprises eight (8) units

- All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation

By engaging in the course, it is hoped participants will:

- become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith
- grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey
- realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community
- be affirmed in their gifts for participating in the life of the faith community
- grow in awareness of what it means to be a responsive member of the faith community

Commencing on Tuesday 23 July, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. To find out more, go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course/

FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Items of dry goods or tin food e.g. (Vegemite, cornflakes or breakfast foods, sugar, packet or tin soup, sardines, tea, coffee, tin fruit etc), can be placed in the basket at the back of **St Joseph's Church**, The Junction and in the foyer of **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**, Tighes Hill. St Vincent de Paul members will pick up for distribution to the needy who are very grateful to receive the items. When donating please check expiry dates. Thank you. Questions to Sr Carol Woodland rsj (mob) 0423 700 523 or 4967 2998. The St Joseph's community kindly requests that you do not donate peanut butter.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL & ST MARY'S, NEWCASTLE:

If you would like to donate, any of the following types of non-perishable items would be most gratefully received: UHT milk, cereal, jam, vegemite, peanut butter, tinned veggies, fruit, soup, fish, meat, dried pasta, rice, pasta sauces, teabags, coffee, biscuits, crackers, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner (even the travel sized ones from hotels), deodorant.

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT SEMINAR

Are you open to allowing God to activate the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which you received in Baptism? The Immaculate Conception of Mary, Charismatic Prayer Group has been gathering for more than 40 years. They eagerly invite you to experience a six-week, 'New life in the Spirit Seminar'. This is an opportunity for you to journey with others to encounter Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. There will be music for Praise and Worship, guest speakers and discussion groups.

Location: Diocesan Resource Centre 12 Tudor Street (corner of Tudor and Parry Street), Newcastle West-adjacent to the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Start date: Monday 20 May

Cost: Free. Simply register your name and contact details by calling or texting Bernadette Barlow on 0425 270 613. You can also register on the night. All are welcome!

EPIC (EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN CHRIST) YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Are you aged between 20 and 40? Are you interested to share your faith with like-minded young adults? Then our new faith sharing group might be for you! We meet Thursdays @ 7pm in the Cathedral precinct. Email Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au to find out more.

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The preparations for the sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation and First Eucharist in the City Pastoral Region are now almost complete. Over 80 children in Years 4, 5, 6 and in high school will be confirmed in ceremonies on May 21, 22, and 28. We ask you keep the children in your prayers!

BEQUESTS

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region of Parishes continue its important mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus, you might consider including us in your Will. You would just need to specify which parish or parishes you would like to help with your bequest.

PARISH VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Tuesday 18 June 2024

9.30am to 12.30pm (Lunch Provided)

Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2302

All parish workers are required to attend **Safeguarding Training in Parishes** within 6 months of commencing in their role and every 6 years thereafter.

This training forms part of the **Diocese's mandatory training regime** and is specifically designed to support paid and unpaid helpers undertaking a broad range of ministries in church facilities and out in the community. The training targets the safeguarding needs of faith communities. The course will address:

- the Diocese's Safeguarding Framework policy
- indicators of risk and vulnerability
- indicators of abuse and neglect
- boundaries in ministry
- responding to disclosures
- reporting obligations
- contributing to a 'Safe' culture

Please RSVP to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au by June 4

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Men's Rosary will be held on the first Saturday of each month @ 1pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. For more information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.



PARISH LUNCHEON

Parish Luncheon at *Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether* @ 12.30pm on Monday, 20th May. All welcome. Inquiries to Maureen (Tighes Hill) on 0412 673151.

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

The Holy Spirit came upon them

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1abc & 24. 30-31. R. see v.30
1 Cor 12:4-7. 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

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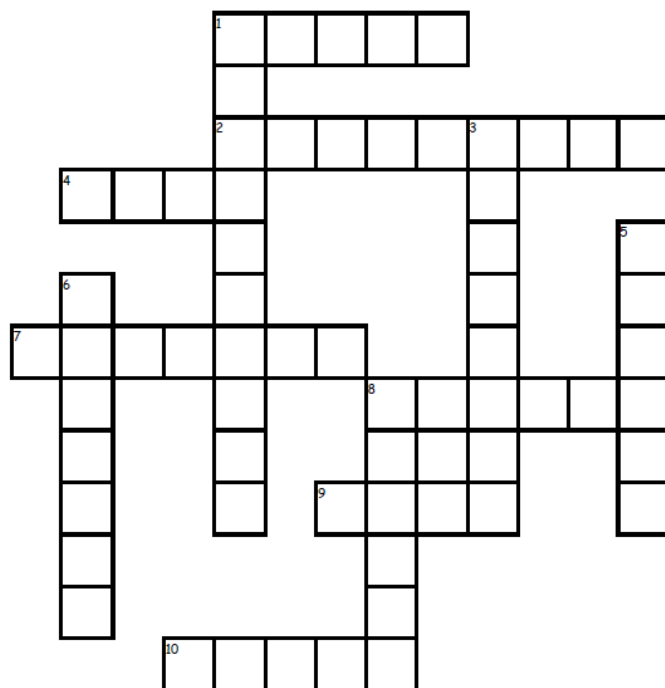
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Holy Spirit
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middle
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CROSSWORD

The Holy Spirit came upon them

Acts 2:1-11
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1 Cor 12:4-7. 12-13
Jn 20:19-23



Across

- 1: the disciples felt this way when they saw Jesus appear
- 2: the people began speaking whatever _____ the Spirit let them speak
- 4: when we are baptised we become part of the _____ of Christ
- 7: Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you _____ anyone's sins, they will be forgiven!'
- 8: the disciples were _____ of the Jewish leaders
- 9: this part of the body has fingers and a thumb on it
- 10: a large group of people

Down

- 1: the _____ came down and took control of everyone (two words)
- 3: Jesus did this after the disciples locked themselves in a room
- 5: another word for centre
- 6: Jesus' followers saw what looked like fiery _____ moving in all directions
- 8: the Jewish people were excited and _____ to hear Galileans speaking their language

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Wisdom 1:7

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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and
began to speak different languages.*

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: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making
one body.*

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: John 20:19-23

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive
the Holy Spirit.*

Communion Antiphon: Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11

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

OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Primary School

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St Columban's Primary School

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