

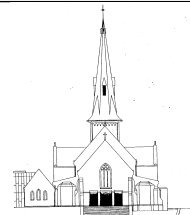
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3 - 4 June - Pentecost Sunday - Year A

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From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the ravages of our Australian summer is the ever present danger of bushfires. We know how devastating these can be, especially when we see pictures of scorched landscapes, burnt out frames of what used to be family homes and the charred remains of animals spread over the countryside. And yet as devastating and terrible as these bushfires are, without them there would not be new life in our forests and wilder lands. The very nature of the eucalypt tree, which dominates so much of the Australian bushland, as the temperatures soar during summer, these trees breathe out their oils into the atmosphere, creating an almost permanent haze over the bushland. The conditions then are apt for just one spark to set the bush on a terrible and destructive path as fires take hold of the land with all their intensity and energy.

As terrible and as destructive as these fires can be, without them, the Australian bush would not have the possibility of regeneration and growth, since the eucalypt seed pods require the intense heat generated from bushfires for them to burst open and generate new trees. One has only to visit a once scarred bush a year or two after a devastating fire to see a completely new and regenerated forest.

Fire is one of the symbols that is used in the Catechism of the Catholic Church to describe the actions of the Holy Spirit. It states that: ***"While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions.... The prophet Elijah... was a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes "before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah," proclaims Christ as the one who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire [Luke 1:17.3:16]. Jesus will say of the Spirit: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! [Luke 12:49]. In the form of tongues "as of fire," the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself [Acts 2:3-4]. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions [see the works of St John of the Cross]. [#696]***

This image of the Australian bushfire, then, can become an image of the Solemnity we celebrate today. At the time of the first **Pentecost**, described in the first reading [Acts 2:1-11], the disciples were overcome with doubts, uncertainty and fear as they tried to come to terms not only with the tragic death of Jesus, but also with the more astounding rumours concerning the empty tomb and talk of his appearance among his followers.

Amid all this clamour, the Spirit descends upon them, and Luke describes this in beautiful and powerful images: ***'they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house...and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit'*** [Acts 2:2-4]. Luke's progression in speaking about the event is interesting: they **hear** at first a **powerful wind**; its **noise** fills the house; they **see** something like **tongues of fire**; they become **filled** with the **Holy Spirit**. The effect on the disciples of this event is indeed transformational. They immediately leave the safety of the upper room and begin with zeal and energy their mission to preach the Gospel, which continues to this day.

Like a bushfire, Pentecost – and the presence of the Holy Spirit – clears the 'undergrowth' of fear, doubt and anxiety in our lives. The Spirit's presence in us and in our Church is a unifying force for good. As we celebrate this great event, we can ask ourselves: what is the condition of my spiritual 'undergrowth'? Is there a need for the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn away this needless mass in my life, leaving me in a better position to grow in the gifts of the Spirit? Pentecost, even though it signifies the end of the Easter season, allows us to keep alive and deepen the very mysteries that we have celebrated over the last six weeks. May we be always open to the presence of the Spirit and to his promptings:



'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created and you will renew the face of the earth.'

Fr Robert Bossini, Dean and Parish Priest

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
WEEKLY TIMETABLE**

SUNDAY

- ◆ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass
- ◆ 11.00am Solemn Mass *with Cathedral Choir*
- ◆ 6.00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- ◆ 6.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 6.45am Mass
- ◆ 11.15am Exposition
- ◆ 11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm)
Rosary after Angelus at midday
- ◆ 12.30pm Mass
- ◆ 5.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church

SATURDAY

- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form
Latin
- ◆ 8.30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9am)
- ◆ 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)

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Legion of Mary - every Saturday at 9.45am at
Murphy House.

Playgroup

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

June

- Sun 4 Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)
Readings: Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8, 16-20
- Mon 5 St Boniface (Memorial)
- Tues 13 Mass - Institute for Acolytes - 7.30pm

NON LITURGICAL EVENTS

June

- Mon 5 RCIA - 7.00pm - Cathedral Hall
- Tues 6 Christian Meditation - 9.30am - Murphy House
- Wed 7 Playgroup - 9.30am - Cathedral Hall
- Fri 9 Cenacle Prayer Group - 1.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Sat 10 Sacraments of Initiation - 4.00pm - Practice Session - Hall & Cathedral
- Tues 20 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start



**PENTECOST SUNDAY :
The Birthday of the Church**

*Then there appeared to them tongues as of
fire, which parted and came to rest on each
one of them. (First Reading)*

In anticipation of the celebration of Pentecost, Pope Francis compared the Holy Spirit to the wind that leads us "towards the safe harbour of eternal life" and called us to defend and care for creation.

