

# Weekly Bulletin

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PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B

Sunday, 19 May 2024

**The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission. - Pope Francis**



*There is a story about an eagle. A hunter found an eagle's egg in a forest. He took the egg home and hatched it along with the other chicken eggs. This eaglet started growing up with the other chicks. It started eating white ants and little worms, pecking and hopping here and there like the other chicks. But it never learned to fly like an eagle. One day, the eagle, now grown old, saw an eagle majestically soaring high in the sky. Spellbound, the eagle asked, "What is that?"*

*"That's the king of the birds, the eagle", said his neighbour. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth- we are chickens". So, the eagle lived and died a chicken for that's what he thought he was. - (Song of the bird)*

We are like that eaglet helplessly admiring the power in others when we ourselves possess that power. Very often we end up in defeat, frustration and failure because we are ignorant of the power God has given us through His Spirit.

The Easter season, the highlight of the liturgical year, culminates on Pentecost Sunday. The readings for the Pentecost Year B clearly tell us that we need to be willing to receive the Holy Spirit and then use the gifts we receive.

In the first reading we hear how the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and empowered them to share the gospel with people from different nations. The second reading tells us that it is the Holy Spirit who enables us to proclaim the gospel in unity. In the gospel Jesus breathes on his followers and enables them to forgive sins.

Today's feast invites us to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us. Archbishop Romero once said that "the church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her. And the church in turn reflects the Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life."



The Spirit is at work in human hearts and minds, and souls. The Spirit is at work in the places the Spirit chooses to take up residence. The Spirit is at work in the waters of the baptismal font and in the laying on of hands and the anointing with the blessed oil. The spirit is at work in common, ordinary ways in common ordinary people. The Spirit of God is at work in fostering unity, peace and love among the people.

The words of Romero resonate the words of the gospel, that the Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. The Spirit of God, who was breathed into the first disciples, still breathes in all who believe and inhale the grace and power

## The Spirit of God

that are Jesus' living legacy. As breath is to life, the Spirit is to the Church. Without the Spirit the Church is a field of dry, dead bones.

Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people - frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "**Come Holy Spirit.**"

## His Power to Create and Transform

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, Alleluia.

## First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages*

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as 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 amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

**R: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches! **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

## Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

*The fruit of the spirit*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are

so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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



## Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.  
And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'

## Communion Antiphon:

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

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

I would like to thank four women and a man who have expressed their willingness to be a part of the Parish Council in our parish. I am looking forward to two more men (preferably young adults or middle aged men) to volunteer so that we might commence our ministry asap. Kindly give a thought to this vital mission for the growth of our parish community.

Fr Vince



We welcome **Mark Bannister** who will take the place of Shane assisting the Rydalmen. The parish community greatly appreciate the work done by the Rydalmen in the past. We pray for God's blessings as they plan for new objectives. We encourage more men to come on board

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024



This weekend the children completed their preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please continue to pray for these young people of our parish.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION MASSES ARE SUNDAY 26TH MAY AND 2ND JUNE – 12 noon.**

## Sacrament of Confirmation

The dates for Confirmation have been completed.

The Celebration for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is **Friday 8th November at 7:00pm.**

All the other details and dates are on the information form located at the entrance to the Church.



## Let us pray for ...

### *Sick*

Louela Davis, Linda Dysoco, Judy, Naza Nazah Maree Buttenshaw, Robert Power

### *Recently Deceased*

Bishop Peter, Kevin Holden

### *Anniversaries*

Antonietta Bruzzese, Caterina Bruzzese, Emilia Camilleri, Patricia Harrington John Laing, Teresa Procopio Jamel Saba, Carmen Vella,

# PARISH ROSTERS

## 25/26 May 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
<b>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</b>	Thomas Russo	Sue & Len Farrugia		Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows Frank Camilleri	Susan Boulous & Family	Linda Tsang Lily Hon Grace Coco Gabiella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Pamela McKay	Anne Marie Lyons Glenys Oxlee		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
<b>Sun 10.00am</b>	Vartguess Markarian	Cynthia Oscar Khush Jila		Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

## 01/02 June 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
<b>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</b>	George Davidson	Lynette Rodrigues Michael Marston		Kathy Saad Susan Boulous	Kathleen Burrows Dominic & Lynnette Rodrigues	Anton Massillamany	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Anne Marie Lyons	Will & Angela Finnane		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
<b>Sun 10.00am</b>	Glenys Oxlee	Linda Tsang Jessica Tapiador		Elaine Gade Evelyn Artiaga			

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



## Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Every Wednesday 7pm

Join the Novena and let us pray to our Mother Mary for the welfare of human beings, especially those who seek her intercession.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 20 May - *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

Friday 24 May - *OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS*



## MAY - Month dedicated to Our MOTHER MARY

Please join us at **7pm every night** in the month of May to recite the Rosary and honour our Mother Mary.

## BISHOP'S APPEAL 25 & 26 MAY

The following weekend 25/26 May we will have the next Bishop's Appeal. We would greatly appreciate your generous contribution to this great cause.

THANK  
YOU!

## COMPUTER OPERATOR VOLUNTEERS

A huge **Thank you** to the **9 people** who volunteered last weekend to join the church computer roster. This has relieved the situation greatly, and is much appreciated. *Glenys*

As you'd be aware, the Diocese is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment. The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe (<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>).

Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and who to talk to when they don't feel safe.

It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation!  
Age Specific Information - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>  
Personal Safety - <https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-personal-safety/>  
Online Safety - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

## First Friday of the Month

7:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

## ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

## BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

## PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan

Parish Secretary  
Tue / Wed / Fri  
9am to 4pm

Deacon Leon

Finance Secretary  
Thur  
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator

Childrens Liturgy Coordinator

Lectors Coordinator

Senior Server Coordinator

Finance Chairman

St Vincent De Paul President

Rydalmen Coordinator

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