



An Invisible Power

Wind is one of the greatest symbols of Pentecost. The other is fire.

Wind is a symbol of power. On Pentecost day the Holy Spirit came to the apostles as a great wind. Wind is one of the most destructive forces on earth. But here we are meant to think only of its beneficial effects. It benefits us in many ways. It is a refreshing breeze that cools us. It is a current that brings rain to us. It is a force that propels our boats. It is only in recent years that we have come to realize what a marvellous source of energy we have in the wind and we are only beginning to harness it. Wind turbines are sprouting up all over the place.

There is something mysterious about the wind. As Jesus said, 'The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going' (Jn 3:8).

The power symbolized by the Pentecostal wind is the power of the Holy Spirit. In promising the Spirit, Jesus said to his apostles, 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8).

The keyword here is *power* - power was precisely what the apostles needed. They felt completely powerless with a sense of inadequacy. They needed someone to empower them. That is what happened at Pentecost - imbued with power by the Holy Spirit, the apostles began the preaching of the Gospel.

The Spirit provided the apostles with energy, courage, love and passion to get on with the task Jesus had given them. Yet, even though the Holy Spirit would help them, he would not do it for them. We are not talking about brute force here, but about something much more subtle, yet still forceful, still able to achieve its purpose. The wind affects us externally. The Holy Spirit works from within. The power of the Holy Spirit enables us to do what we cannot do on our own. In the Holy Spirit we have a sure and unfailing supply of power.

The Holy Spirit was not given just for one time and one place. It is constantly present in the Church as a whole, guiding it. It is available to us and it binds us together in a community of love. It is not a spirit of timidity but of power - the power that made the prophets speak and enabled to do marvellous things.

Flor McCarthy SDB

PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



There will be Adoration and Benediction in church **Sunday 02 June (2pm-4pm)**. Everyone is invited to spend some time with our Lord.

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Saturday 08 June - there will be a Rosary at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9am.

Children's Liturgy

Jesus spoke in parables to us. We can speak such learnings to the children.

Our parish is looking for some helpers to lead our children's liturgy on Sundays at the 9am mass (during school terms). You will be added to the team roster. For further info, please email the Parish office.

DIOCESE NEWS

St Francis Retreat Centre

Behold the Man ~ a retreat for men with Fr Michael Therese CSJ **Fri 07 June 7pm - Sun 09 June 4.30pm**. To register your interest and for more info, email retreats@sfrfc.org.nz

Marriage Educators

Marriage & Family Life Ministry at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years (or more) who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role. If interested, please call [Gerry 021 022 47442](tel:021-022-47442) or email gerrys@cda.org.nz

Mass Times

Monday: 9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30pm
Wed: Novena 6pm
Friday: 9am
First Friday: 6.30pm
Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 5pm

**Reconciliation by appointment.
Please contact the parish office.**

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Yvonne Sommers,
Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae,
Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn,
Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta,
Joan Unkovich, Pauline Caffell,
Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman,
Siufaga Maileoi Lili, Lee Dunn,
Alex Soniega, Aaron Ablan,
Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea,
Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover.

Pentecost Prayer



*Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the gift of the
Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
who makes us more open to each
other, resolves conflict, and
strengthens our bonds of
communion.
May we grow in mutual affection and
in the desire to announce the Gospel
message more faithfully, that the
world may come together in unity and
welcome the Prince of Peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(resources: Prayer for Christianity Unity)

**If you wish to place a notice in our
parish newsletter, please email the
parish office by Wednesday.**

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 1,377.40

Parish - \$ 2,190.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 20 May: Acts 1:12-14
Jn 19:25-34 Ps 86:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7
Tue 21 May: James 4:1-10
Mk 9:30-37 Ps 54:7-11, 23
Wed 22 May: James 4:13-17
Mk 9:38-40 Ps 48:2-3, 6-11
Thu 23 May: James 5:1-6
Mk 9:41-50 Ps 48:14-20
Fri 24 May: James 3:13-18
Lk 1:39-56 Prov 31:10-13, 19-20
Sat 25 May: James 5:13-20
Mk 10:13-16 Ps 140:1-3, 8
Sun 26 May: Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20 Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Homestays for Students

The Diocese has a few pre-seminary students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months.

The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you are able to offer them a supportive home with a room of their own.

Please email Alison: alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone [\(09\) 360 3003](tel:(09)3603003).



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