



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 31 May 2020 Pentecost Sunday

Today the Eucharist will be celebrated at **8.00am** and will be live on [Facebook](#). Then it will be available on either our [YouTube](#) channel or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)



Dear Friends,

Slowly but surely our lives are opening to a new post pandemic world, in the parish we will move gradually and carefully to restore our gatherings. The Parish Council meets this week and will review our protocols for hygiene and distancing before we begin our communal acts of worship again and plan for the opening of Pandora's.

Our current situation will pass, and while it is important that we address the issues that it raises we must not lose sight of the many other problems that beset our world. At the forefront of these are the environmental issues of our time and it is at Pentecost when we celebrate the Spirit 'the giver of life' that we should look to the created order and our place within it.

In our tradition the Spirit creates and animates; in that mysterious text that reminds us of the unforgivable sin (Matt 12:32), the sin against the Holy Spirit, we are perhaps reminded that to create and animate together with the Spirit is our first calling, to bring life.

We in the parish committed ourselves to a three year plan of learning, sustaining and celebrating, a plan to build our community. In this year we are considering our stewardship of all that has been entrusted to us. We are working towards the sustainable use of water and energy, we are looking to future well beyond that which currently besets us. The Spirit call us on to join in the creative energy of God.

Blessings to you all this Whitsuntide.

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### *Introit Hymn*

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

There let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
in which the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco de Siena d.1434  
tr Richard Frederick Littledale 1833-90

### *Sentence*

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

John 7:38

### *Prayer of the day*

Almighty God,  
At the feast of Pentecost  
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
empower us with that same Spirit  
to witness to your redeeming love  
and draw all people to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Acts (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Psalm 104:26-36*

Lord, how various are your works:  
in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the wide, immeasurable sea:  
there move living things without number,  
great and small;**

There go the ships, to and fro:  
and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

**These all look to you:  
to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it:  
when you open your hand  
they are satisfied with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are troubled:  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit they are created:  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:**

**may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:

if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:**

**I will praise my God while I have any being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him:

for my joy shall be in the Lord.

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:1-13)*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*A reading from the Gospel according to John (20:19-23)*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

## *Prayers*

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better,  
and pray for those in positions of great authority and responsibility  
in our world today

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

and pray for the unity of the Church throughout the world,  
for this parish and Diocese and for Mark our Bishop.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us,  
And we pray for peace where there is hatred and violence,  
in Afghanistan, Syria and the Middle East.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.  
We pray your healing love upon Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh and Sarah.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.  
and we pray for our community, for all who are gifted as educators,  
and medical professionals, and those in our emergency services.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Christ,  
and pray for the end of the Pandemic which besets our world,  
for a unity of Spirit among all as we work towards its eradication.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.  
We pray for the faithful departed, for those who have died recently  
And for those whose years mind falls at this time: Charles Parke (31/5/1936),  
Ann Johnson (4/6/2005) and Monica Gray (6/6/2018).  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,  
**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

### *A prayer of Spiritual Communion*

*[When the clergy make their communion, you may like to privately make the following prayer. It was believed from earliest times that Christians could receive the benefits of Holy Communion even if they were unable to be present at the Eucharist. This teaching was of particular comfort to so-called Confessors of the Faith, who were imprisoned and deprived of access to the sacraments].*

Jesus, you have given us in the Holy Eucharist  
your Body and Blood to be our spiritual nourishment  
through which we may have life everlasting.

I desire, with all my heart, to receive this living Bread  
which came down from Heaven.  
Send your Spirit upon me, come and refresh my soul.  
That, whilst I may be isolated from your sacramental presence  
and from your Body, gathered;  
I may know the peace and joy of communion with you  
and your body the Church, in my heart.

Increase my faith,  
strengthen my hope,  
kindle my love,  
that I may die to self and live but for you. Amen.

[If you are interested in the history and the theology behind Spiritual Communion this YouTube clip is helpful. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uBiqbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be>]

### *Recessional Hymn*

Holy Spirit go before us, every mind and heart prepare for good news of life in Jesus, for the joyful hope we share. Gently lead the lost to safety, gently teach them Wisdom's way, till they come to seek you gladly, till we find the words to say.

Holy Spirit, come and help us, give us words to speak of Christ. Teach us how to tell all people: deepest darkness can be light! Help us tell how faithful God is, and how Jesus sets us free; take our words, and make them gospel so that many may believe.

