



# RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

13<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

“Go Make Disciples”

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.  
Closed for lunch between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.  
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

The Parish Library is open during office hours.

### RESURRECTION PRIMARY SCHOOL

John Connors - Principal – 8312 6312  
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### PARISH MEETING NIGHT

All Parish Groups meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday. We begin with prayer at 7.15pm; individual groups meet between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am (or any time by appointment)

### BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation required.

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Should you or somebody you know wish to become a Catholic, there is a great program called R.C.I.A.

Contact Pauline Debrincat or Fr. Gerard at the Parish Office.

### MARRIAGE

Preparation program for couples is required.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

### PARISH FINANCE

The Parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Contact the Parish Office for details.

### FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES

Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to [resparish.ict@gmail.com](mailto:resparish.ict@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the “message” button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

### BULLETIN

A Bulletin is published weekly and on the last weekend of the month, a Big Bulletin is produced. Parishioners are encouraged to write articles for the Big Bulletin, particularly if personal testimony is included. When submitting an article, please make sure you mark it “Weekly” or “Big Bulletin” and send to [bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au](mailto:bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au)

## Mass Times

### Saturday

6.00 pm

### Sunday

9.00 am  
10.30 am

### Weekdays

### Monday

6.00 pm

### Tuesday

9.30 am

### Thursday

7.00 pm

### Friday

8.30 am

## This Week at Resurrection

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

9.20am Mother's Day Mass – School  
6.00pm Mass

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

9.03am Mass

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

9.30am Communion Service  
Resurrection Young Adults  
Dinner & Speaker

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

7.00pm Eucharist Parent Meeting –  
School & RE Parents

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

8.30am Mass  
9.00am Stations of the Cross  
4.30pm RCIC

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

8.30am Working Bee  
9.30am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Chaplaincy

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 PENTECOST SUNDAY

9.00am Mass  
10.30am Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Chaplaincy



*We pray in thanksgiving for Tony Galea, Julia Ducabo, Peter Muscat, Charles Collins and all those who have died recently.*

*We pray for Rebeca, Carmu Bussittil, Tony Komarow, Margarita Pascua, Leopoldo Parane Sr, Claudina Vieira Pita, Carmen Darmanin and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.*

*Please also pray for Rose Debattista and all those who are sick.*

### **SIGN UP – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Pentecost Sunday falls on the 19th & 20th May, during Mass you'll have an opportunity to sign up to a Parish Group. Please carefully and prayerfully discern where your gifts may be best place in the service of the Resurrection Community. An Injection of new blood is needed to keep our parish moving forward.

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

During May each year all Catholic Parishes in Australia are requested to conduct a Mass count. The statistics are then gathered by the Australian Bishops Pastoral Planning Office.

Last weekend the number who came to Resurrection were as follows:

6pm 384 of whom 33 came after Mass commenced

9am 246 of whom 57 came after Mass commenced

10.30am 420 of whom 82 came after Mass commenced

Total 1,050

### **CHANGE OF MASS TIME**

After some discussion with the school community we will continue to have the Friday morning Mass at 8.30am. The school children and their parents are most welcome to attend this Mass.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Resurrection Primary School children will be receiving their First Communion over three weekends in June. The weekends are Sunday 3rd, Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th. There will be a workshop presented by Paul Connell held on 17th May at 7.00pm for all Resurrection Students and RE Students. Due to the workshop the 7.00pm Mass will be cancelled.



### **MOTHER'S DAY MASS**

On Monday 14th May at 9.20am there will be a special Mass for Mothers. All our school children will be there.

### **WORKING BEE**

The next working bee is Saturday 19th May between 8.30am and concluding with a BBQ at 12.30pm. If you look around you will see that there are many things requiring attention. The Maintenance Group has a long list of jobs. Can you come? Your help will be appreciated. If you are unable to stay for the whole morning, come just for an hour or two.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We are in need of some help at the 10.30am Mass for coffee clean up and also at the 9.00am for Eucharist Minister. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office and ask to speak to Rachael & Melanie. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### **CHOIR IS NEEDED**

Being part of a choir is pure joy for many people. You might be a couple or a single person or perhaps a family. Resurrection requires a group to sing every second Sunday of the month at 9.00am Mass. If you think you can fulfil this role please contact the parish office.

### **PARISH GROUPS**

In this week's bulletin you will find descriptions for all the Parish Groups. Please carefully and prayerfully discern where your gifts may be best placed in the service of the Resurrection community.

An injection of new blood is needed to keep our parish moving forward, reaching out to the peripheries, and our ongoing challenge to participate in the reign of God.

### **CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY**

Give hope by giving generously to Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2018, Sunday 20 May.

Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund conducts a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains.

Our focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy. The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and Chaplains whilst they are in prison is vital to

restoring them back onto the road again to re-join society:

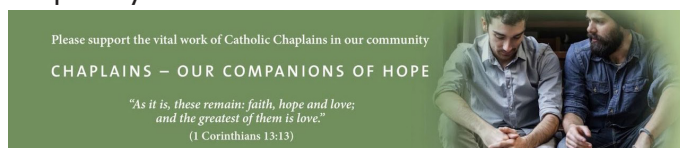
- with dignity and self-respect
- with a sense of hope and responsibility for new pathways
- with a sense of personal power and control over their own life, and hopefully
- with new skill sets and options.

You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes on the seats this weekend and bring back next week with your considered donation.

Donations raised each year are directed towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- People in custody in prison
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Seafarers.

If you would like further information please contact the Office of Philanthropy: 9926 5731 or visit the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage [www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy](http://www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy).



### MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 27 May at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or emailing [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au). Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.  
Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### STREAMS OF MERCY

POLAND, AUSTRIA, CROATIA, BOSNIA & More

Doncaster East parish would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading featuring Warsaw, Krakow, Vienna, Zagreb, Sinj, Medjugorje departing on 2nd September, 2018 for an all-inclusive price of \$5,490.

Call now for early-bird discount of \$500 on the price available for first 10 registrations. This fare includes Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Tips and Single Supplements not included.

For enquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email: [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

### Stewardship Prayer

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15*

*How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.*

### Prayers of the Faithful

*That we have the courage to defend our faith and share our witness joyfully with others.*



## Give It Back

If there's ever anyone in need she will bend over backwards to help them.

1 Chronicles 29:1-30

*Reference: "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. (1 Chronicles 29:14 NIV)*

Explore: My mother has dedicated her whole life to our family. If there's ever anyone in need she will bend over backwards to help them.

As I look back over the 34 years of my life, I can't think of a time when she hasn't given me love, support and aid when I've needed it.

When I broke my finger in year 7, she was the one to be my right hand. When my husband and I were struggling to conceive, she was the one to comfort me as I sobbed with grief. When we were looking to buy a house, she was the one willing to back us financially. She has helped me practically, emotionally and continually!

Every year for Mother's Day or her birthday I like to buy her something special and write her



a card to express how much I love her. Mum always plays down the present giving and I can never really think of anything we can buy her. But how can I not buy my mother something? Each present is only ever a small token of how much she has already given to me.

Application: In this same way, God has blessed each of us greatly. Every new day His love, mercy and grace for us is renewed.

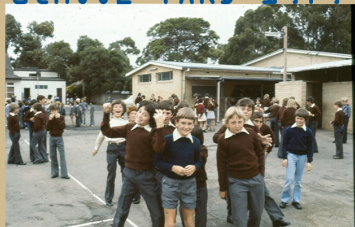
And yet, when it comes to giving back to us we often hesitate. We quibble over a few dollars at offering time; we hold tightly to every hour of the day; and we write up a mental pros and cons list to decide whether we should help someone else.

God has given us everything and yet we often hold back from Him. Let's switch up our attitude. Rather than holding everything we have tightly to our chest, let's hold all of God's blessings loosely. That way, when we have the opportunity to give back to Him, we can be just like King David, and we can share freely from our many blessings.

*Prayer: Lord, forgive me when I hold so tightly to that which You have given me that I don't have a free hand to help others or even to truly praise You. May I be more inclined to give than store things up for myself. Amen.*

What are you holding too tightly?

SCHOOL YARD 1979



TYPING  
CLASS  
1980



1980



## CRC ST ALBANS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

2018 marks the 40th anniversary of the Federation of Catholic Regional College.

We would like to reconnect with past students and families to preserve the stories and memories from your time spent here at the College.

If you would like to share your stories or memorabilia please contact us.

Call Jill on 9366 2544

or email:

[40years@crcstalbans.com.au](mailto:40years@crcstalbans.com.au)

## RESURRECTION PARISH GROUPS, 2018–2019

### Resurrection Young Adults

Each month this group of young adults meets for a meal, for friendship, and for faith. There are usually 30-40 who come.

There are three components to the Resurrection Young Adult dinners:

- Conversation over a meal
- A guest speaker
- An open forum

All three are important providing the opportunity for young people get to know one another, to learn, and to engage in discussions about contemporary issues.

If you would like to help plan, prepare, and engage speakers join this group.

### 55 Plus

*What does it mean to be part of “55 plus” (ex seniors) group?*

This is a group for young at heart.

The purpose of this group is to organise spiritual and social activities for our 55 plus Resurrection Parishioners. These activities include Anointing Masses, morning Teas, movies, lunches, outings and the major celebration each year; our Christmas Lunch.

