

BREATHING IN THE SPIRIT

'Stay Connected' says the sign outside the church at the top of the street and there's a quote from the first letter of John: 'Let us love one another for love is from God.' This past year we've heard quite a bit about staying connected, less of God's love perhaps, but it's the Holy Spirit which connects them, because the Spirit is all about connection, relationship and God's love. It's what you get in the first reading from Acts when we hear of what's happening to the disciples fifty days after the resurrection. In a locked room, there comes a sound like a great wind from heaven and tongues of fire and released by the Spirit they find 'what they have to say about Jesus can be translated to everyone'! A new creation is happening. It's breathtaking, dramatic and empowering and we're a part of it too.

Our images of the Holy Spirit – wind, fire, breath – are meant to unsettle us, move us out of our locked rooms to begin the living out of God's love. They draw us into relationship with Christ, with the Father, with each other and with those we know as 'them' only to discover they too are us. We begin to reach out to strangers, the embattled, the broken-hearted and be with 'them', and through these relationships we learn to be with one other and become ourselves. The self-giving of Jesus Christ, in his dying and being raised to endless life, models this way of living, giving as God gives, unceasingly. The words we use to speak of this – excess, outpouring, prodigality, overflow – however we say it, speak of this abundant new life, given to us. It's an extraordinary event, but in today's gospel from the last supper in John, there's nothing out of the ordinary, nothing dramatic about the Spirit. Instead, the Spirit is to come as our Advocate, the Spirit of truth and witness to this self giving of Jesus, it seems without too great excitement. Often this is how the Spirit comes to us in our lives, quietly, unexpectedly, as we know when we're put in touch with the heart of the matter by a word, a gesture, a video – you name it – and a match is lit.

At Easter, in John's gospel, the Spirit is breathed into the disciples and over the fifty days that follow they're drawn more deeply into a life freed of resentment and fear, until at Pentecost we're all invited to participate in this new way of belonging to one another, in Jesus Christ. The Spirit is the environment in which this happens, in which we come alive, for the sake of one another. All this we celebrate at Mass today when the Easter season culminates dramatically, quietly, in the pouring out of the Spirit, and now the never-ending story of God's love can be told to everyone. This is our mission, and as Paul says in the second reading, 'our life'.

Damian Coleridge
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Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am &
10.00am

Monday-Saturday:
9.00am

Anointing Mass:

First Friday of each
month at 9am Mass

Prayer of the Church:

Saturday: 8.45am &
Novena at 9am Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturday: After 9am
Mass & 4pm after-
noon

Rosary Group:

Each Friday: 3:30pm
in Parish Centre

Exposition:

Every Thursday
9.30am - 6.45pm
with Benediction at
6.45pm



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 May 2021



Come, Holy Spirit,
*fill the hearts of your faithful, and
enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and
we shall be created,
and you shall renew
the face of the earth.
Amen.*

Thank You!

The Parish Pastoral Council and every parishioner sends a big thank you to **MR GRAHAM FABIAN** of New World, Stonefields, for his generosity in sponsoring the finger food served at the Parish Farewell to the Redemptorists.

May God Bless you and your family for your kindness to Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

SIGN-UP SUNDAY JUNE 13

Sign-up Sunday is on June 13th. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for a ministry in our parish.

Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the celebration of my 90 birthday. It was much appreciated.
Br Frank Blewman CSSR

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our members have been busy delivering food parcels and visiting people in homes and hospitals. On behalf of members and the recipients of your generosity, we are most grateful for your help. This has been significant with increased weekly food donations and cash donations in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at our Church. Working both directly with parishioners and in conjunction with Te Waipuna Mercy Oasis we are distributing to over 80 family homes. Thank you for your ongoing support which makes these works possible.



We remember you all in our prayers.

**A very warm Invitation to all interested men and women
" Mother of Perpetual Help Parish" to
St Heliers Parish Centre - Friday 28th May at 2pm**

We wish to invite you to join with our Ignatian Circle members (a group of men and women in their wisdom years , 60+) to hear our two guest speakers from the Immunisation Advisory Centre. They're going to share with us the latest information on Covid 19 and the Vaccination Programme. It will be a very informative, interesting and useful afternoon. Dealia is a nurse and Sally is a pharmacist so bring all your questions etc. This will be followed by a cuppa and a catch up.
Sr Paula Mary SMSM

We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during May: James Vicars, Burnham Heasman, Veronica Chitty, Joyce Sorenson, Gwen Buckler, Ben Chilwell, Neil Sweeney, and Pat Stanaway.

Next Week: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 29 & 30 May 2021

1. 1Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 **2.** Romans 8:14-17 **3.** Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

| ROSTERS | 5.30pm | 8.00am | 10.00am |
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| Welcomer | Cristy Pontiveros | Thelma Correa | Sina Pailate |
| Greeters | Jennifer Dagleish Desley King | Maria Kneebone Liz Pascal | Odelia D'Souza Richard Pain |
| Musicians | | | |
| PowerPoint | Maureen Keenan | Fiona Wilson | Ingrid Coakley |
| Children's Liturgy | Joy in the temple - Jackie Jeanmonod & Stephanie Aquilina | | |
| Prayers of the Faithful | Br Frank Blewman | | |
| Ministers of Communion | Heather Hart Frank Blewman | Sam Wimsett Gerard Murphy | Anne Gordon Kathleen Ward |
| Readers | Michelle Yates Heather Manickum | Helen Wright Alex Binnie | James Bergin David Bergin |
| Cleaners | Malia Griffiths & Sue Rivalland | Altar Linen: Ingrid Coakley | |
| Grace Joel | 10.30am David Manickum & Maria Kneebone | | |
| Sacramental Programme | Offertory Procession: 10.00am - Milosevic Family | | |