"The Spirit is the wind pushing us forward, keeping us going, that makes us feel like pilgrims and foreigners and doesn't allow us to get comfortable and become sedentary,"

Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square on May 31.

For the sick: Margaret & Lisa Farrelly, Breda Jackman, John Farrelly, Mick Lenihan, Marian Tuffley, Filomena Nubla, Breda Jackman, Clem Gallagher, Halley Avery,

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What is Corpus Christi?

A feast of the Western Christian Church commemorating the institution of the Eucharist, observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday



Solemnity of Corpus Christi

On the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi, St Patrick's Cathedral will be hosting Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night. Join us any time from 7:00pm on Saturday 17th June 2017 until 8:00am on the 18th June 2017 as we spend time with our Lord in the great Sacrament of the Eucharist. If you are able to join us please register yourself for a time you wish to visit either by adding your name to the sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the Parish Office. We hope that this will be a prayerful time for you and for our Parish.

Preparation for First Eucharist 2017

Please note the calendar of sessions of preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist below:

Saturday 10th June, 4.00pm - Practice for First Eucharist: - Parent and Children Session.

Sunday 18 June - First Holy Communion incorporated in 9.30am Mass.

Family Mass -

But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

To encourage participation of all members of our parish family in liturgy in the parish, Family Mass is celebrated on Sundays at the **9.30am Mass**. At this Mass, on 18 June, a number of children of the parish will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. Students and teachers from St Patrick's primary school will lead the singing.

It is hoped that this will be a great way of encouraging young members of our parish to actively participate in parish liturgies and other activities.

The Hospitality Team is Happy to Receive Donations for Sunday Morning Tea

WHAT CAN I DONATE?

Tea, coffee, biscuits, home made goodies.

WHEN AND WHERE CAN I LEAVE DONATIONS:

On Sunday mornings

1. Place donations (biscuits, tea or coffee, cordial) in the basket labelled **DONATIONS FOR THE CLOISTER CAFE** which is on the kitchen bench.
2. If you bring freshly-baked goodies to be used that day, leave them on the kitchen bench or hand them to a Hospitality Team member.

Come for a cuppa and a chat after 9:30 or 11am Mass.

New to the parish?: Introduce yourself to one of the people serving so they can make you feel welcome.

Are you a regular attendee?: if you see anyone sitting alone, befriend them, go and say hello!.



Found

A set of house/car keys. Please contact Parish office.

SEMINAR - Dealing with the Legal System

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works. The next seminar will be held on Tuesday 13th June. Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave). Presenter: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor) Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm Start. Registration Essential: Contact Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



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Holy Hour

Eucharistic Adoration occurs every first Friday of the month from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Cathedral chapel. We will require a musician to lead the singing during this time.

Youth Mass

Youth mass occurs every 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm. We require musicians and vocalists to lead the singing through the mass.

Please contact us through email: credostpats@gmail.com

Sharing Matters in the Next St Pat's Matters

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS:

1. **I WAS THERE** - Did you take part in the procession of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th from Our Lady of Lebanon to St Pat's? Tell us about it.
2. **BEEN TO FATIMA?** Since we are celebrating the centenary of Our Lady's Apparitions why not share the reasons why you went and how the experience affected you.
3. **WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT OUR MUMS?** In view of having just celebrated Mother's Day, share what makes your Mother so special in *Memories of My Mum*.

So start writing of your experiences.

Email them to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office in an envelope marked "for St Pat's Matters".

Be first in line to submit your article.



Great News!!!!

We have a sponsor for the 'Light Up St Pat's' event. Our appreciation to PAYCE who is our presenting partner for this event.

Light Up St Pat's will be shown in conjunction with the Parramatta Council Winterlight event. It will be an event for the whole family to enjoy. Our theme will be HOPE. We will be looking for volunteers to make this a success and hope we can count on your support. We will be bringing you more details in the next few weeks. Thank you.



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