



19/20 May 2018-Year B 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: 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 our 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: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate Pentecost Sunday.**

1. The Coming of the Spirit

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit on his disciples. And on this Sunday we celebrate that coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

But Genesis tells us that the Spirit was in the world from the beginning of creation. The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters when God first made heaven and earth. From that beginning all throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is present in the world.* God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people

So why in the Gospel Reading does Christ say that he will send the Spirit? How does he send the Spirit if the Spirit was already in the world in Old Testament times?

The first thing to notice is that, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is mentioned as coming only on a few particular people, often just people marked out for some particular purposes by God. But after Christ sends the Spirit at Pentecost, the Spirit comes on every single Christian. As the Second Reading explains, every person who says (and believes) that Jesus is Lord has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

Furthermore, after Pentecost, the Spirit that comes is the Spirit of the resurrected Christ, as well as the Spirit of the Father. And so when, after Pentecost, Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.

At Pentecost, then, the Spirit comes on all those who believe in Christ; and it comes on them forever, for their whole lives, provided only that they remain in Christ. Those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them are made into the body of Christ, because the Spirit of the resurrected Christ is in them.

So that is why the Spirit comes at Pentecost to inaugurate the new age which God promised long ago. Through his prophet Joel (Joel 2:28), God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his

people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people (Joel 3:16).

We are included in that promise too. By God's spirit that dwells in us, we are made one with our risen Lord.

2. Booking the Church for the Sacraments

It is unfortunate that couples for Baptism or Marriage go ahead and arrange the restaurant or function centre before checking if the date is available at St Anthony's. In the past, couples have organised the guests, the venue, the day and time and then, remember to ring the Church for that date, and time etc. Sometimes the date/time is available at other times it isn't and a couple are upset etc. Please, please the first port of call should be to check to see if the Church is available or that Baptisms are celebrated on that Sunday.

Please Note: Baptisms are celebrated at 10.30am after the Sunday 9am Mass and families are asked to be on time.

3. The Sacrament of First Eucharist



Our candidates have two more meetings as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. They meet on the next two Monday Nights and, then, will celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday, June 3 at their own Mass at 10.30am.

It is sad and unfortunate that the number of families has dropped over the past 4 1/2 years since coming to St Anthony's that there are only 11 candidates for First Eucharist, this year.

I thank Patrizia (our Vigil Mass organist) and our 9am Choir as they will help our candidates celebrate with music for the Mass.

May we remember them in our prayers as we ask the Risen Jesus to bless them with His love on their special day.

4. Vivid: Bus Trip to City

Vivid, the light show, is on during May/June. Vivid, Sydney's iconic outdoor "art-gallery" illuminates the city with a mesmerising collection of light, art installations and projections onto our famous landmarks eg Opera House, Harbour Bridge, St Mary's Cathedral.

Details of the bus trip leaving Church:

Date: Tuesday 29 May

Time: 4pm—Midnight (approx)

Cost: \$15 per person (for bus only)

Sign Up Sheet is on the table near the doors. Monies to be collected next weekend.

5. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The CWF collection that took place two weeks ago amounted to \$1,791.00.

Again, I thank parishioners for their support to the Church agencies that the CWF supports. As I have said, your financial giving helps them to do the work that we cannot do due to our own commitments to our work, farms and families.

The Parish quota is \$1950, the difference is made up by the second collection monies.

6. Mass for Our Lady Help of Christians Patroness of Australia

This Thursday May 24, is the Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians. The morning Mass will have the school children attending as Our Lady Help of Christians is Patroness of Australia.

In order to allow the school staff to assemble and walk the children down to the Church, Mass will commence at 9.15am (Sorry, to the morning mass parishioners).

Parishioners are invited to join the school children for this Feast Day Mass, as we pray for our country and its peoples, seeking aid and protection of the Mother of God.

7. Project Compassion

Caritas Australia thanks parishioners who supported "Project Compassion" during Lent. Your donation will help empower young people to create positive change for their own lives and become inspirational leaders within their communities. The appeal assists young people with education, training and mentoring and life skills that will assist to prepare them for their future.

Again, thank you to this yearly Lenten Appeal. The amount given was \$3,420.00.

May God Bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bob".

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

21-26 May

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

28 May - 2 June

L Pecotich, A Mamone, M Sarpa,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



READERS ROSTER

19/20 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

26/27 May (Trinity Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

19/20 May

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

26/27 May

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso



ACOLYTES ROSTER

19/20 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

26/27 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

19 May

Saturday Vigil

Alyssa & Emily Galea

26 May

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo
Steimbesser

27 May

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

19 May

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

26 May

Rita & Chiara Moro

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

25 May

Mass

3 June

Lina & Faye



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Morning Homily: Bishops Must Be Able to Discern When Being Spoken to By God or By Spirit of This World

During Morning Mass, Francis Reminds Bishops' Love Must Be Christ and Flock, Not Career
May 15, 2018

In the homily, the Pope expressed his hope that all bishops follow the example of the Apostle Paul with his obedience to the Holy Spirit and his love for his flock.

The Holy Father also called on them to discern properly the voice of God from the voices which come from the spirit of the world.

