ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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28 May 2023 - Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

Mass Schedule

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

6:10am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)

Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon

12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)

9:30am Mass (Old Rite)

5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation

Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary

Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

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Before and after...

HAVE YOU SEEN those pictures they show you of people before and after a particular diet or an exercise program, or maybe pictures of celebrities before they went into rehab and then after they come out? (Sometimes I fear I look a little like the "before" photo...) Anyhow, the pictures always show a stark contrast. There is a real visible difference, and the stories generally speak about the lifechanging aspects of this experience.



I sometimes think about this in the context of the disciples before and after Pentecost. Has there ever been a more life-changing event? When I think of the picture we have from scripture of the person that Peter was before Pentecost, I see a fearful man. I see the Peter that betrayed Christ three times out of fear. I see the Peter that, even after Christ's resurrection, together with the other disciples, was locked in the upper room "for fear of the Jews". After Pentecost, I see a Peter full of courage, preaching in public. I see him being thrown in prison, being flogged, being stoned, and then going straight back out and preaching again. And it wasn't just new courage, he had other gifts - most notably wisdom and understanding. Before Pentecost, no matter how many times Jesus explained who he was, Peter just couldn't seem to grasp it. He could only understand Jesus in terms of the type of Messiah he was expecting. After Pentecost he preached clearly. He knew exactly who Jesus was, and what Jesus's mission was.

What's really important for us to grasp is that this change did not come with Christ's resurrection. The scriptures describe Peter after the resurrection guite similarly to how he was before. No, the big transformation came with him receiving the Holy Spirit. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, it was Pentecost; in John's gospel it was described a little differently, but in both cases the change came once they received the Holy Spirit.

So, how does all of this speak to us?

Well, this kind of transformative experience is available to each and every one of us. All we have to do is pray for it.

Now, some of you may say: "Didn't we receive the Holy Spirit at our baptism? And wasn't the Holy Spirit strengthened at our Confirmation? So why do I still need to pray for the Holy Spirit?"

Well, the best answer I can give you is this: many of us were too young when we received Confirmation to have really appreciated what was happening. We can see a few times in scripture where people said they had been baptised but they had not yet actually received the Holy Spirit. God always respects our free will. He waits for us to seek him and then responds. Scripture says: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." There comes a time when we as adults have to decide to claim our faith for ourselves. We need to step up and take it with both hands.

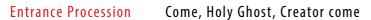
Today, as we reflect upon the first incredible transformations of the Holy Spirit, perhaps we can pray for our very own transformation.

How exciting it will be to see what your "after" picture will look like...

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Deacon David

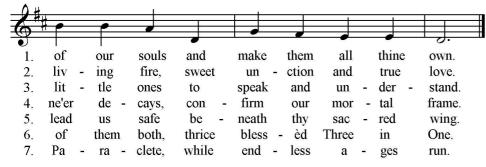
LITURGY GUIDE

ENTRANCE RITE





God's right 3. ger of hand, whose pro mise teach es 4. love hearts in flame: and with thy strength, which our 5. rils peace un to us bring; and through all pe 6. thee th'e Son, thee the rit ter - nal and Spi 7. his qual Son: the same to thee, co e great



Text: Veni Creator Spiritus, attr. Rabanus Maurus, ca.776-856, trans. anon. Tune: TALLIS' ORDINAL 86.86; Thomas Tallis ca.1505-1585

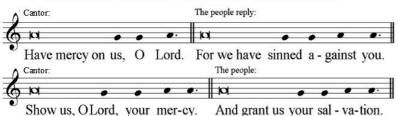
Introit Spiritus Domini Gregorian Chant

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia; and that which contains all things, knows every language spoken by all peoples, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; and let those who hate him flee before his face.

PENITENTIAL ACT

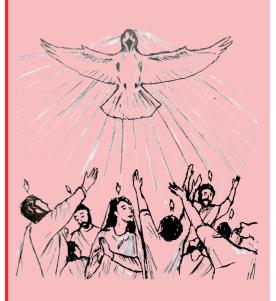
Cel: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.



The Priest gives the absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R. Amen.

PENTECOST - Year A



Focusing the Gospel Key words and phrases

- Suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven.
- · Jesus came and stood among them.
- Peace be with you.
- Receive the Holy Spirit.
- Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
- Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

to the point

In John's gospel Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection. The Holy Spirit is the way Jesus shares with us even now his resurrection life. At the same time we share his life we share his mission - forgiveness of sins. The Holy Spirit, then, is the source of life and of mission.