Holy Spirit, stay to show us how to serve as Christ served us. May our words of love be grounded in love's actions, first and last. Your good news is news of justice, and the strong befriend the weak in your service, till compassion builds the peace the nations seek

### *For reflection*

"Jesus said: If you love me you will keep my commandments and I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever." (John 14:15ff) The gift and the presence of the Holy Spirit is the most magnificent and wonderful thing that can happen to us, to the human community, and to our earth. The Holy Spirit is not just one of the spirits in our world but is God in person. It is the God who creates and gives life and redeems and blesses. In the Holy Spirit the end of the history of guilt, of suffering and of death has begun. "And it shall come to pass later..." says the prophet Joel, in words that Jesus' disciples understood as pointing to what they experienced at Pentecost. They had experienced the first days of a new creation of the world and the fulfillment of prophecy. Pentecost is thus not an appendix, an addition to Good Friday and Easter. Pentecost is the goal of Jesus' death on the Cross and his resurrection by God into the glory that had now come. Where the Holy Spirit is, God is present in a special way. We experience God acting in our lives and are thus quickened by a source that draws on sources deeper than any in our merely human being. We experience life in a new way, we experience redemption—complete and in its entirety—and do it with all our being. We feel and taste and touch and see ourselves living in God and God living in our lives. The Holy Spirit is rightly called our "Comforter" and "fount of life". In the Spirit we pray in a new way. When you pray for the coming of the Spirit you open yourself to the expectation that the energy of the Spirit will flow into your life. Even if you can only groan for salvation from some situation, your groaning becomes the groaning of God's Spirit within you seeking to come into your life of narrowness or some kind of imprisonment and to transform this devastated world we live in. These very groans are a first sign of new life and the beginning of transformation. The Spirit's response to such praying is to come and abide. The Spirit is poured out and indwells in us, and through us in our world. Whoever prays for the Holy Spirit to come and indwell—in one's heart, in one's community, in our shared earth—doesn't want to flee from the earth to heaven. Such a one has hope for every heart, for every community, and for the earth. We do not pray "Let us come into your Kingdom" but "Let your Kingdom come on earth, and as it is in Heaven". This is a magnificent affirmation of the life that God gives and that the Spirit is pouring into us fragile earthy human persons. Let the Spirit work the Great Transformation through your fragile life.

*The Spirit's Work Through Us A reflection taken from a text by Jurgen Moltmann*

### *Calendar @ St Philip's*

Today - Sunday 31 May

Following 8am Eucharist – **Breakfast chat:** catch up over coffee and toast with other parishioners on Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81676832956>

Tuesday 2 June 2pm

**Prayer and Counsel** (Zoom) – Leslie Morshead Manor

Wednesday 3 June 7pm

Parish Council  
Close of the week of prayer for Christian Unity

Friday 4 June 5pm -7pm

**Happy Hour online**, for those who wish to catch up.  
[St Philip's Happy Hour link](#)

Sunday 6 June 8am

Trinity Sunday **Eucharist**: streamed live on [Facebook](#) and then available on either our [YouTube](#) channel or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page: [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)

## News

CALL FOR DONATIONS. Toora is a womens' refuge in our neighbourhood. We have helped Toora for many years through our donations of Pandora vouchers and everyday household necessities. Toora is asking for donations of linen such as bedlinen and towels, dining and cookware and office and school equipment for those working at home. If you have been cleaning out cupboards and have any of these items in good condition you could leave them with Susan at the Rectory or Valerie Kirk (m) 0450 840021/ (h) 5248 9059 and they will see that they get to the right place. As you will understand it is necessary to maintain discretion about Toora because of the sensitive nature of its work in the community.

Kerry-Anne



From the Bishop:

The latest in my weekly reflections on the Gospel reading for this Sunday is available on YouTube.

There is also a link to the video on the Diocesan website on the

'Keep Connected at a Distance' page: <https://anglicancg.org.au/keep-connected/>

The *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* as at April 2020 is available as a pdf on the website at:

<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Diocesan-Cycle-of-Prayer.pdf>

I continue to be grateful for your fellowship and your service.

In Jesus, +Mark



I hope you are enjoying the latest edition of *Church Chat*. Thank you to all who contributed and thanks to Laura Wood our Editor for putting it all together. We would love to receive input from as many people as possible and are open to any suggestions. Please email Laura at [yourlaurawood@gmail.com](mailto:yourlaurawood@gmail.com) with your content and ideas.



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**Thank you**



**I have been learning lots of new skills in the kitchen!!**