



4 June 2017-Year A Pentecost Sunday



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)
Sunday - 7.30am
Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9am
Wednesday - 9am
Thursday - 9am
Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months - check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Vigil: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: Vigil: On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink, Alleluia.

Sunday: They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

A very Happy Birthday to All

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Birthday of the Church as we celebrate Pentecost day.

1. The Outpouring of the Spirit

In the Old Testament, God promised that, in the last days, in the days of the Messiah, he would pour out his Spirit on all of his people. (Joel 2:28) The apostle Peter quotes this promise to explain what is happening when the apostles speak in tongues at Pentecost. This outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost marks the beginning of the period promised so long ago.

But why would God want to mark this great new beginning, the fulfillment of the Messianic promise, the start of the Church, by having the apostles speak in all the myriad languages of the polyglot world of their time? There are so many other things the Spirit might have done! Later, filled with the Spirit, the apostles heal the lame, cure the sick, cast out demons. Why didn't God mark the beginning of the outpouring of his Spirit by something more glorious than the ability to communicate with others without a translator?

God marks the beginning of the reign of his Spirit in the Church by overturning the babel of human language.

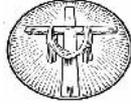
Here we should remember the story of the Tower of Babel, told early in Genesis (Genesis 11:1-9), not so long after the Fall. The people building the Tower of Babel all spoke one language; but they used the power that the commonality of language gave them for evil, to build a tower that reached to heaven. God defeated them by the simple expedient of multiplying their languages and leaving them unable to understand each other. Now, in the new age, Christ offers all people salvation from their sin, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In this age of the Spirit-filled Church, all human beings are invited into communion with the Lord and with each other. Human beings can be trusted with unity when they are

incorporated into the one body of the Lord.



And maybe that is why God marks the beginning of the reign of his Spirit in the Church by overturning the babel of human language. Filled with the Holy Spirit, human beings can be given again what they lost at the Tower of Babel, not for storming heaven, but for proclaiming the kingdom of heaven on earth.

2. First Holy Communion



The candidates for First Eucharist gather in the Church Monday night (5 June) for their practise as they prepare to receive Our Lord on their First Holy Communion Day 18 June at 10.30am Mass. This is a special Mass due to the number of Candidates. On that day, we welcome 27 children to the table of the Lord for the first time and pray that as the Lord delights in coming to them, they will delight in coming to Him often to receive Him in Holy Communion. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.

3. Paschal Precept

A reminder of the Paschal Precept that obliges all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year, as well as receiving Holy Communion at least once a year (as a minimum).

The Paschal Precept is from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday (10 June). This is to acknowledge that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and sinfulness.

4. School News



The building works at the school are progressing well, thanks to the good weather we have had during May. Stage I of the Kindergarten building is progressing with the classroom fit out and the external earthworks are well underway.

What is happening at the school is the work on the carpark. Due to the rain in March, the builders couldn't get to hard ground due to water in the ground so, they had to remove the wet dirt and bring in dry dirt to begin the carpark. Also, we have to build the footpath and drainage, as well as, half the road. We hope to see the children return for Term 3.

5. One Month mass: Giuseppina Musso

A one month mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Giuseppina Musso on this Thursday 8 June at 7pm, in the Church. All welcome to join the Musso family for this Mass.

6. Welcome Ceremony

We welcome families preparing to celebrate the Baptism of their child during the Sunday 9am Mass. We welcome them, their godparents and family who are present.

7. Relics of St Anthony's

A committee to further the devotion to St Anthony of Padua are bringing his relics out from Padua during the month of June.

It is to mark the centenary of the apparitions of the seers of Fatima held recently.

A relic of St Anthony (a piece of his floating rib) which was venerated by Sister Lucy (a Fatima seer) and Pope Francis will be at Toongabbie this month.

Details are:

Place: St Anthony of Padua Toongabbie

Date: Wednesday 21 June

Mass: 7.30pm or 9am

I will be attending the evening Mass. We can make our own way to the Church. Any more information see me or ring 9631 3316 at the church.

8. St Anthony of Padua Feast Day



A reminder of our celebration for our patronal feast day, next weekend, at 9am and the sausage sizzle etc after the Mass.

I do encourage parishioners to make it a community celebration as parish/school come together to celebrate this great saint, our parish and school are named after.

The parish Council invites parishioners and children to share in the sausage sizzle, tea/coffee will be available as well.

There will be activities for the children to enjoy too.

Look forward to our celebration, next Sunday.

RSVP: To get an idea for ordering sausages, I ask you to put your name down on the sheet on the table outside Church.

May God Bless you.



Fr Bob

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

5-10 June

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric, J Camilleri



12-17 June

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko

READERS ROSTER

3/4 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mary Burton

Readers:

Mary Burton: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

10/11 June (Trinity Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Catherine Emery: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

3/4 June

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Frances Musso & Pam Ajkay



10/11 June

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romao

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary

ACOLYTES ROSTER

3/4 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

10/11 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

3 June

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa & Emily Galea

4 June

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

10 June

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Claudia Sarpa

Nicholas Sarpa

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

3 June

F Hockings & V Bugeja

10 June

Maria Zucco & Daniela Romeo

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



This morning's General Audience was held at 9:20 in St. Peter's Square, where the Holy Father Francis met with groups of pilgrims and faithful from Italy and from all over the world.