Connecting the Gospel...

to the first reading

One of the 'mighty acts of God' (first reading) that the Spirit enables us to announce and hear is our 'sins . . . are forgiven' (gospel).

to Catholic culture

Though we commemorate the giving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, it is important that we not historicise or literalise this event for the Spirit is present to us from the beginning of our life in God..

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Kyrie Mass Shalom Smith

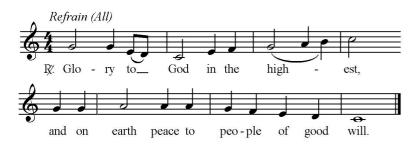


Kyrie 11:00am

Missa "Dum complerentur" G.P. da Palestrina

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Gloria Mass Shalom Smith/Mason



The choir sings:

We praise you, we bless you, we adore, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

R. Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;.

you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

R. Glory to God

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

R. Glory to God



Gloria 11am Missa "Dum complerentur" G. da Palestrina

Sung by the cathedral choir. All SIT

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest,

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. and on earth peace to people of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. We praise you, we bless you,

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. we adore you, we glorify you

Gratias agimus tibi we give you thanks

propter magnam gloriam tuam. for your great glory,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Lord God, heavenly King,

Deus Pater omnipotens. O God almighty Father.

Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tollis peccata mundi: you take away the sins of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us;

Qui tollis peccata mundi: You take away the sins of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostram. receive our prayer;

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris: You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. For you alone are the Holy One,

Tu solus Dominus. you alone are the Lord,

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

Cum Sancto Spiritu, with the Holy Spirit,

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(2:1-11)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; 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 all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(65:1-7, 16, 20)



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:3-7, 12-13)

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Cantor/Choir

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love R.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (20:19-23)

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them. 'Peace be with you.' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in God.

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate.

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven.

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

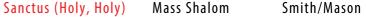
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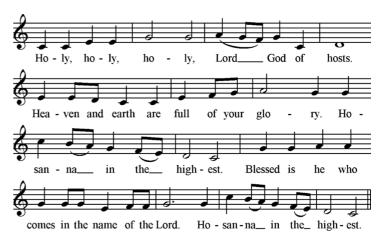
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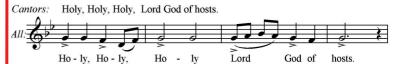
Offertory Motet Th. Tallis O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent





Festival Eucharist Sanctus 11am Proulx



Cantors: Heaven and earth are full of glory. Hosanna in the highest



Cantors: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

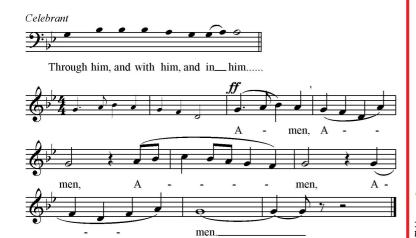
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Amen

Festival Eucharist



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"Receive the Holy Spirit."



COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

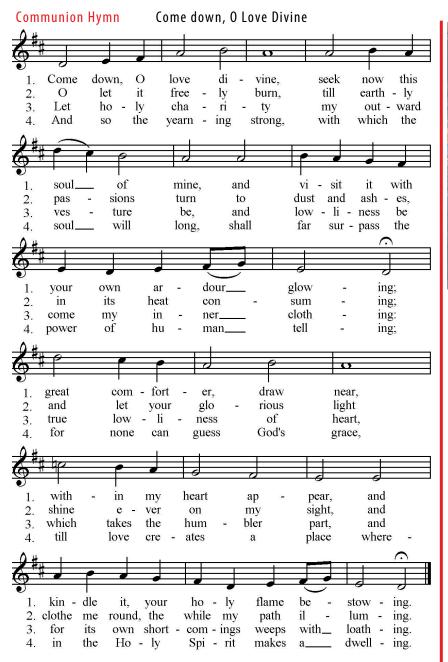


Agnus Dei 11am Missa "Dum complerentur"

Communion Antiphon Factus est repente

Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, in the place where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and announced the great things God had done, alleluia, alleluia.

LITURGY GUIDE



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Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,

who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,

grant, we pray,

that Christian hope may draw us onward

to where our nature is united with you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dismissal



W. Go in peace, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu- ia. R. Thanks be to God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu- ia.

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8:00AM MASS PROPERS

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. R.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary. Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation Please contact the Parish Secretary.

HIRING of ROOMS

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday.** Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

JUNE IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Stewardship and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday which is called by many as the birthday of the Church. Let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives as stewards. Firstly, we should never fail to marvel at the fact that starting with 11 lowly men 2000 years ago, the Catholic Church still continues to this day and the name of Jesus is praised and adored all over the world. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. From a human standpoint, the church should have failed centuries ago were not sustained by the Spirit. This should inspire us as stewards to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide all of our actions.



Moreover, in today's second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul says that "there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit ... [and] to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Each of us as stewards have particular gifts and talents from the Spirit that are not to be hoarded but generously used for the "common good" of the Church. We should all take time to reflect on what particular way is God calling us to serve. None of us are exempt from this call for St. Paul explains that we are all to work for the good of the Church in our own ways.

Let us pray this week for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives. May the same Spirit that has given birth to the Church and guided her through the millennium continue to raise up great stewards to continue to carry out the great commission of Christ in all the world.

Personal Reflection point:

What are my gifts? How can I use these gifts to build God's kingdom on earth?

Stewardship: what is it?

During the month of June, beginning on Sunday 11 June, the parish will be launching a stewardship renewal program with the purpose of not only increase financial resources but to create a culture of gratefulness and discipleship.

The program is as follows:

11 June - Launch by the priests

18 June - Witness talk **25 June** - Pledge

01 July - Thank you

Please note that giving envelopes for those who are currently giving by envelope will be available on Sunday 11 June.



"THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

PARISH NOTICES

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:

Preparation for First Eucharist - 2023

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who have completed Reconciliation will be continuing in Term 2 2023.

The calendar of remaining sessions of preparation is as follows: Practice for First Eucharist: **Saturday 3 June 2023 @ 4:00pm** (followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Presentation of Lord's Prayer and Mass Book).

Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory.

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral team at secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

First Eucharist - Sunday 11 June

Over 60 children of the parish have excitedly waiting to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 11 June.

We thank their parents and Sacrament team of the Cathedral who have been working collaboratively to prepare the children for this important step in their faith journey.

Please pray for the First Communicant's as they prepare to welcome Christ into their hearts that their First Communion day will begin a lifelong love of the Eucharist.

Parking - Saturday 03 June

Next Saturday afternoon will be a busy afternoon in the Cathedral precinct and surrounding areas in City of Parramatta.

Apart from the Vigil Mass and preparation session for the First Eucharist, the Eastern Deanery's Consultation session for the Diocesan Synod will also be held in the Cathedral hall from 6:30pm and there is the A-League Grand Final also being held on the day at Commbank stadium.

Please follow parking rules and the instruction of the security guard when arriving at the Cathedral for whatever events you will be attending. Do not double park. It is not safe for anyone when you do so. You will also be hindering access to the carpark in case of an emergency.

Leave home in plenty of time to arrive in the Cathedral on time. It may be a good idea to carpool if you can.

Cloister Café closed for 9.30am Parishioners

For the 9.30am Mass goers, the cafe is closed today. The good news is, it will be open for the 11:00am congregants due to a Diocesan event. The Diocese will be hosting morning tea after the 11:00am Mass and you are all invited to attend.

Submissions for St Pat's Matters

Regrettably, Issue 116 for a variety of reasons has been delayed. All going well it might go to print in June or July. Some articles are already on file.

The stories in your faith journey matter. Please share them! **Topics to consider:**

- Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner.
- Sharing your involvement in Ministry.
- How Faith in God shapes daily life for you and your family.
- Articles and archival photos relating to the longstanding history of our remarkable parish - its priests, people and events.
- Seniors' Morning Tea your take on the talk.
- Questions for Fr Robert's column, Knowledge of Our Rituals Matters and
- Mothers' Matter: share memories of your mother's influence in your lives.

Email submissions to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for St Pat's Matters.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation

Good Samaritan Appeal

The Diocesan appeal took place last weekend with the focus of this appeal being on raising awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton.

As always, parishioners of St Patrick's are very generous and we extend our many thanks to all of you.

If you haven't had a chance to donate and would like to, the envelopes are still available in church or you can make a donation online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

A reminder that donations of \$2 or more to the Parramatta Catholic Foundation are tax deductible.







OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 10:00AM TO 3:00PM SUNDAY - 9:00AM TO 1:00PM MONDAY & SATURDAY - CLOSED

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PARISH NOTICES

Welcome Diocesan Synod Representatives!

We welcome to the Cathedral representatives for the Diocesan Synod from all parishes in the Diocese. The reps will be attending the Convocation of the Synod at the 11:00am Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent.

We pray for them and the synod facilitators as they prepare for this important event in the pastoral life of the Diocese.

Thank You - Pentecost Retreat

Many thanks to the formation team for organising the Pentecost retreat held yesterday. Thank you to Marietta and Michael Guilema for organising the day along with speakers Annette and Fr Robert.

First Friday Holy Hour - 02 June

Come and spend some time with the Lord in prayer and adoration.

6:30pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Seniors' Ministry: 20 June

The next seniors' ministry gathering will take place in the hall on Tuesday 20 June. This will be a morning tea, starting at 10:00am.

We have a wonderful guest speaker lined up to guide converstaion and there will be plenty of time to catch up with old and new friends. All seniors are invited.

To register, please call Pat or Donna in the office on 8839 8411.

Holy Hour for Vocations - 21 June

What is a Vocation? The word vocation comes from the Latin verb vocare which means 'to call'. God calls or invites you to a particular vocation: single life, marriage, consecrated life or priesthood. Vocation in the Church isn't a job or career – it is the way God invites you to live out your baptismal calling; to love and give yourself to others.

In order to do this we need to be strengthened by the grace of God. As such I invite you to Holy Hour for Vocations - a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament asking for:

- an increase of all vocations
- · renewed fidelity in one's vocations and
- · give due honour to Our God.

Come join us on the Third Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Fr Chris

Anyone for Mahjong?

Mahjong Is a tile-based game originating from China. This game is gaining popularity, hence this notice.

A parishioner (Lynn) who has been learning this game would like to gauge the interest in having a group play here on a regular basis.

If this is something that interests you, contact the parish office and we will pass on your details.

"Good health is not something we can buy. However, it can be an extremely valuable savings account." – Anne Wilson Schaef

World Youth Day 2023



WYD Trivia night

Thank you parish for supporting Stacey, Kayleigh and Caitlin on their pilgrimage to WYD 2023.

The past few months have been very busy on te WYD pilgrims calendar. From Sunday BBQs to St Patrick's Day stall, to Raffle and Trivia, and Mother's Day roses; our pilgrims and their families have been very busy. Thanks to your generosity we are close to raising the funds needed for the pilgrims to go to Portugal.

In particular, we would like to thank Therese from Westflowers for supplying the roses for Mother's Day and the Parramatta Catenians for their generous donation to the pilgrims.

A heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your support.

Sunday barbecue will resume on 03 June after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. This is always a great opportunity for building community. So, stop by for a few minutes after Mass to let your kids play with other kids while you say hello to another parishioner.

Funeral: Wednesday 31 May

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Mr James Paisley who will be buried from the Cathedral next Wednesday. We also pray for his family that they may be comforted by the love of God in this sad time. The funeral Mass will be at 10:00am in the Cathedral.



The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation
The Bible Timeline study program (24 sessions) takes you on a guided journey through salvation history.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the entire bible and introduce you to the beautiful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

Sessions will be held in the Cloister Function Room, on scheduled Saturdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm. For a list of dates please pick up a flyer.



PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

THE CONVOCATION

At the 11:00am Mass today, Bishop Vincent will convoke the Diocesan Synod after following due process. Some of the circumstances which led to the convocation of the Synod include: lack of an overall diocesan pastoral plan; the need to apply at local level norms and other directives; acute pastoral problems requiring pastoral solutions; a need to further a more intense ecclesial communion, and so on.

'To be synodal means to 'walk together' guided by the Holy Spirit. By convoking the Diocesan Synod on the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Bishop and the people of the Diocese invoke the Holy Spirit for leadership and guidance as we seek to learn and understand the path to becoming a more synodal church.

THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

Last week we learned of the composition of the Synod. This week we hope that information given below will help you prepare for the consultation evening on Saturday 03 June.

The fundamental question that will guide the journey towards the Synod is:

In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?

The Diocese of Parramatta, will use the three key dimensions expressed as pillars of a synodal church to guide local discussions for submissions. These are Communion, Participation, and Mission.

To assist participants to explore the fundamental question, the following questions aim to provide a framework for discussion in a one-on-one or group setting. The hope is that participants continue to dialogue with the desire to 'walk together' as a people of God, and with the whole of humanity. These questions serve as a catalyst for discussion. Participants are welcome to explore topics relating to the life and mission of the local Church beyond the questions provided.

Communion

- 1. What are the factors that make a great community? What brings people together?
- 2. How can the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains deepen communion, and still honour the rich diversity of our community?
- 3. How do you try to accompany or 'walk with' family and friends through their struggles and joys?

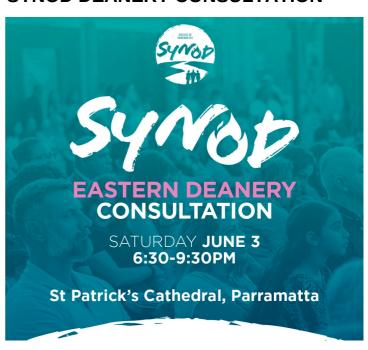
Participation:

- 1. What are the challenges or pressures that stop you from being more engaged in your local faith community?
- 2. How can we encourage greater participation in the life of the Church at both a local and Diocesan level?
- 3. How does your community effectively identify and share the gifts of its people?

Mission:

- 1. What do you believe the mission of the Church is in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains?
- 2. How do we ensure the ongoing nourishment of our faith communities, while expanding the tent for others to be included?
- 3. Describe your local community and the needs you perceive. What are the ways in which we can meet the needs of today and into the future? Provide one practical suggestion on how we could meet that need.

SYNOD DEANERY CONSULTATION



Get Involved!

Everyone is invited to attend the Synod consultation next Saturday in the Cathedral Hall. Get involve and submit your discernment on the fundamental questions being asked.

To register for the consultation go to:

https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_deaneryreg/
If you have a problem registering, contact Pat or Donna in
the office and they will be happy to assist you.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Positions Vacant:

 Claims and Legal Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Monday 5 June 2023.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Pentecost Scripture Evening: 30 May

'Pentecost 2023: Be Empowered by the Spirit' in an evening reflection on the Word of God and the season of Pentecost with Br Barry Donaghue! You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend Tuesday 30 May from 6:30pm to 8:30pm downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP via https://pfparra.org.au/pentecost2023/

Safe Parishes Week: 5 - 11 June

From 5 to 11 June, we celebrate our third Safe Parishes Week in the Diocese. Safe Parishes Week is a tangible reminder of our shared commitment to having a zero tolerance of abuse across our Diocese. The Safeguarding team are presenting a Training Festival of mandatory and elective face to face modules at Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Please contact your Parish Office or <a href="mailto:

Natural Fertility Zoom Session: 8 June

Have you ever wondered what Natural Family Planning (NFP) is? In this session we will explore how it's different to contraception and why the Catholic Church encourages us to use it! You are warmly invited to attend a session on Thursday 08 June from 7:00pm-8:00pm via Zoom. To register and receive the link, please contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email <a href="metable-meta

Soul Food Podcast

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at its All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Courses are subsidized by the New South Wales Government. Please register to participate in the program by contacting 0477 952 024. You can also contact Nepean Community College on (02) 4724 9000.

Chaplaincy Masses

· Nigerian Catholic community

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate, Granville. For more information, please contact Fr Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or <a href="mailto:chickengraph:

South Sudanese Catholic Community

The South Sudanese Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 2pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Catholic Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. For more information, please contact Deacon John Cinya on (02) 9622 1125 or John.Cinya@parracatholic.org





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Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them..."

Recently Deceased: Paul Canh, Teresa Mau, Ike Brooks, Mary-Ann B. Frani, Rachael Kee Xin Wei, Domenic Long, Colin B Linwood, Tony Dahlen, Nancy Perry

Deceased: Regina Yousif, Ronald Paterson, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Benjamina De Vera, Cedric Cunningham, Family members, Michael Perez, Vittoria Tuema, Julia A Cruz, Awanda, Elie Hindy, Robert Dearie, YT & Deanna Hsu, Vincent Monteiro, Deanna Hsu, Dr Armando & Dr Jacinta Reyes, Doyle D'Costa

Anniversaries: Felipe Manubay, Josefa Manubat, Peter Van Tilburg, Joseph Tuema, Aidrian Pol O'Dombnaill, John & Danny Doolub, Lucy D'Mello, Baptist Coelho, Fernando Guillema, Marietta Pasquin Tumabini

Perpetuals: Paul Mahoney, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

We also pray for...

Sick: Leonard Close, David Mannall, Barbara Younis, Cyril, Angela & Ostelio, Lilly Risk, Jerome Nyambane, Jeffrey Mousley, George Abela, Patrick Marion, Flavia, Baldo Polizzi, Michelle & Ryan, James Murphy, Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, Marcel Melick, Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Kathleen Donovan, Rachel Lawrence, Raveen, John Patacsil, Michael Perez, Peter Newman, Emerlino Sarreal, Melaia Lakai, Leonardo Close, Mary Rose Tito, Michael Perez, Madeleine Suttie, Francesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Elizabeth Nubla, Luise, Naleen, Tian, All mothers living & deceased, Antonio Gatmaitan, Victoria Antonio, Ankica, Nikola, Mara, Bozo & Stephen Senjak, Chmielewski Ruzica, John Anare, Rafael Senjak, Melina & Joe, Santos family

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here... **Izabelle Lok**

WEDDINGS

We also welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following couples who were recently married here...

Emily Feszczuk & Joshua Neville Amelia Mailangi & Kelly Marka Andrea David & Aldrin Clores

Please pray for them and their families.

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for May



For Church movements and groups

"We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 23 May

"The Holy Spirit keeps faith ever young. He does not bind Himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings the relevance of Jesus, risen and living, into our world today."

Saint of the Week

29 May - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

In 2018 Pope Francis added a feast day for Mary, Mother of the Church to be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost – and the date he chose was intentional. On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, and on the memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, we celebrate the fact that Mary, as the mother of Our Lord, is intrinsically linked to the Church as her mother.

In issuing his decree to add this feast day to the Church's calendar, Pope Francis wished to promote this devotion to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety."



"Quote of the Week"

"A soul, that possesses the Holy Spirit, tastes such sweetness, in prayer, that it finds the time, always too short, it never loses, the holy presence of God."

St John Marie Baptiste Vianney (1786 - 1859) Patron Saint of Priests

(Information: Universalis)

DID YOU KNOW?

The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth." Like Easter, it is tied to a Jewish feast. 49 days (7 weeks, or "a week of weeks") after the second day of Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot).

Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery; Shavuot celebrates their becoming God's holy people by the gift and acceptance of the Law; and the counting of the days to Shavuot symbolises their yearning for the Law.

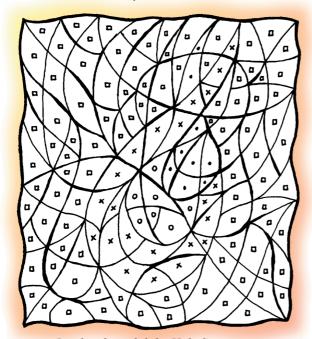
From a strictly practical point of view, Shavuot was a very good time for the Holy Spirit to come down and inspire the Apostles to preach to all nations because, being a pilgrimage festival, it was an occasion when Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims from many countries.

Symbolically, the parallel with the Jews is exact. We are freed from the slavery of death and sin by Easter; with the Apostles, we spend some time as toddlers under the tutelage of the risen Jesus; and when he has left, the Spirit comes down on us and we become a Church.



The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday May 28th, 2023



In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

- o red
- orange
- **blue**
- × yellow

Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they
were all in one [LCPAE]
together. And
[ENYLUSDD] there came from the sky a noise
like a strong driving [DWNI] and
it filled the entire [USHOE] in
which they were. Then there appeared to them
tongues as of, [ERFI] which parted
and came to rest on each of them. And they
were all [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and [GNEAB] to
Holy Spirit and [GNEAB] to
speak in different tongues, as the
[IPSTRI] enabled them to
proclaim.
Pentecost is the
of the Church!
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PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the

Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers the He would send the Holy

We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't

Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.

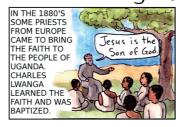
even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle: place, suddenly, wind, house, fire, filled, began, Spirit. BIRTHDAY.

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Saint Charles Lwanga And Companions June 3







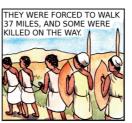


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