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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 4.30pm & 5.30pm

Sunday - 7.30am & 9am

Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and - Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

3.45 pm– 4.15 pm

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.

**22-23 May 2021
Pentecost**



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

**Dear Parishioners,
Today we celebrate Pentecost**



In the Gospel Reading, Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit on his disciples. And this Sunday we celebrate that coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. **Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.**

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. For example, the Spirit of God came upon Balaam ([Num. 24:2](#)), Joshua ([Num. 27:18](#)), Gideon ([Judges 6:34](#)), Jephthah ([Judges 11:29](#)), Samson ([Judges 13:25](#)), Saul ([1 Sam. 11:6](#)), David ([1 Sam. 16:13](#)), and others as well.

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 ([Jl 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 ([Jl 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; and his peace remains with us because he himself is with us and within us always, as he promised.

2. COVID-19 update

Easing of restrictions – the current rules

Masks are no longer necessary when attending churches.

Congregational singing is permitted.

Singers or choir members should still remain 1.5 metres away from each other and from members of the congregation.

There is no limit on how many people can attend Masses and other liturgical celebrations subject to observing the 2m2 rule. Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.

The same rules apply to Masses and other religious services held outdoors on Parish premises.

More information is available online: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>

3. Silence in the Church

Allow five minutes before Mass in the church to be a time of silence and quiet reflection in preparation for the celebration of the Eucharist. No group prayer at this time and, at all times, no noise in the church.

4. Volunteers

There are so many ministries in the Parish especially behind the scenes. If you feel that your talent or time can be of a service please consider being a volunteer.

5. Mass Attendance Count

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has advised that the 2021 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over the first four weekends in May (starting 1 May 2021 and concluding 23 May). Thank you to the counters who have volunteered to assist.

6. Welcome to our Parish

We are a growing community and we are happy to have all of you who have moved recently to become members of our Parish community. If there is any way we can be of help to make you comfortable, do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office. Please collect a Parish Census form at the foyer, fill it out and give to Fr Kene or send to the parish office.

7. Booking of Mass Intentions

Please book your Mass intentions by using the 'Mass intention' envelopes at the church foyer; clearly fill in the details and leave on the collection plate or give to Fr Kene when it is convenient to do so. Another option is to contact the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays earlier.

8. 4.30pm Mass

With Covid-19 restrictions slowly easing, the 4.30pm vigil mass each Saturday will now be removed from the mass times with the last mass being Saturday 12th June 2021. This time was only implemented for covid reasons and we do apologise for any inconvenience caused. Saturday 5.30pm Mass will still hold as usual.

9. Sunday 6pm Mass?

As our parish community expectedly keeps growing, a consideration is being made on the introduction of a Sunday 6pm mass in our Parish. This will fit in well in anticipation of the youths from our growing community and from St. Anthony's Catholic College. It is hoped to start within the next financial year. But regular attendees are needed to make sure various ministries are taken care of. Could you use our parish suggestion box to indicate if you will like to be part of the 6pm Sunday Mass when it does begin. Thanks.

10. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. So, I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Thanks for understanding. Same goes for the electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired so a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. If you do not know how to operate them and you need it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training.

11. Children's Liturgy

We would like to re-introduce Children's Liturgy back into the weekend masses. If you would like to volunteer, please let the parish office know. Even though you were a volunteer prior to Covid, please confirm that you will continue to be part of the children's liturgy team. The masses it will cover will be the 5.30pm and the 9am masses only. All new volunteers are welcome.

12. Holy Communion

All Holy Communion candidates will participate in their commitment program this weekend. We ask that we keep them in our prayers whilst they prepare to come to the Eucharistic Table of the Lord.

13. Parish Finance Committee

Our parish is planning to set up a parish finance committee. It will comprise of 4 to 6 members plus the parish priest. If you have experience in banking and/or accounting sectors, please consider being a member of the Parish Finance Committee. If you wish to help or would like to suggest someone, contact Fr Kene directly or through the parish office. Thank you to those who have volunteered thus far.

