



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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08 June 2025 - Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

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)
5:00pm Reconciliation (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

8:00am Mass (No Adoration or Confessions)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Monday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (Sept - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm in Chapel
True Life in God: Last Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister Cafe

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 11:30am
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Great Expectations

SO FEW THINGS ever meet our expectations – whether it's Christmas, or a birthday party, or even a holiday... so often the idea that we had, our image of how it would be, is way better than what actually happens. The bigger the build-up, the greater the let-down. Imagine what the build-up was like for the disciples – They had big expectations while they had travelled around with Jesus during His public ministry. He was the Messiah, and they were pretty sure He was going to lead the Jewish nation to freedom and they would be His key people. That idea will have taken a pretty big hit when Jesus was crucified, but then the Risen Lord began appearing and once again their expectations were enlivened and invigorated. In last week's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, just before Christ's Ascension, they were still asking Him: *'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'* Jesus did not set them fully straight. He knew that they could not yet understand what was He was really about, but when He told them that the Father would be sending them the Holy Spirit and that they would "receive power" when the Holy Spirit would come upon them, it must have added fuel to the fire.



So, when the Holy Spirit did actually come upon them at Pentecost, was it a huge anticlimax? I mean, they will have realised at that moment that Jesus's mission was not a political or military mission. He was not going to help Israel break free from Roman oppression, and they were not going to be powerful political figures. In fact, they may well have begun to understand that not only would they not be powerful in any human sense but they may well be vilified or persecuted by the people around them. So, did it all go terribly flat? Well, no, it was the absolute opposite. What Jesus had in mind for them was so much more than anything they had previously imagined. They would be spiritually powerful, and their lives would have immense impact on the world. They would play a significant role in Christ's mission to change the world, and save souls! They went from hiding in a locked room, to preaching publicly in the streets. They had experienced many Pentecosts, but this Pentecost changed their lives entirely.

So, what about us? What will this Pentecost mean for us? Will it be just another Solemnity with a lovely liturgy? Well, maybe, but it doesn't have to be. In fact, if you want, it could be life-changing...

This weekend, at all our Masses, there will be people talking about a program called Alpha. Alpha is a remarkable program that has been running for almost fifty years. Each year more than one million people attend one of these programs somewhere in the world. It has brought many people into their faith, or deeper into their faith. It's a program with good food, good company, and good questions to ponder and discuss. It gives us a very different, exciting, welcoming experience of what Church can be like. It deepens our relationships within our parish, and often leads people to an experience of the Holy Spirit that they have never had before. I don't like to build up people's expectations, but if you give it a go, I really don't think you'll be disappointed.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Deacon David

THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass, at around 12:45pm. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

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!

ALPHA

is here!

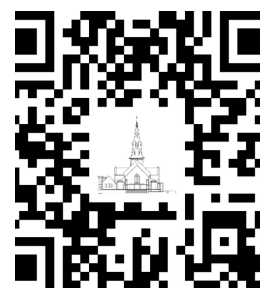
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If you are interested, see one of our team members at the Alpha table after Mass. They can answer any questions you have and take your details. Otherwise, you can email us at: alpha@stpatscathedral.com.au or click on this QR code:



Thank you for supporting our Seminarians

Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminary, thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal was very successful, which translates to support for our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou or scan the QR code below. Thank you!



PARISH NOTICES

Trivia Night - Save the Date!

The Cathedral Social Justice Group is organising a parish trivia night to be held in the cathedral hall on **Saturday 26 July, 7:00 for 7:30pm**. Ticket sales and funds raised on the night will be used for a current community refugee family sponsorship project led by the Social Justice Group.

Fr Chris del Rosario

Some of you would have seen Fr Chris wandering around the precinct of late and may even have had the privilege of him celebrating one of the 12:30pm Masses. Just in case you haven't had the chance to speak with him, Fr Chris, unfortunately, is not returning to the parish but will be residing here until the middle of June to prepare himself for postgraduate studies in Rome. I know that, along with me, you will wish him well and pray for him as he makes this next important step in his priestly journey.

