



# 30/31 May 2020-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 Mass and Adoration till 10am.

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

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

#### **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. In Acts (2:14 to 18) 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.

#### **Christ offers all people salvation from their sin, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**

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?

Here we should remember the story of the Tower of Babel, told early in Genesis, 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. Roadworks on Eleventh Avenue

I would just like to advise you all that the re-surfacing of Eleventh Avenue is still in progress. While their communication indicated two weeks (if no rain), I cannot see from the progress so far that it will finish by this weekend. So, a reminder to continue to park in Edmondson Avenue or the other side of Eleventh Avenue.

## 3. Mass Schedule

I sent around the petition that the Archdiocese has set-up seeking an even playing field for Churches from the Premier.

As you saw from the front page of the Daily Telegraph, Archbishop Fisher plus the Jewish and Islamic faiths, are asking for the same numbers to be allowed in Church as in a hotel or restaurant, namely 50. As the Premier has not indicated any change at the time the parish bulletin was emailed out to parishioners, I invite you to either email or ring to attend a Eucharist during the week or on next weekend 6/7 June.

Mass Schedule is:

Tuesday: 9am      Wednesday: 9am and 7pm      Thursday: 9am      Friday: 9am and 4pm  
Saturday Vigil: 4.30pm and 5.30pm      Sunday: 7.30am, 8.15am and 9am.



## 5. Baptisms at St Anthony's

Families wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for their child are invited to make an appointment  
Please note: 1. At present, only 10 people can be present at the celebration of the Sacrament.

2. Baptism will be celebrated with only one family and child due to social-distancing etc.
3. Baptisms will be celebrated more regularly depending on the number of families who have held off having their child baptised due to the lock down.
4. Ring and make an appointment on 9606 0206.



## 5. Feast of Pentecost

Due to the few numbers at our Eucharistic Celebrations at present, it is difficult to celebrate these great feasts of our faith during this Easter Season, culminating with the conclusion of Easter– The Feast of Pentecost

Over the past two weeks at the weekend and weekday Masses I have been inviting those present to prepare for Pentecost by inviting the Holy Spirit to “come, upon us.”

I asked parishioners to invite the Holy Spirit upon them and to pray the prayer when they have a moment or pause in the day.

I asked them to pray “Come, Holy Spirit, fall upon me” or “Come, Holy Spirit, come upon me.”

Now as we come to Pentecost, the birth of the Catholic Church, I invite all parishioners to think and thank the Holy Spirit, as the spirit guides our lives and the lives of family and friends and, of course, the Church. Cardinal Mercier (died 1926) was Cardinal in Belgium during WWI. He had a great devotion to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit coming into our lives. The Cardinal encouraged a devotion (committed to) and commitment to the Holy Spirit.

The Cardinal called it “the Secret of Sanctity”.

The Cardinal said this: I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for 5 minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noises of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in your baptised soul, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit speak to that Divine Spirit saying to the Holy Spirit: “O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you enlighten me guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do. Give me your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your will. Amen.”

The Cardinal said: “ If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you strength to carry it and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the “Secret of Sanctity.”

So, by committing ourselves to the Holy Spirit we bring ourselves to the very centre of what it is to be a Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ, and to experience His power and His Grace. What is grace? Grace is God's unmerited favour to be what God wants us to be with God's help, for we cannot do it by ourselves.

I hope we all have a Blessed Pentecost.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope at General Audience: Ahead of Pentecost, Let Lives Be Warmed & Illuminated by Holy Spirit God Poured Into Our Hearts: MAY 27, 2020 GENERAL AUDIENCE

Ahead of Pentecost, let the Spirit of God which He has poured into our hearts, warm and illuminate our lives...

Let us also remember that having a hope-filled gaze toward God also brings new life amid hatred...

Pope St. Paul VI reached the heights of holiness, and encouraging each person to generously embrace the Gospel ideals...

Pope Francis stressed these three points during his Wednesday General Audience, today, May 27th, 2020, in his papal library, in the midst of the pandemic of coronavirus worldwide, as he focused on prayer, specifically on 'the prayer of the just.'

Italy entered its 'phase two' on May 4th, resulting in some relaxing of restrictions. Public Masses resumed across the country on Monday, May 18, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Karol Wojtyla.

Two weeks ago, the Holy Father began a new series of catechises on prayer, noting that it is "a cry that arises from the hearts of those who trust in God," as he exhorted all faithful to embrace their prayer life. In today's catechesis, the Pope recalled how in Genesis, we read about the presence of wickedness, as in the Fall of Adam and Eve and of Cain murdering his brother Abel.

Lamenting this wickedness is still seen across the world, the Holy Father stressed that God's will for his creatures is not evil, but for the good.

Francis recalled and praised other figures in the Bible who were humble and prayed sincerely to God, calling them "peacemakers who show that authentic prayer, freed from the tendency to violence," and who have "a hope-filled gaze directed to God, which can cultivate new life in place of arid hatred."