Reflecting on Paul's decision, the Pope said: "It's a decisive move, a move that reaches the heart, it's also a move that shows us the pathway for every bishop when it's time to take his leave and step down." The Apostle, the Jesuit Pope pointed out, made an examination of his conscience, telling the Elders what he had done for the community and leaving them to judge his work. While Paul seemed "a bit proud," the Pope noted, he clarified that Paul, in fact, was "objective," as he only boasted of two things: "his own sins and the Cross of Jesus Christ which saved him."

Reflecting on how the Apostle listens to the Holy Spirit, Francis said Paul felt compelled by the Holy Spirit to go to Jerusalem.

"This experience by the bishop, the bishop who can discern the Spirit, who can discern when it is the Spirit of God speaking to him and who knows how to defend himself when spoken to by the spirit of the world," the Pontiff noted, is essential.

Paul, in a way, the Pope observed, knew he was going "toward trials, towards the cross and this recalls for us Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, doesn't it?"

The Apostle and bishop 'obediently offering himself up to the Lord,' and going forward according to the Holy Spirit, the Pope said, is Paul.

The Pope noted how Paul takes his leave amidst the pain of those present by giving them advice in a testament which is not a worldly testament "about leaving belongings to this person or that person."

Paul's great love, said the Pope, is Jesus Christ, and his second, is his flock.

"Take care of each other and of the entire flock. Keep watch over the flock: you are bishops for your flock, to take care of it and not in order to advance your ecclesiastical career."

Paul, Francis reminded, entrusted the Elders to God, knowing that He will take care of them.

Paul's testament as "a witness, as well as an announcement and a challenge," the Pope said, was no worldly testament. Paul had nothing to leave to others, but "the grace of God, his apostolic courage, Jesus Christ's revelation and the salvation that Our Lord had granted him."

The Pope, according to Vatican News, continued: "When I read this, I think about myself," he declared, "because I am a bishop and I must take my leave and step down."

Pope Francis concluded, noting he is thinking of all bishops and praying: "May the Lord grant all of us the grace to be able to take our leave and step down in this way, like Paul, with that spirit, with that strength, with that love for Jesus Christ and this faith in the Holy Spirit."



WESTERN SYDNEY MRC AGED CARE SUPPORT

If you are caring for a relative or a friend and would like help to allow you time out from your caring role, Western Sydney MRC are here to help.

We can assist in the following areas:

Flexible in-home respite

Support to access services and the community including transport to appointments and shopping

Centre-based respite including arts and crafts

Social outings

For more information, please contact Rosaria on 8778 1240 or email rosaria@wsmrc.org.au

Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City.

Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd

PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews.

Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.

Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.

Using the Parish Toilets

Anyone using the Church toilets are asked to **PLEASE DO NOT** place nappies, hand towels, wet ones or anything other than toilet paper in the toilets.

We have had some problems with nappies in the toilets previously, so parents please dispose of your nappies appropriately. As you would in your own homes.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Maurie Low, John Bonanno, Victoria Bonanno, Joseph Bonanno, Joe Pace, Charlie Vella, Anton Beuk.

Also for: Special Intention.

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

Paul Farnsworth, Erminia Demasi, Domenic Zucco, Kurt McKell, David Angeles, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough.





**Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00**

- Calling all men
- A service of love: Brown Nurses carry on Eileen O'Connor's work
- Prayers for Indonesia
- Artist inspired by faith
- Movie Review: Tully
- A Pentecost Faith: Fr Ken Barker

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE TO EUROPE

Fr. Praveen Paul would like to invite you for a 17-day pilgrimage that he is leading featuring Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Santander, Lourdes, Milan, Padua, Assisi and Rome departing on 15th August, 2018 for an all-inclusive price of \$7200. Call now for early-bird discount of \$1000. Optional extension to Medjugorje / Padre Pio & Lanciano available. Next pilgrimage to Europe departs on 7th October 18 at same price. This fare includes Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Tips and Single Supplements not included. For enquiries & bookings call 0406760680 & 1300721561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

May Celebration In Honour Of Our Lady

The World Apostolate of Fatima Aust. Inc. Sydney archdiocese Committee invite you to attend our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on the 12th of May. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (in the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart. Fr. Peter Joseph will be Principal Celebrant. Holy Mass will commence at 12 Noon. Further enquiries please contact Rosetta on 0403578994 or Rosa on 9984-3988.

The Chain of Mary Association Inc

One Decade Rosary Booklet.
Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet & pray it each day with faith and devotion.
Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you.
Write your name and intentions in this book & once a week Mass will be offered for you.
For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
Ph: 96067571



**An invitation to the Spirit of Italy Concert
PICTON 24 June 2018**

Wollondilly Shire Hall at 1.30 p.m.

Would you like to go to Italy via music? How can we keep Italian music alive? Hear operatic arias and songs like 'O Sole Mio'. Performers: Ross Maio - International Accordionist; Concettina Gangemi - Soprano; William Amer - Tenor; John Martin - Pianist.