Seniors' Ministry

We are planning to have our next Seniors' Ministry Group gathering early in August, with a focus on St Mary MacKillop. I am hoping to have a Sister of St Joseph come to speak to us so that we can learn more about our (at the moment) sole Aussie saint. More details and a date coming soon! *Fr Robert*

First Holy Communion

We continue to pray for those children who will soon be receiving their First Holy Communion. Just so that regular parishioners are aware, the two **9:30am** Masses on both **22 and 29 June**, will be the Masses in which these children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. This means that these Masses will have a higher attendance than usual, but there will still be room for our regulars! *Fr Robert*

Sacraments of Initiation - Next Meeting

The final session of the Sacrament of Eucharist will take place on **Saturday, 14 June at 4:30pm** in the Cathedral. This will be a practice for all the children who will be receiving their first Eucharist, be it on 22 or 29 June.

Mass - Monday 09 June

This coming Monday is the King's Birthday public holiday and so, as is the practice here, there will be just the one Mass at **8:00am**. There will be no Reconciliation or Adoration, but the chapel will be open throughout the day, closing at the usual time of 6:00pm. There will be security on the premises throughout the day.

Job Vacancy - Cathedral Parish Coordinator

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is seeking a dedicated Cathedral Parish Coordinator to manage its diverse operational, administrative, and pastoral support functions. This pivotal role serves as the key interface between the Parish and the Diocesan Chancery, ensuring seamless coordination across various departments including Finance, HR, IT, Property & Facilities, Communications, and Risk & Compliance. You will be instrumental in upholding high standards of administration, supporting parish leadership, and ensuring the smooth running of all aspects of Cathedral life.

To apply go to: <https://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/#parish-chancery>

Bible Study

The Credo Young Adults group gathers fortnightly on a Monday evening with the next meeting on **Monday 16 June at 7:00pm**. We are following Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in Bible discussions and connect with like-minded individuals.



We meet fortnightly in the Cloister Cafe from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

If you're interested in joining us, feel free to simply show up. For more information, please email Fr Tom at: assistantpriest@stpatscathedral.com.au

Legion of Mary

Over the past couple of months our parish Legion of Mary group has been in recess due to low numbers making it difficult for them to function as an effective apostolate. Next weekend we will have a representative from the Legion to speak briefly at all Masses about the operation of the Legion of Mary. There will also be a display in the cloister to help promote the work of the Legion of Mary.

It would be a shame for the Cathedral parish to not have the Legion as a part of its identity, so please pray and think seriously about whether this group is something that might be part of your Catholic faith identity. Of course, any questions you might have can be answered next weekend.



Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

August 16: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

November 15: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on **Wednesday 25 June**, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company. Register via parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

Diocese of Parramatta's Adult 35 years+ Jubilee Pilgrimage

Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 07 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 31 May, with a deposit of \$800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/

Feast of St Anthony of Padua: 11-13 June

Join St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, in celebrating the Feast of St Anthony of Padua. There will be 9:30am and 7pm Triduum Masses, Novena, blessing of the Sick (11 June), Blessing of the Children (12 June), and a candlelight procession (13 June). All welcome!



Volunteers needed

NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July

On 10 July, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We're seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for more details.

Calix Society: 12 Step Recovery and Catholic Spirituality

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recovery that incorporates 12 Step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets Monthly at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm) and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). We also meet weekly via zoom and have an annual retreat. Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

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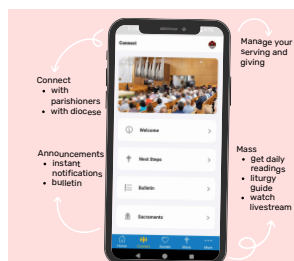
Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

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Campion College is proud to introduce The Compass Program. Through workshops, mentoring, and industry connections, students will integrate their liberal arts education with practical skills and career discernment, ensuring a confident transition from tertiary study to career. Learn more at <https://www.campion.edu.au/why-campion/career-prospects/>

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.



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2. Tap the "Install" button to download and install the app.
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The **SEVEN GIFTS** *of the Holy Spirit*

Fear of the Lord: With this gift the Christian becomes keenly aware of anything that may hurt his/her relationship with God. There is a holy “fear” of hurting this relationship and grace is given to avoid these things at all cost.

Wisdom: With this gift the Christian is given a special grace to “ponder divine realities” in his/her speculative reason. We are able to see the big picture and know how best to be an instrument of peace and harmony in our world.

