



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

Sunday, 24 May 2026

**"The greatest move of the Holy Spirit in our day
is the awakening of ordinary people to do extraordinary things."**

- Christine Caine

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 solemn feast of the Pentecost 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 Holy Spirit works not just in grand, sweeping revivals, but in the quiet, transformative moments of everyday life. This divine presence manifests through sudden promptings of intuition, deep emotional healing from trauma, and the courage to show unexpected love.

Where can we find the Holy Spirit at work?

- In our gathering right now as we are strengthened by the Spirit to understand the Good News of life;
- In your preparation at home for Mass making sure everyone is up and dressed for the car and on time. In the efforts we make to come together as God's people to pray together and to show our sense of belonging to one another.
- In the Eucharistic prayer when we ask God to send the Spirit to change the bread and the wine into the food and drink of life.
- In the choices the parents make to spend quality time with their children and to find time for themselves.
- In a husband or a wife who chooses to remain faithful to the other spouse in spite of the temptations to drift and the avalanche of conflicts resulting in hurts and pains.
- In a teenager who finds the courage to stand up to fiends or foes and say categorical No to drugs, premarital sex or bullying others.
- Even in the midst of pain and hurt, a victim forgives a perpetrator or the wrong doer.
- When a person is willing to sacrifice wealth, prestige, and power to serve as a priest, deacon, a religious or a lay minister or to be a part of the charitable activities, and to participate in the various activities of the local community.
- In a person who bears the pain of sickness and age without becoming embittered.

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.

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, the apostles 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: Psalm 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: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon:

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

Yes, the Spirit is at work not simply in the air, not simply in the fire and not simply on the tongues. The spirit is at work in common, ordinary ways in common ordinary 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 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 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:" (Source duly acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

All clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to complete mandatory Safeguarding Training and have current up to date certifications.

The below Safeguarding Online Training Modules can be accessed and completed via <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/courses>

IF YOU ARE NEW TO MINISTRY:

Complete Safeguarding Training Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).

IF YOU COMPLETED CYCLE 1 MODULES TWO YEARS AGO:

Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2).

IF YOU RENEWED YOUR CYCLE 2 MODULES 4 & 5 TWO YEARS AGO:

Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3).

Alternatively, Face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities for May 2026 is as follows:

There are several face-to-face mandatory Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please contact: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Please email a copy of your certificates ASAP to the Parish office via email: admin@holymary.org.au

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA A SAFE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS AT RISK.

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

George Asic
Cristina Assuncao
Mario Borsellino
Maree Buttenshaw
Kath Clinton
Margaret Constable
Patrick Coughlan
Al Alam Family
Younis Family

Patrick Gelle
Daniel Hamilton
David Hilvano
Klara Jakober
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Maria-Trinidad Lim
Romenda McGregor
Rosemary Romeo

Ned Powlr
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Martin Jakober
Imelda Escordial
Blen Steele

FUNERAL SERVICE OF BLEN STEELE

The funeral Service for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner **Blen Steele** will be held on **Wednesday 3rd June at 11am.**

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.

Anniversaries

Arockia Mary
George Abraham
Jacob Baysari
Annie Dwyer
Damia Maait
Joe Maait
Maroun Maait

Cyril Rodrigues
Florence Rodrigues
Gerald Rosario
Emade Seaman
Marta Wiatrowski
George Zaiter
Joe Zaiter

PARISH ROSTERS

23/24 May 2026

| | <u>Computer Operators</u> | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> | <u>EMHC</u> | <u>Counters</u> | <u>Cleaning Ministry</u> | <u>Altar Society</u> |
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| Sat Vigil 5.30pm | Tracy Samuel | Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza | Ruby P | Diane O'Shea Michelle Archarya | David Boulous Susan Boulous | Anton Fernando | Lily Hon O.Ham Maria Greenfield |
| Sun 8.00am | Naom Younis | Chris Twomey Maree Twomey | Maya R | Eric Flores Lina Flores | Lawrence Tsang Sheila Delos Reyes | Anne Fernando | |
| Sun 10.00am | Anne Fernando | Lorna Argal Nada Coorey | Ava E Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W | Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade | Children's Liturgy Diane O'Shea | | |