In his address in Italian, the Pope reflected on the theme: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Cf. Romans 15:13-14).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In the imminence of the Solemnity of Pentecost, we cannot but speak of the relation there is between Christian hope and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the wind that drives us on, that keeps us on the way, makes us feel ourselves pilgrims and strangers, and does not permit us to ensconce ourselves and to become a "sedentary" people.

The Letter to the Hebrews compares hope to an anchor (Cf. 6:18-19); and to this image we can add that of the sail. If the anchor is what gives the boat security and keeps it "anchored" between the waves of the sea, the sail, instead, is what makes it go and advance on the waters. Hope is truly like a sail; it receives the wind of the Spirit and transforms it into the driving force that pushes the boat, depending on the circumstances, to the open sea or to the shore.

The Apostle Paul ends his Letter to the Romans with this wish: hear well, listen well to this beautiful wish: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (15:13). Let us reflect a bit on the content of this very beautiful word.

The expression "God of hope" does not only mean that God is the object of our hope, namely Him that we hope to reach one day in eternal life. It also means that God is He that already now makes us hope, rather, He makes us "rejoice in hope" (Romans 12:12): rejoicing now in hope, and not only hoping to rejoice. It is the joy of hoping, now today, and not hoping to have joy. "While there is life, there is hope," states a popular saying. And the contrary is also true: while there is hope, there is life. Men have need of hope to live and they have need of the Holy Spirit to hope.

We heard Saint Paul, who attributes to the Holy Spirit the capacity to make us even "abound in hope." To abound in hope means never to be discouraged; it means to hope "against all hope" (Romans 4:18), namely, to hope also when every human motive for hope fails, as it was for Abraham, when God asked him to sacrifice to Him his only son, Isaac, and as it was, even more so, for the Virgin Mary under Jesus' cross.

The Holy Spirit makes this invincible hope possible, giving us the interior testimony that we are children of God and His heirs (Cf. Romans 8:16). How could He who gave us His only Son not give us everything else together with Him? (Cf. Romans 8:32). "Hope — brothers and sisters — does not disappoint: hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Therefore, it does not disappoint, because the Holy Spirit is within us who pushes us to go on, always! And because of this, hope does not disappoint.

Brothers and sisters, may the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, which is the birthday of the Church, find us in accord in prayer with Mary, Jesus' Mother and ours. And may the gift of the Holy Spirit make us abound in hope. I will say more to you: may it make us fritter away hope with all those who are most in need, most rejected and all those that have need. Thank you.



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“A balanced life”

Jun 9 – Jun 11

Presenter: Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD

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We often feel overwhelmed by the demands and circumstances of life, not knowing what to do or where to turn.

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June 16 – 18

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Presenters: John Charadia & Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

Mindfulness and ‘Praying Always’

June 23 – 25

Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)

Presenter: Fr. Paul Chandler, O. Carm

Can I practice “mindfulness” in a Christian way?

THE CHAIN OF MARY

Mother Rosa and Sister Gina invite you to support them in promoting the rosary and praying the rosary both as a family and individually.

To assist them in their ministry, they will be running a “Fundraising Raffle” over the next few months. If you would like to support them in their work, tickets will be available shortly. More information in the weeks ahead.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Patrick Flaherty, Giuseppina Musso, Marie Gardiner

Also for: Domenico Agresta, Domenico Barbaro, Josephine Bonnici, Grace & Emmanuel Gatt

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Lorraine Stedman, Tony Pustahija, Tony Macri, Paul Farnsworth, Connie Vella



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KID'S CORNER.



Q. Where do pencils come from?

A. Pennsylvania.

Last weekend at St Anthony's
we celebrated the marriage of

William Muscat

And

Elizabeth Buttigieg

John Pham

And

Josephine Wong

We congratulate them on their marriage and wish
them a wonderful life together.



BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Riley Jacob Welsh
(Child of Ben & Kaitlyn)

Audrey Grace Ghassibe
(Child of Christopher & Amy)



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YOUTH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT

Divine Retreat Centre. 15 & 16 July 2017 from 9.00am – 4.30pm. The Lord guides and gives us strength for our journey. Each one of us have been called for a specific purpose in life. The purpose in life that will bring us closer to Him. This retreat will give everyone opportunities to hear from God in amazing worship experiences and help us to realise God's greater destiny in our lives. Come and experience what the Lord has in store for us. Age group: 18 to 30 years. Divine Retreat Centre, 160 Hensons Road, Somersby NSW 2250. Fr Michael Payyapilly – Director of Vincentian Missionaries. For any queries please contact Clary on 0434 099 088, Divine Retreat Centre Tel. 02 4372 1598 or email: clary.anato@gmail.com or ronymvc@gmail.com.

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At the maltese Bi-Centennial Monument Civic Park, Pendle Hill

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Father facts

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Premature deaths, substance abuse and law-breaking for fathers tends to decline when they are involved more in their children's life.

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