All these events take time, effort and commitment for those who sign on to be part of the organising group. A parishioner can participate in the activities without being a member of the organising group.

However if you do sign on it will be your duty to help plan the activities this requires creativity. And then coming early to help set up and staying behind till all the cleaning and tidying up is completed; without being asked.

Please think very carefully before you commit yourself and understand the difference between being part of the organising group and simply coming to the functions.

To be part of all activities you don't need to be part of the organisation group.

### Finance

The Parish Finance Group is a friendly team looking for new members. Anyone who is thinking of a way to help out in the Parish and you are money minded, we may be the right group for you!

Do you have an accounting background? Are you are a student completing a bookkeeping or finance course? Perhaps you are the person entrusted with the job of managing your household's finances? If you understand financial reports and budgets, feel free to join the Finance group.

This group performs an advisory role, assisting Fr Gerard in the administration of the parish finances - Examples of what our group discusses monthly- we review the parish Stewardship, monthly financial reports, give financial recommendations, review fundraising proposals, annual budgets of income and expenditure, plan for major capital works as well as advise the Parish Priest on all matters financial. We are a small group and we are keen to find new members.

## Gardens/Maintenance

At Resurrection, we take pride in the look of our property. The gardens, church, school and hall - all areas look loved. This group is responsible for maintaining and enhancing our property. Each member takes responsibility for a specific area - it might be a garden bed, the church, or even the drains. Each member has to take note of what might need to be done by a professional, at a working bee, or by a couple of parishioners during the week. Then, the scope of the work will be discussed and prioritised at the next Parish Meeting Night.

## Go Make Disciples

At the very end of Matthew's Gospel Jesus says "Go make disciples". These words are now enshrined as our Parish Vision Statement.

Pope Francis captures the essence of Jesus' injunction when he challenges us to "Leave our comfort zones" and "Go to the peripheries". According to the 2011 census (the 2016 data is not yet available) 42,546 people live within our parish boundaries, of whom 14,746 identified as Catholic.

What can we do to engage with the wider group?

We have 383 families with children enrolled in our school and another 129 families with children enrolled at other schools but are in our Religious Education programme.

What are some creative ways we can meet, share and dialogue with these families?

How can we bring Pope Francis' inspiring words alive within our community?

Are there twelve disciples of the Risen Jesus here in our parish prepared to make a start on addressing some of these issues?

Remember "Go make disciples".

## Liturgy

The word 'liturgy' comes from a Greek word meaning 'work'. Good liturgy requires work – it does not just happen. Liturgy at its best assists people to participate, praise, pray, worship and celebrate the Good News that the Risen Lord is indeed present.

You will find it a joy to be a part of this dynamic group. Ritual, proclamation, music, movement, singing, and environment all need to be integrated into the liturgy. While the major feasts (Christmas, Easter) require much forward planning, there are 34 weeks of ordinary time that also need the attention of this group. Special occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals are enhanced by the efforts of the Liturgy group, too.

C. S. Lewis once wrote: 'Praise is a mode of love which always has some element of joy in it.' This more than anything else sums up what good liturgy and a good Liturgy group can be.

## Outreach

This group's aim is to 'reach out' to families with a member who has special needs, those grieving for the loss of a loved one, people challenged by grave sickness and carers. The Outreach group also welcomes those who are simply feeling lonely and need someone to talk to and mix with. Outreach tries to offer comfort and practical support. This group shows how much Resurrection Parish does care, understands and is willing to reach out.

## RCIA Team

Do you have a friendly and welcoming personality? Are you willing to share your faith and life experiences with others? Do you have an ability to listen and respect another's opinion?

If your answer is 'Yes' consider joining the RCIA team. We are a team committed to sharing our faith and knowledge with adults wishing to become Catholics. The RCIA team might be the first encounter with the Catholic Church for our new candidates. RCIA deepens understanding of the Catholic faith, develops a



relationship with Jesus, and shares knowledge of the Gospels, prayer and our community. Often, the team become not only mentors to our candidates, but also friends.

### **Resurrection Comms Team**

Do you have an interest in communication, technology or social media? Be a part of something exciting. Join the Resurrection Comms Team. This group is involved in producing and maintaining the Parish's bulletin, website and Facebook page. We are looking for new members who are willing to share and develop their talents in photography, videography, marketing and writing. Our function is to promote the Parish's many events and activities, as well as to support and streamline communications between Resurrection's people, groups and ministries. We aim to inform, involve and inspire the people of Resurrection to share their talents and strengthen their relationships with each other and God. So, what are you waiting for? Unleash your creativity and join now!

### **School Advisory Council**

Working closely with the Principal, the School Advisory Council seeks to develop further the vision of the school and be a representative of parent voice. This group aims to:

- foster close relationships among all members of the school and community
- discuss issues tabled by parents and parent representatives
- generate ideas and opinions with regard to school policy and programming
- offer additional support for those working on behalf of the school and parish.

### **Social Events Group**

We are a fun group that enjoys planning and organising fundraising events for our parish. The Social Group are here to support other groups, parish and school with any social and fundraising events. Our members are determined to build strong relationships between members of the parish community, old and new. We aim to inspire passion, and connect and initiate action through our events. Be a part of our exciting event management group today. If you can't commit to our group now, feel free to cheer us on from the sidelines and come along to our next event. See for yourself how much fun the Social group can be.

### **St Vincent de Paul Society**

#### **Who we are?**

- We are volunteer members of a worldwide organization founded in 1833.
- We are people of faith, Christian, Catholic.
- We are committed to 'sharing who we are and what we have' with our neighbors.
- We are local people who meet together on a regular basis to work our best to do this.
- We visit people in their homes.
- We care for people who are disadvantaged, aged, homeless, victims of drug abuse and domestic violence.
- We aim to 'encourage people to take control of their own destinies'.

#### **What do we offer?**

- Support, friendship and we are committed to social justice.
- We visit people in their homes,
- We listen to people's needs and refer people to more appropriate services, if required.
- Limited material aid such as food parcels, vouchers, clothing or furniture determined by local member after each visit.

# Resurrection Parish Group

## Parish Meeting Night

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Write name next to Group</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>
Resurrection Youth Adults			
55 Plus			
Finance			
Garden / Maintenance			
Go Make Disciples			
Liturgy			
Outreach			
RCIA Team			
Resurrection Comms Team			
School Advisory Council			
Social Events			
St Vincent de Paul Society			
<b>Other:</b>			



# 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Pentecost Sunday

	6 PM	9 AM	10.30 AM	
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Pauline Debrincat	Marissa Medilo	
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia Amelia Bonavia Grace Eppingstall Anna Wright	Kathy Wale Mary Gatt Nella Rajamanikum	Richard Marshall Brenda Shafton	
DATA PROJECTOR	Daniella Gozun	Christian Dizon	Jomar Inot	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Leanne Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 <sup>st</sup> Response 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intercessions	Naveen Andrade Sandra Galea Rebecca Galea Max Michel	Remy Libang Marc Dicconson Kathy Wale Elizabeth Osegueda	Angelta Ramat Alicia Joseph Sacreana Ulugia-Sa’ena Atalina Ulugia-Sa’ena	
Emergencies	Judith Makripoulis	Elizabeth Michelsen (A)	Victoria Abrigo	
COLLECTORS	Ollie Farrugia Charlie Grech Roberto Bracco Rocky Hughes Stephen Thejage Steve Thejage Tyrone Tallent William Hudson Mary Do	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa’ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du’Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa’ena
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Geraldine Holt Dominic Boland Henry Dunn Olga Hughes Rocky Hughes Adelina Borja Blossom Tallent Joe Caruana (A) Jane Caruana (A)	Fr Gerard Keith Michael Donnelly Dudi Nicart (A) Eve Balfour Judy Leckie Vilinda Rebustillo Rosemarie Balfour Rose Gaquit Remy Libang Karen D’Souza	Fr Gerard Keith Richard Marshall Susan Moseros Cleo Oliveria Dolly Zipagan Mary Rulla Margaret Vilardo Marian Bernardo	Owen D’Cruze Natalie Anderson Lilian Libang Josephine Medilo Yvonne Utoasega Zita Alderson Calvin Alderson Atalina Ulugia-Sa’ena
Emergencies:	Joyce Zahra	Minh – Tam Pham	Akok Kiir	Christine Perram
SACRISTY DUTY	Tony Zahra	Rianne Brizuela	Catherine Pedralvez Tesesita Villar	
COFFEE MAKERS	Charlie Galea Anna Wright	Leon D’Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Daisy Bunag Mario Debono Juliet Garcellano	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mary Ngoma Fely Baltazar Martine Grech	Nazzarena Renda Oliver D’Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Zeny Vella Emelia Debono Arthur Garcellano	
CHURCH CLEANERS No Church Cleaning			FLOWERS: Maria Dinh  ALTAR LINEN: Spira Attard  PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Daniella Gozun	



Reading 1

**Acts 2:1-11**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34**

R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading 2

**1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13**

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel

**Jn 20:19-23**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



## Reflection

***Be guided by the Spirit of God***

*Do not let yourself be guided by the spirit of self-indulgence. Loo at the legacy self-indulgence produces: bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry, and drunkenness. These are ugly things, and make life miserable. Rather, let yourself be guided by the Spirit of God. Look at the legacy the Spirit brings: love, joy, paece, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and seft-control. These are a foretaste of the joy of heaven. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.*