Understanding: This is the ability to have a supernatural assurance of the matters of faith. Life makes sense. We can make sense of the deeper parts of revelation, make sense of suffering and understand those things that tempt us to doubt. With this gift we come to see how everything in life can work for good in accordance with God’s plan.

Knowledge: With this gift the Christian knows, more in the practical intellect, what God’s will is in this or that situation. We know how to live, how to discern God’s will and what decision to make in our daily life. It also enables us to learn from our past mistakes.

Counsel: With this gift the Christian sees him/herself as a link in a chain which makes up the entire Church. God uses each one of us to help and support one another on our journey. We know what to say and how to act so as to do our part to build up one another.

Fortitude: Simply put, it is a firmness of mind and spirit to do good and avoid evil. It’s a sort of Christian courage. The Gospel will call all of us to a radical life of love. Fortitude gives us the strength we need to follow through.

Piety: This gift enables us to first reverence and love God, but also to see the dignity of one another and reverence each other as children of God.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Elias Lattouf, Farrell O Townsend, Amada & Amalia Flores, Jockey D'Mello, Suzan Peacock, Karen Peacock, Rita Paolini, Nelka Popic, Marian Polizzi, all the sick, Patricia Pinto, Joshua Neely, Jeanette Uvero, Thi Bloan Nguyen, Greg Dunn, Barbara Chaplin, Michael Lilley, Felicitas Appathurai, Martina Galea, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Raveen, Jamel Saba, Brenda Cutierrez, Apo Adriatico, Raveen, Miguel Custodio, Mara, Stephen, Nikola & Ankica Senjak, Chelsy Genewyn, John Lardizabal, Genalyn Laquidres, Bosko, Tian, Mouzel Del Mar, John Del Mar, Mili Lee & family, Naleen, Victor Rex, Veronica, Hanne Bitar, Nicole & Patrick Slatter, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Barry Ryan, Pasqualine Vorturi, Ana Tada Henakin, Marivic Valderama, Anne Marie Barrett-Brown, Pope Francis, Rodrigo M. Valencia, Teresa Van Tilburg, Kit Fong Leung

Deceased: Sr Sarita BS, Deanna Hsu, Pasquale Altamore, Maria Megale, Maria Tuat Vu, Aurora Manning, Edmund Encallado, Ulpiano Masangcay, YT & Fr Leo Chang, Sr Mary Sullivan, Patricia Pinto, Noelene Saldanha

Anniversaries: Florentina Siccion, Claude de Silva, Tom Cicluna, Waldemar drankowski, Prudence Doughty, Lucy D'Mello, Aidrian O'Domhnaill, Maria Davino, Doyle Dcosta, Pino, Regina Figueira

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BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following child recently baptised here...

John Szarek

WEDDINGS



We pray for the following couple recently married here...

Paris Jabbour & Siosifa Fatai

POPE LEO'S

Prayer Intention for June



***That the world might grow in
compassion***

"Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."

From Pope Leo...

"X" post dated
04 June

"God wants to give His Kingdom, that is, full, eternal and happy life, to everyone. This is what Jesus does with us: He does not establish rankings; He gives all of Himself to those who open their hearts to Him."

Saints of the Week

12 June - Blessed Alphonsus Mazurek (1891-1944) and Companions, Martyrs

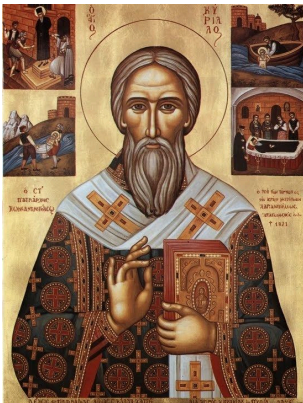
Alphonsus was born in 1891 at Baranowka, near Lubartow, Poland. He entered the Order of Discalced Carmelites in 1908, taking the religious name Alphonsus Mary of the Holy Spirit. He was ordained a priest and appointed as a professor, while dedicating himself to the education of youth. Afterwards he served in his Order as prior and bursar. In 1944, after having been arrested by the troops that had invaded his country, he was shot on 28 August at Nawojowa Gora, near Krzeszowice. He was beatified by John Paul II on 13th June 1999, together with many other Polish martyrs.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“As a person previously in darkness, suddenly seeing the sun, receives their sight and sees clearly what they did not see before, so the person deemed worthy of the Holy Spirit is enlightened in soul and sees beyond the power of human sight what they did not know before.”