"Throughout history, righteous men and women of prayer – often misunderstood or marginalized – have ceaselessly offered up intercession for the world, invoking God's power to bring about healing and growth."

Pope Francis concluded, praying: "May we, like them, faithfully ask God to fulfil his work of transforming hearts of stone into hearts of flesh."

Greeting Italian-speaking faithful, Francis recalled that the day after tomorrow, we celebrate the liturgical memory of Pope Saint Paul VI.

"The example of this Bishop of Rome, who has reached the heights of holiness, encourages us all to generously embrace the Gospel ideals."

The Pontiff also addressed the elderly, young people, the sick and newlyweds.

"In the atmosphere of preparation for the Solemnity of Pentecost that is now approaching," the Pope said, "I urge you to always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, so that your life may always be warmed and illuminated by the love that the Spirit of God pours into hearts."

"My blessing to all of you," he said.



## **Pope Francis to Lead Rosary in Vatican Gardens to Invoke Mary's 'Aid in Pandemic' & 'Entrust All Humanity to the Lord'**

**Largest Shrines of Five Continents Will Join the Prayer on May 30**

Pope Francis will lead a rosary "to invoke the aid and help of the Virgin Mary in the pandemic, and to entrust the whole of humanity to the Lord," at the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens, on May 30, as the month of Mary draws to its close.

This was communicated in a statement by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization and published, today, May 26, 2020, by the Holy See Press Office.

"The Holy Father will put at Mary's feet the many anxieties and sorrows of humanity, further aggravated by the spread of COVID-19," the statement underscores.

"The appointment for the end of the Marian month," it continues, "is a further sign of closeness and consolation for all those that, in different ways, have been affected by the coronavirus, in the certainty that the Heavenly Mother will not disregard the requests for protection."

The Marian celebration to be broadcast live worldwide was organized by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, and is on the theme: "All with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with Mary (Acts 1:14.)

Shrines worldwide, the dicastery says, will join the prayer, with the special involvement of families.

The largest Shrines of all five continents will be connected. For instance, of Europe: Lourdes, Fatima, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pompeii and Czestochowa (Poland); of the United States of America: the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, D.C.); of Africa: the Shrine of Elele (Nigeria) and of Notre-Damme de la Paix (Ivory Coast); of Latin America: the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico), of Chiquinquirá (Colombia), of Lujan and of Milagro (Argentina).

"It will be a moment of world prayer," the Vatican explains, "for those that intend to join Pope Francis on the eve of Pentecost Sunday."

Some women and men, in representation of various categories of people particularly touched by the virus, will recite the decades.

"There will be," the statement listed, "a doctor and a nurse, for all the health staff committed on the front line in hospitals; a healed person and one who lost a family member, for all those touched personally by the coronavirus; a priest, hospital chaplain, and a Sister nurse, for all priests and consecrated persons close to all those tried by the disease; a pharmacist and a journalist, for all the people that even in the period of the pandemic have continued to carry out their service in favour of others; a volunteer of Civil Protection with his family, for those that have done their utmost to address this emergency and for all the vast world of volunteers; and a young family, to whom a baby was born in this period, sign of hope and of victory of life over death."

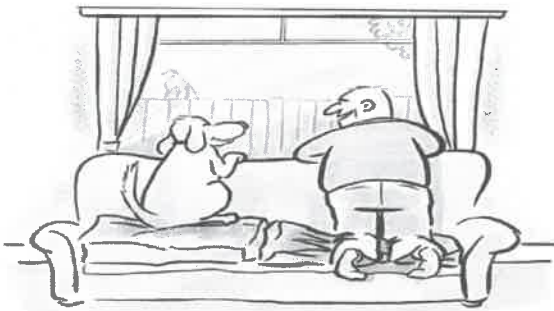
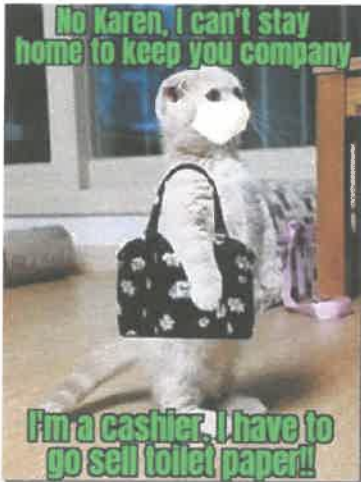


## JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

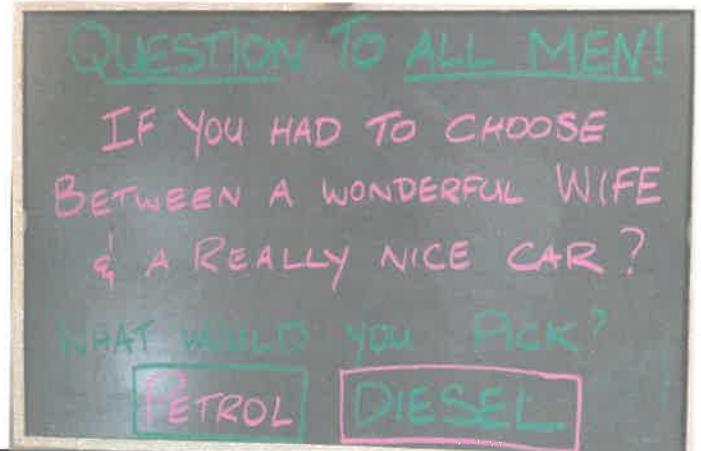
When do them kids,  
go back to school?



