



PENTECOST Sunday-24 May 2026

St Matthew's-Holland Park

Acts 2.1–21 — The Spirit Comes with Power

What is happening: The disciples are gathered in Jerusalem. Suddenly, the **Holy Spirit comes upon them with the sound of a mighty rushing wind and what look like tongues of fire.**

They begin speaking in **other languages**, and people from many nations hear the message of God in their own language. Some are amazed; others mock and say they are drunk. Peter stands up and explains that this is the fulfilment of the **prophet Joel: God is pouring out the Spirit on all people.**

Main point: The Holy Spirit turns fearful disciples into bold witnesses. Pentecost shows that the good news of Jesus is not for one nation, one language, or one kind of person. **It is for the whole world.**

What to wonder about: Where is the Spirit calling us to speak God's love in a language people can truly understand today?

Psalm 104.26–36 — The Spirit Gives Life to Creation

What is happening: The psalm praises God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The sea creatures, the living world, and all creation depend on God's open hand. **When God gives breath, life flourishes. When God sends forth the Spirit, creation is renewed.**

Main point: **The Holy Spirit is the breath of life.** Pentecost is not only about the birth of the church; it is also about the **renewing power of God** at work in all creation.

What to wonder about: How might we become more aware of the Spirit's presence in creation, in beauty, in breath, in renewal, and in daily life?

1 Corinthians 12.1–13 — One Spirit, Many Gifts

What is happening: Paul writes to the church in Corinth about **spiritual gifts**. Paul reminds them that all true gifts come from the same Holy Spirit. There are different gifts, different forms of service, and different activities, but the same God is at work. The church is one body, and every person has a place.

Main point: **The Holy Spirit does not make everyone the same.** The Spirit gives different gifts so the whole church can be built up. Unity does not mean uniformity; it means many people serving one Lord.

What to wonder about: What gifts has the Spirit given to our church that we may have overlooked because they seem ordinary or quiet?

John 20.19–23 — Jesus Breathes Peace and Mission

What is happening: The disciples are hiding behind locked doors after the death of Jesus. They are afraid. The risen Christ stands among them, saying, **"Peace be with you."** He shows

them his hands and side, then sends them out: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then Jesus breathes on them and says, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"

Main point: The risen Jesus meets his people in fear and gives them peace, the Spirit, and a mission. The Spirit is not given only for comfort, but to send the church into the world with forgiveness, courage, and hope.

What to wonder about: What locked doors do we hide behind, and where might Jesus be breathing peace into us today?

[What Is Pentecost and How Can Christians Celebrate It? | Christianity.com; 24 May 2026 - Pentecost – Year A | The Church of Scotland; What is the significance of the Day of Pentecost?; Pentecost | The Church of England](#)

St Matt's Anglicare HC Service Wed 27 May 10.30

Ladies Morning Tea Invitation 10am 27 June Contact Patricia or Annette

Wine and Cheese Evening 17 July-Kiwi Theme-Please bring your Kiwiana

Bible Study Lady Chapel 10am Friday

Men's Breakfast 1st Thursday of month

Meditation 27/5 Wednesday night 5pm

Op Shop Every Thursday 9-12 and 1st Saturday of month

Next Sunday Trinity 9am 31 May: Exodus; Song of 3YM 29-34;

2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20 White

TODAY: Ecumenical Pentecost 24 May 2-3.30

Living Water Uniting Church, 481 Broadwater Rd, Mansfield 4122

Ecumenical National Reconciliation Week, 28 May Thursday 6.30

St Bernards Catholic Church, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt

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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Turrbal and Jagera Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We acknowledge their continued spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respect to their Elders, past present and emerging and pray that we may continue to learn from and nurture one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.