St Cyril of Jerusalem
(c.313 - 386)
Bishop, theologian and
Doctor of the Church

Did You Know...?

...that the Holy Spirit is sometimes referred to as the “Paraclete”, a Greek word meaning Advocate or Consoler?



The Holy Spirit gifts us in many different ways. The Catechism speaks of the manner in which it cleanses us of sin, compels us towards unity, converts us, helps and sustains faith, intercedes for us, leads believers to the truth, is the author of sacred scripture, and is the source of all holiness. Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Advocate or Paraclete, meaning “he who is called to one’s side.”



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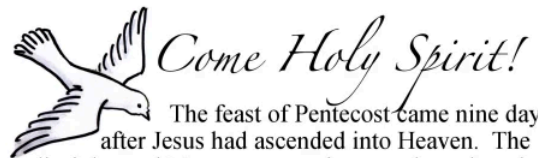
Pentecost Sunday
June 8th, 2025



Acts 2.1-11

Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire.

Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?



The feast of Pentecost came nine days after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. The disciples and Mary were praying together when the Holy Spirit suddenly came with the sound of a huge wind and what looked like flames of fire coming down on each of them. The apostles went right out and began to preach and teach people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and lives in us whenever our souls are in a state of grace (when we don't have any serious sins.) He comes into us more whenever we receive a Sacrament, especially Confirmation. He helps us do what is right and serve God using all the gifts He gives us. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, draws us closer to God the Father and Jesus.

Pray to the Holy Spirit every day to help you to do everything for God. Then see how your life changes!



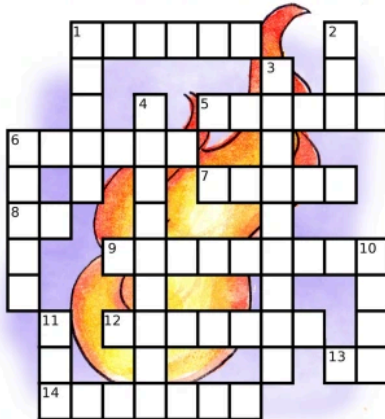
Answer to maze puzzle on front: Come Holy Spirit!
Across: 1. Spirit 5. amazed 6. Heaven 7. began 8. us 9. separated 12. tongues 13. as 14. sitting Down: 1. speak 2. one 3. languages 4. Pentecost 6. house 10. does 11. his

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Pentecost Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's first reading, and then write them where they belong in the puzzle.

DOES
AMAZED
AS
SEPARATED
ONE
BEGAN
TONGUES
LANGUAGES
SPIRIT
SITTING
HEAVEN
SPEAK
HIS
HOUSE
US
PENTECOST

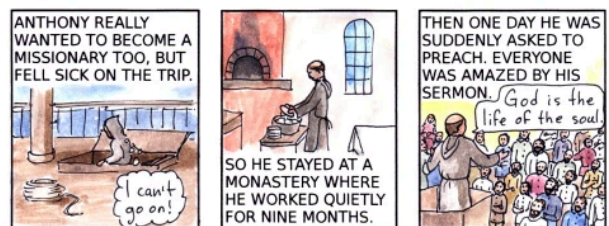


When _____ (4D) day came round, they had all met in _____ (2D) room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from _____, (6A) the noise of which filled the entire _____ (6D) in which they were _____; (14A) and something appeared to them that seemed like _____ (12A) of fire; these _____ (9A) and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy _____ (1A) and _____ (7A) to _____ (1D) foreign _____ (3D) _____ (13A) 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 _____ (5A) and astonished.

"Surely," they said, "all these men speaking are Galileans? How _____ (10D) it happen that each of _____ (8A) hears them in _____ (11D) own native language?" (A=Across D=Down)

Saint Anthony of Padua June 13



SAINT ANTHONY TRAVELLED AROUND PREACHING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND THE CHURCH FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT HE GOT SICK AND DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 36. STATUES OFTEN SHOW HIM HOLDING THE CHILD JESUS, WHO APPEARED TO HIM ONCE. ST. ANTHONY IS THE PATRON SAINT OF FINDING LOST THINGS.

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