30/31 May 2026

| | <u>Computer Operators</u> | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> | <u>EMHC</u> | <u>Counters</u> | <u>Cleaning Ministry</u> | <u>Altar Society</u> |
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| Sat Vigil 5.30pm | Ben Garcia | Eli Ogrizek Michelle Acharya | Cristian A Jacob K | Susan Boulous Kathy Saad | Kathleen Burrows | Jing Tapiador | Therese Ball Lesley long |
| Sun 8.00am | Michael Majoor | Rozz Morris Jodie MacGregor | Bridget R | Barbara Rosario Helen Wong | Reza Ferdinando Audrey Ferdinando | | |
| Sun 10.00am | Lynette Rodrigues | Sam Markarian Marco Tapiador | Avril L Savannah S-F Amelia I | Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade | Children's Liturgy Jane Homann | | Lawn & Garden Romeo Urqueza |

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



This weekend
23 -24 May 2026

Please give generously.
Donations are tax deductible.

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, which supports Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park.

Your generosity helps provide the education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation our seminarians need as they continue answering God's call.

With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope.

Through this Appeal, our Diocese also supports vital ministries including Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, bringing care, hope, guidance and belonging across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Your tax-deductible gift helps provide the education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation our seminarians need as they answer God's call.



With your support, they can continue preparing to serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope.

Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.

Be The Witness
THE MUSICAL
THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND

An ancient message, a timeless calling, a musical not to be missed!

From 10-13 September, Parramatta Riverside Theatres will be ablaze with *Be The Witness*, the powerhouse Gospel musical, produced by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

But it's so much more than a musical. It's a movement. Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ - Who will you bring?

10 - 13 September
RIVERSIDE THEATRES PARRAMATTA
BETHEWITNESS.COM.AU

2026 Sacramental Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 18th August 2026

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist
- 20th September 2026

For more details, please contact our Parish Sacramental Coordinator Lynnette Rodrigues via email: lynnr291955@gmail.com



Youth Group is Back On!

Come Join Us!

We are very excited to announce that we are now expanding our age bracket to include young people from 12 to 35 years old (or young)!

With this change, we have very exciting initiatives for our young community to be a part of.

To begin this journey fruitfully, our team would like to invite you to a 'Working Bee' session where we run through some opportunities

for everyone to get involved. The session will be held on Thursday the 4th of June at 6pm in the Parish meeting room.

As Pope Francis said, "...the Church and the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain". Let's all do our part to bring Christ's kingdom to earth!

If you have any questions, please contact Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016.

We look forward to seeing you then!

If you would like to join us, we invite you to write your contact details on our Youth Group Register located at the back of the church.

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch!

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday 7 June - 11:30am

Sunday 5 July - 11:30am

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends!

This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details and/or to RSVP contact Allison on 0411 013 032.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

If you would like to attend our next lunch, you are invited to write your name on the sheet located at the back of the church, this is to assist Allison with the booking reservation.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Every Wednesday 7:00pm

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

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

Maritza Graciela
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri
10am to 5pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator: Lynette Rodrigues
Catechists Coordinator: Diane O'Shea
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator: Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator: Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator: Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman: Ron Della Vedova
St Vincent De Paul President: Ron Della Vedova
Rydalmen Coordinator: Mark Bannister
Social Celebrations Coordinator: Nancy Grugan
Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Luke Homann

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Mary's Primary School
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Principal: Mr. Richard Blissenden

St. Patrick's Marist College
171 Kirby Street, Dundas NSW 2117
Ph: (02) 8841 7900
Email: stpatsdundas@parra.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan