

## Embracing the Holy Spirit!

At the centre of Christian faith is the great paradox: God is one, yet God is three. Our tradition also speaks of God as “three persons – Father, Son and Spirit.” But how do we know this? We know this because of the witness of Jesus’ own life and the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promises his disciples.

Pentecost is the celebration of that promise when the disciples are “filled with the Holy Spirit” who upturns their lives, transforming them into + teachers, preachers, evangelists and missionaries.

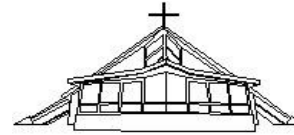
The testimony of St Luke in the Acts of the Apostles strains to explain this experience of the Holy Spirit in words. We are given images of a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and the disciples speaking to people from every known land in their own language!

Certainly, we cannot speak of the Holy Spirit as independent of the Father and the Son; nor should we speak of any ‘person’ of the Trinity in isolation. Too often our culture is inclined to dismiss the “spirit world” as a place of magic, sorcery and the occult. This is a danger if we isolate spiritual knowledge and mystical awareness from the loving embrace of Father, Son and Spirit.

Our Christian vocation is to be “Spirit-filled” people who rely not on our own resources but on the power of the living God. To appreciate this gift of faith is to be a mystic, and to live this faith is to be missionary. Pentecost was not a one-off event, but is the ongoing experience of the movement of the Holy Spirit in our world, calling us to the ever-deepening, always surprising, realisation that God is with us, God is in us, and God works through us. And so, we pray: “Come Holy Spirit”.

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## Pentecost Sunday Year C

9th June 2019

### Today's Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

Romans 8:8-17;

John 14:15-16, 23-26

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Trinity Sunday Year C

Proverbs 8:22-31;

Romans 5:1-5;

John 16:12-15



### Weekend Mass times:

Saturday vigil	6:00pm	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne,
Sunday	8.30am	John Paul II, Rokeby
	10.30am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
	6:00pm	Corpus Christi, Bellerive

### Weekday Masses

Monday	11.00am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive (Funeral Mass)
Tuesday	10:45am	Queen Victoria Home, Lindisfarne
	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne
Wednesday	12:00pm	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
	1.00pm	Church of the Incarnation (Funeral Mass)
Thursday	10:00am	John Paul II, Rokeby
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive

Dear Parish Family,

We had a strong start to our new parish sacramental preparation program this week. Following on from the Rite of Welcome and Commitment at Parish Masses last weekend, the candidates engaged with their parent or sponsor in the first of the faith sharing sessions during the week. It was wonderful to see so many smiles on the faces of the children and their parent or sponsor as they explored and discussed aspects of their faith in fun and interactive ways.

It was also a blessed experience for me to spend time on retreat with the Principals of Tasmanian Catholic Schools later in the week. These leaders in our Catholic schools give so generously of themselves in service of our children and families, and it was wonderful to share these days of fun, friendship and faith with them. There was an uplifting atmosphere of support and camaraderie throughout the days together, and some profound moments of reflection and prayer were relished along with the space and solitude in beautiful surroundings on the Tasman Peninsula.

We will celebrate the funerals of three long time parishioners of the Bellerive and Lindisfarne communities this week. Vincent Cockburn, Cathleen Vaszocz and Mary Chivers have each made their way home to God this week after a lifetime of participation in our faith community. We pray eternal rest for them as we commend them to the mercy and love of God, and we pray for their grieving families as well.

As we celebrate the birth of the Church this Pentecost Day, may a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds. To be inspired is literally to have the Spirit within (in spiro); to be enthusiastic is literally to have God within (en theos); thus the spiritual life is very much about being fully alive rather than merely existing or going through the motions.

May we be inspired and inspiring as we celebrate and live our faith!

Fr Richard



**WALK WITH CHRIST** – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1:15 to 3:00 pm. Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the city of Hobart. Be at St Joseph's Church (Harrington St) by 1.15 pm, and walk with us to St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction concluding at 3:00pm. There will be a 'cuppa' afterwards. If you can't do the walk come to the Cathedral at 2:00pm for prayer and Adoration.

### **BELLERIVE LINDISFARNE COMMUNITY**

We invite you and your group to our Winter Wonderland afternoon tea and entertainment

Where: Lindisfarne Activities Centre

When: Wednesday July 24 2019 at 1.30 pm

Further information and Poster to follow late June.

### **LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL**

All are invited to the annual Lighthouse event which this year will run for THREE consecutive Friday nights! Join us at St Mary's cathedral, Hobart for a time of prayer, praise, silent reflection, music, scripture and Mass. The nights will run all night from 5:30pm on Friday and end with 8am Mass on Saturday followed by a hot breakfast. The event is free and is an opportunity to pray together as one for our state and people; that Christ's light may shine through the darkness and in each of our hearts. You are free to attend at any time of the night/morning for as long as you wish to stay. Lighthouse will run on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.

### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm. All are warmly invited to our next evening at St. Joseph's Church/ side chapel commencing with songs of praise and worship and concluding around 9pm followed by supper. There will also be an opportunity for personal prayer. Enquiries; Lyn Driessen 0408385360 or Di van Tienen 0447350379