After 2 weeks of quarantine with her husband, Gertrude decided to knit him a scarf..



*"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."*



## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

**Recently Deceased:** Annunziata Demaio.

**Anniversaries:** Saveria Farrugia, Lenny Musumeci, Giovanni Arcidiacono, Marie Millicent Gardiner.

**Also for:** Ernest "Rusty" Rust, Peter Calarco.

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

Ian & Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Marie Gough, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Margarita Vartuli, Hane Abe Rached



## Virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks.

The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world.

To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to [www.pentecostpilgrimage.com](http://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com) and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.

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## KID'S CORNER

**Q.** Why did the picture go to jail?

**A.** Because it was framed.



## Parish Hall for Hire

The Parish Hall has had a make-over, as those who have worked in it can testify.

The room has been painted, splash tiles around the sink area, a new oven and the cupboards have been repaired.

Parishioners are welcome to hire the hall for family celebrations, baptism parties, wedding anniversaries and birthday parties for children up to age 10.

Teenage parties may be an issue so the parish will NOT hire out to these events.

The cost of hire is: \$450 plus a bond of \$100 that will be returned as long as the Hall is left clean & tidy with no damages.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact the parish secretary for the rental agreement and the hirer's responsibility using the hall.

## A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life.

Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:

Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email: [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session.

**Sessions held:** Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.

## READ THE DIGITAL EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

*The Catholic Weekly* has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only due to the government's decision to close all Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased to inform you that has been adapted extremely well and they are continuing to produce the paper in a **digital form** making it available to everyone online at [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)

### **What is a digital edition?**

It is the current paper delivered on our website and which is formatted identically to the print edition.

## The Chain of Mary Association Inc

The Chain of Mary Association Inc One Decade Rosary Booklets.

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet and 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 the book provided on the table at the back of the church and once a week Mass will be offered for you and your intentions.

For any enquiries please call  
Sr-in-Christ Rosa  
Ph: 96067571



## We continue to need your support

We understand the difficulty some families are facing, however if you are able to continue your support of the parish this would be greatly appreciated as we still have much work to continue within our community and Church at this time, especially with those in need and the vulnerable of society.

Perhaps you might consider replacing the envelope contributions with a new direct debit at this time- either weekly, monthly or as a once only. Please contact our office and speak to Cheryl. Any assistance parishioners can give during the shut-down of the Church will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support of the Church and your Faith Community.

### **Direct Debit:**

**Account Name:** St Anthony's Austral Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784

**Account No:** 0492 5002



## 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

A bin has been placed in the Ladies toilets for soiled nappies and sanitary napkins.

**Please** use the bags provided and the bin.

Please **DO NOT** throw them in the toilet, we have had to get the plumber out too many times, and this is a big cost to the parish.



# Announcing a new Creation



Following the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christians (who were at first all Jews) experienced the power of the Risen Jesus still present in their midst, restoring their faith in him and giving them the courage to proclaim Jesus as God's chosen one. Over a period of decades, the ongoing experience of the Spirit of Jesus enlivening the community led Luke to understand the Spirit as the 'first fruit' of Easter.

This led Christians to celebrate the Festival of Weeks no longer as the gift of the Law on Sinai but as the gift of the Spirit. Since this festival began fifty days after Passover (Easter), the name given to this Festival among Greek-speaking Jews and Christians was Pentecost. So Luke begins the Acts of the Apostles, with a vivid account of the Spirit coming to the Christian community during the great Jewish Festival of Pentecost.

In Luke's writing, his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit provides continuity between the time of Israel, the time of Jesus and the time of the early Church. Israel's story begins in God's act of creation when God's Spirit hovers over the waters of chaos then God speaks, and the breath (spirit) of the Divine Word brings order out of Chaos:

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was*

*moving over the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light (Gen 1:1-3; RSV).*

The same creative Spirit of God comes upon Jesus at the moment of his Baptism: in Luke, Jesus is still standing in the waters of the Jordan when the Spirit comes upon him. In this way, Luke presents a picture or icon of Jesus beginning a new creation as once again the Spirit and word of God breathe over the waters.

*Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased' (Luke 3:21-22)*

This is Luke's way of announcing a new Creation beginning in the ministry of Jesus.