14. Feast day of St Anthony

As you are aware Sunday 13th June 2021 is the feast day of our saint St Anthony of Padua. Our Parish Committee have been busy preparing for this event. We plan to hold a feast day on Sunday 13th after the 9am mass. After that mass, we shall all follow in a procession with the statue of St. Anthony to the parish hall where there will be lunch, coffee and sweets you can purchase on the day. This will be a great opportunity to welcome all new parishioners and all existing parishioners have an opportunity to reconnect post covid. More details to follow

16. Rosary Procession

We are teaming up with St Rafqa Maronite Catholic Church for a Rosary procession in honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary in the month of May and for her intercession on the pandemic that is ravaging the world at this time. Procession starts from St. Anthony's Church at 105 Eleventh Avenue to St. Rafqa's Church at 135 Eighth Avenue, Austral.

Date: 29 May

Time: 10.00am

All are welcome.

15. Our Lady Help of Christians

Monday 24th May is the Solemnity in honor of our Lady Help of Christians. Mass will be held at 9.15am in our church. You are all welcome

17. Open Day at Eileen's Place- Sunday 6 June

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up Eileen's place for dedicated monthly Open Days to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor.

The next Open Day will be held on **Sunday 6 June** at 35 Dudley Street in Coogee from 10:45am-1:00pm (including Mass)

For more information and to register visit: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>

18. Happy Birthday

Please join in wishing a happy birthday to Mrs Eileen Rust who celebrates her 96th birthday this Friday 28th May 2021. Mrs Rust is a regular mass attendee at our Parish. God Bless and Happy Birthday.



God bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

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Baptisms in the Parish

We congratulate all new members to our faith-community.

Charlize Kristie Linda Camilleri
(daughter of Brian and Shantelle)

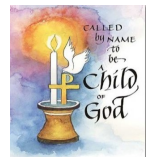
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Cooper Douglas Herring
(son of Doug and Kristie)

&

Paige Alma Herring
(daughter of Doug and Kristie)

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Do you need help finding help in Liverpool?

A community care worker has joined All Saints Parish, Liverpool for help and referrals to services concerned with relationships, parenting, ageing, disability, addiction and mental health.



Call for a free consultation

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CatholicCare.org

connect@catholiccare.org

8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

The Paduans Prayer during the Pandemic

Merciful God of hope and life, during this time of pandemic, May we hold to attitudes and behaviours that profess our faith in Jesus Christ, May we act with care and responsibility to keep our community safe, May we be beacons of hope to those feeling overwhelmed and fearful. Heal those who are infected by the virus, Guide healthcare professionals and researchers in their work, Inspire politicians, business and community leaders by your wisdom, Bring those who have died to yourself and comfort their loved ones. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen Mary, Mother of God: pray for us. All Saints: pray for us.

Events in the Parish —

Rosary Prayer: Every Monday in May at 10am in the Parish church cry room

Legion of Mary Prayer Group: Every Thursday after the 9am Mass in the Parish cry room

Dates to Remember

Monday 24th May — 9.15am— Our Lady Help of Christians Feast day Mass.

Monday 24th May—4pm First Holy Communion Preparation Class

Wednesday 26th May—6.30pm First Holy Communion Preparation Class

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with the 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. 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.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Donald D'Souza, Romeo Cabiluna Jr, Anne Boyce, Lourdes Ever Juan, Kitty and Charlie Micallef

Anniversaries: Guiseppina and Fillipo Musso, Alfonso & Annunziata Gioffre, Giovanni Macerola, Anna Luciani, George Velso, Stephen Vella, Nicole Simone, Molly Morton, Regina Jasenko, August Naydek, Caterina Kairuz, Maria Louisa Crestani Corolla, Tony Macri, Teresa Brassil, Alfredo Pjanic, Ross Cavallaro and Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Ernest Rust, Isidoro Bianchi

Also for: Antonio Pisano, The Dimech Family, Grace Cilia, The Pace Family and The Bonanno Family

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, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Haneer Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzanti, Renzo Martignago, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Anita and Anthony Zappia