

# TRINITY NEWS

## **Pentecost Sundays - Visions and Dreams in a Resurrected World**

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit in those days and they will prophesy” (Acts 2:17). Pentecost celebrates prophecy, and the voice of Joel returns to the Palestinian scene. One of the consequences of the use of Hebrew prophecy in Christian texts was a reaffirmation of powerful words from the past for another context. The most profound of the prophetic words from the past were so rooted in the situation which they addressed that they touched on matters that would appear afresh in other human situations, particularly in those situations where manipulation and lack of justice become apparent. The manipulators of such situations seek to defame good people as well as suppressing them. They aim in particular to bring down those who have lifted up the eyes of those around them to a fresh vision of hope-defined destinies and dreams of changed circumstances.

The young people addressed in Acts are expected to see visions, not only divinely-inspired visions, but fresh visions for a new humanity inspired by the resurrection of Christ. They are encouraged to launch out into a potentially new and resurrected world. Our resurrection is not just a personal and general one with others, but a model for resurrecting the world through all that we do on earth.

The old ones are expected to dream dreams again. This may add fresh hope and renewed wonder to the dreams and visions they had when they were young. The dream of a better tomorrow is the prerogative of everyone with eyes to see and ears to hear in a resurrected world. If we are driven to see and hear acutely the resonances of the Risen Christ in the world, then the celestial orchestra will begin to play on earth! The human voice remains the most beautiful musical instrument, especially in its near-perfect rendition from divinely touched vocal chords, as Pavarotti claimed. We need to see the Christ in the glazed eyes of the poor and suffering and to hear the voice of Christ not just within us but from the voices of countless children and others clamouring for love that eludes them. The discords of their pain and loneliness may be the

most important music that we will hear in our lifetime. But this will only occur if we act on our perceptions to enable the vision and dream fostered by Christ of a resurrected world. His resurrection not only brought before God his total human experience on earth, but also his nurturing gaze still caressing the whole of creation.

Bishop Arthur Jones

### **Next Week's Readings:**

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Psalms 112

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

Mark 5:22-24, 35b-43

### **THIS WEEK:**

*June 25th, Monday.*

- Finance Meeting, 5:30pm, Parish Office
- Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory

*June 26th, Tuesday.*

- Group Discussion @ the Tutton's, 7:30pm (#3 Sta. Potenciana, Urdaneta Village, Makati)

*June 28, Thursday.*

- Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel.

*June 30, Saturday.*

- ECW Executive Committee Mtg., 10am-12noon, Parish Hall.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE:**

ECW General Membership Meeting, July 7 or 14 (specific date and time to be announced later)