Prebooked special ticket price:

\$25.00 Adults
\$20.00 Concession
Family \$40.00

Tickets at the door: \$30.00

(Limited Seating)

Concettina Gangemi P: 0478 018 918

KID'S CORNER



Q. What do you call a sleeping bull?
A. A Bulldozer.

KNOW THE MASS (Cont'd)

Entering the Church, we take the holy water and bless ourselves reminding ourselves that we are entering God's house who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit— Three Persons but One God, a Trinity. On coming to our seat, we kneel and greet the God of our life present in the Tabernacle (behind the altar), just as we would greet someone as we enter their home or they, our home. We should spend a few moments in prayer to the Lord sharing the week since we were last in His Presence.

What is prayer? It is the raising of the heart and mind to God our Saviour.

Catholic Mass is the worship of God. God speaks to us and through the ritual of the Mass, we speak and praise God for our many blessings.

The Mass incorporates the Bible (Sacred Scripture), prayer, sacrifice, hymns, symbols, gestures, sacred food for the soul, and directions on how to live a Catholic life — all in one ceremony.

The first part of the Mass in the Western (Latin) Church is the Liturgy of the Word, and its main focus is on Bible readings as an integral part of daily and weekly worship. The second part is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and its main focus is the holiest and most sacred part of the Mass — Holy Eucharist.

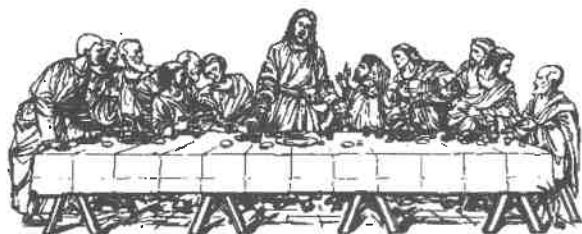
Eastern Rite Catholics call their Mass the Divine Liturgy, but it's essentially the same. Eastern Catholics also use the two-fold division of Liturgy of the Catechumens and Liturgy of the Faithful, which coincides with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The differences are merely from the fact that in the West, the Mass follows the tradition of the Roman liturgy, but in the East, it's the liturgical tradition of Constantinople.

The Liturgy of the Word

The first part of the Mass is built around hearing the Word of God. After the priest and his attendants process to the altar, the priest and congregation participate in the Penitential Rite, which is simply an acknowledgement that everyone is a sinner and has sinned to some degree during the week. This Confiteor is followed by the Kyrie, which expresses public guilt and shame for any sins against God. The Gloria, a prayer or hymn of adoration of God, is followed by a prayer that addresses all three persons of the Holy Trinity, and that usually sets the tone for the rest of the prayers and Bible readings at Mass. Every day has its own unique prayers and readings chosen by the Church, not the individual parish. A qualified lector then reads the designated passages of the day. Following these readings, the congregation, which has been sitting, stands while the priest or deacon reads the holy Gospel, which contain the very words and deeds of Christ and require the respect shown by standing.

The congregation sits and listens to the homily, which is different than a sermon in that it's an explanation and reflection on the Word of God read only by clergy. The priest or deacon connects the Scripture readings to the daily lives of the people, the teachings of the Church, or the particular celebration at hand.

On Sundays and holy days, the homily is followed by the Profession of Faith, or Creed, which succinctly sums up all the teachings of the Church. Then comes the Prayers of the Faithful, which are petitions for the Pope, the Church, the civil authorities, current concerns, and so on, to which the people respond with "Lord, hear our prayer" or "Hear us, O Lord."





Speaking the truth in love

Eph 4:15

My dear people,

Plenary Council 2020

With the permission of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Bishops of Australia have resolved to hold a Plenary Council in 2020-21 for the Catholic Church in Australia.

The purpose of a Plenary Council is not to change Church teaching or discipline. Rather, its purpose is to help promote the flourishing of the faith, and propose ways that the Church might do this in response to contemporary opportunities for and obstacles to people achieving their ultimate end, communion with God in heaven.

Plenary Councils do not happen often. The last one in Australia was in 1937 and was at a time when the young Australian Church faced many challenges such as the rise of Communism. Now, eighty years later, the Plenary Council takes place at a time when the Catholic Church in Australia is once again confronting a series of challenges, both different from and similar to those of 1937.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse highlighted many failings on the part of some members and leaders of the Church. This has had a profound impact on the Church in Australia that will play out for some time yet. However, this is but one of the challenges for the Church in contemporary secularising Australia. There are many others that are worthy of discussion, discernment and prayer and the Plenary Council is giving us the opportunity to do so.

Some areas that the Plenary Council 2020 might consider are:

- How can we combat the virulent secularism in some quarters of our society and the rise of atheism, especially among young people?
- How can we renew and support the family, the parish and the school which have traditionally been such wells of evangelical energy for the Church in Australia, until recently?
- How can we best evangelise, re-evangelise and transmit the faith, proposing the Catholic vision of the human person, relationships and morality under grace?
- How can we ensure that we are praying and worshipping God in ways that are worthy and welcoming?
- How can we best reach out to and care for those on the margins?
- How can we promote, form and support good marital, priestly and religious vocations?
- How can we strengthen the Catholic identity and mission of our key Catholic agencies?
- And all the other questions on your mind!

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