

Prayers of the Faithful

PRIEST: Fifty days have passed since Easter. We welcome God's Spirit among us comforting, inspiring, consoling and helping us as we pray to God for what we need.

1. For a desire to make Christ known throughout the world. *(pause)*

The people of Jerusalem heard the good news in their own languages. May we be constant in searching for fresh ways to preach and teach the gospel to God's people in today's world. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

2. For an openness to God's Spirit. *(pause)*

The Spirit brings new life to the church and renews the whole world. May we be open to the gifts of the Spirit believing that the church is led by the Spirit towards a future known only to God. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

3. For a spirit of forgiveness. *(pause)*

The gift of the Spirit is the gift of peace. May we reach out to our sisters and brothers with forgiveness and tolerance and be peacemakers for God in our families, our communities and our world. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

4. For a sense of joy. *(pause)*

The Spirit of God sent on Pentecost filled the disciples with joy. May we too have that sense of joy as we witness to God's healing purposes in the church and in the world. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

5. For the work of St Vincent de Paul *(pause)*

May their Winter Appeal make us aware of the financial difficulty faced by many at this time. May we be generous in our response to those who cry out to God in their need. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your loving presence. Make us strong and constant followers of Jesus, on fire, like the apostles, with love for his good news. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Catechist please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA is a program for those seeking to find out more about the Catholic faith. It takes place within the parish, local faith community. It also offers opportunity to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ accompanied by others on a similar journey. We welcome all inquiries, and there is no pressure or obligation. Each one has their own special story.

- If you have been baptised but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation or baptised in another church.
- Have children over the age of five or teenagers (who will be supported through adapted form of the Rite).

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please contact the parish office on 9331 4043.

(We are looking for parishioners to be part of the RCIA team)

Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.



My God and My All

Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington & St Joseph Edgecliff

28th May 2023 – Pentecost Sunday -Year A

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

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of Easter season. The post-resurrection gospel account reminds us of the gift of the Spirit. The Spirit promised by Jesus, empowered the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus, to continue the ministry of Jesus and gather believers.

Today's readings give us different events of the pentecost experience. I invite you to reflect on parish life and issues facing the Church. As a Church, we are part of a rapidly changing world that affects believers. In Australia, we have moved from the tribal way of being Church to individual commitments. Globalisation, travel, and migration contributed to a change of perspective on life and faith. Education and the internet are powerful tools assisting our younger generation in challenging the status quo of accepted norms.

Modern lives are complex, evident in relationships. Human development, psychology, contemporary understanding and acceptance of sexuality and different relationship forms make it harder to navigate the traditional sense of sexual ethics and family life. We know difficulties in sexuality, marriage, long-term partnership and single lifestyle faced by families and friends. In pastoral care and ministry, we encounter these issues too. Sensitivity and wisdom are necessary to engage, evangelise and minister to people. Knowledge and understanding of faith and tradition are on the decline too. At the Australian Plenary Council and the German Synod, critical issues facing the Church were discussed or emerged; vocations are in decline, shared power of governance with the laity, women in ministry, marriage and sexuality.

The Spirit is given to each person for a good purpose. The Spirit empowered us to go out to share the marvels of God. In encountering real problems, we learn a new way of being a faith community. Celebrating our diversity in unity and trusting the Holy Spirit of God will unleash charismatic gifts in the gathered community to rediscover God's purposes and work for the common good.

I propose we focus on ways to gather as God's people this coming year. Openness in conversation and encounters will aid in dialogue, listening and understanding. Hopefully, reflection and praying as a community will lead us to engage more effectively with the world around us. Pentecost Sunday marks the end of Christian Unity Week. Let us find ways to collaborate with other Christians to heal and evangelise like Jesus.

Thank you all for supporting friars and parish in ministry. Your contribution keeps our doors open to welcome all.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are pleased to invite parents wishing to have their children participate in Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation to contact the office by email or phone. Details and form can be found on the parish website.

Dates as follows:

First Reconciliation : Preparation 4pm: 3rd and 17th June, **Sacrament Tuesday 25th July**

First Holy Communion: Preparations 12th & 19th August Rehearsal 2nd September **Sacrament Sunday 10th September**

Confirmation: Preparation 21st & 28th October Rehearsal 4th November **Sacrament Saturday 11th November**

**We are still accepting forms for all the sacraments.*

Alanna Sparks has decided to take a break from work. We thank her for four years of dedicated service to the parishes; as catechist's co-ordinator, catechist, administration in the office and with the sacramental program. Fr Anthoni is grateful for her support, especially during covid lockdown and restrictions.

Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 - NCCA](#)

Coming Soon! Time and Talent Form

Fr Anthoni is working on a time and talent form, which he hopes will give him necessary information about parishioners and their interest and skills to support parish life into the future. All suggestions will be welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Winter appeal for Vinnies is currently underway. Please take an envelope and help if you can. 20% of donations go to Centre 360 Youth and Family Service here at Paddington.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB (SIP)/SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA (S.O.S)

"Spirituality in Inclusiveness " Hear JULIE McCROSSIN AM & ELIZABETH DUCK-CHONG as they help us through sharing some of their own stories

Online Meeting Details -7th June 2023 7.30 – 9pm (AEST)

Via Zoom: Meeting ID: 814 0081 7770 Passcode: 537819

Via browser: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81400817770?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81400817770?pwd=aDFBS0pwQkRqWmcyY2xxb1pmUEhvZz09)

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Save the Date:

Walk With Christ- Sunday 11 June:

1pm Festival in Martin Place.
2:30pm- Procession begins from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.

Reminders:

Parish Social This weekend...
Saturday 27th May after the 5.30pm Mass. Bring a plate to the Parish Meeting room behind the church.

Online Seasons of Renewal – Corpus Christi-Join us as we explore practical ideas to assist your parish to prepare for Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ.

All welcome! Wed 24 May, 10 – 11 am—Thur 25 May, 2 – 3 pm
Thur 1 June, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass to introduce yourself and find out more about our community. We also welcome you to contact our Parish Office.

OUR PARISH

Franciscan community: Fr Peter Clifford ofm, Br John Lourey ofm
Parish Administrator: Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm
Parish Secretary: Enza Sinapi, Cate Stivala
Catechist Co-ordinator/Safeguarding Support: Enza Sinapi
Cantor, Edgecliff: Tanith Bryce
Music Dir. & Organist, Paddington: Noel Debieen & Bransby Byrne
Cantor, Paddington: Nicole Smeulders
Principal, St Francis of Assisi School: Nicole Hudson

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Mass: **Sunday:** 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm
Mass: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:** 5.30pm
(Reconciliation: prior to Thursday evening Mass - from 5pm)

Liturgy of the Word/Communion: **Wednesday, Friday:**5.30pm

Baptisms: **1st & 3rd Sundays** at 11.45am

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Mass: **Saturday Vigil:** 5.30pm
Mass: **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am with choir
Mass: **Monday, Tuesday, Friday:** 9am
(Reconciliation: prior to Saturday Vigil Mass - from 5pm)

Liturgy of the Word/Communion: **Wednesday, Thursday:**9am

Baptisms: **2nd & 4th Sundays** at 11.45am

We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, and the homebound.

Recently Deceased: Joan Taylor (Fr Brian Lester's ofm sister), Monica Siriani, Paula Koussa, Yvonne Szeto, Helen Torok, Mabel Ana Pacheco Hernandez, Sr Judith Christy RSC, Lucas Ellis, Luke Stephenson, Fr Theodore Gillian ofm, Dermot Ryan, James O'Neil, Philomena Catherine O'Neil, John McLaughlin, Elizabeth Mulhall, Anita Hain, Eva Curran, Densil Corray, Giuseppe Longo, Father John Boyd Boland ofm.

Mass Intentions: Fr Paul O'Neil, Pat & Ned Theodore, Yvonne & Giancarlo Cavazzini, Alberto Giovannini, Lya Guariento & Corrado Bagni, Gregory and Patricia McCue, Sr Maria Wheeler R.S.C., Lena Kaine, Violet May Keirnan, Alma Urbistondo, Mavis Yult, Giuliano family, Alyssa Hedley, Domenico and Nita Casamento, Hector Destro, Geraldine Anne Daley, Geoff and Megan Cliff, Sandy de Souza, Mavis de Rosario, Peg & Paul Kelly, Cindy Berwick, Margaret & Ted Austin, Janice Hui, Lisa Bailey, Families of Tico, Galan, Dia, Salcedo & Delgado, Mrs S O'Shea family and friends, Rosalie Dent, The Ellis Family, Sr Patricia O'Loughlin RSC, Ori Ciocchetti, Virginia Hargreaves, Francesco D'Ignazio, James Adamovich, Cindy Berwick, Margaret & Ted Austin, Janice Hui, Lisa Bailey, Phillip Reid, Anne Clifford, Prof. Pierre Ryckmans, James Evans, Lucia Gania, Edith, Jet, Josefina & Antonio, Mavis De Rozario, Cummings & Martin families, Jack & Maureen Brett, Patricia Brett, Hector Destro.

Overview of the Archdiocese's Safeguarding Policy

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf>

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, You can contact the *Safeguarding Ministerial Integrity Office: on 9390 5180 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.

Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.



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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

28 MAY 2023

I AM SENDING YOU. The disciples of Jesus were transformed when they received the Holy Spirit. They burst open the doors of the upper room, which they had locked in fear, and boldly proclaimed the Good News. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts this Pentecost giving us the courage to break down the walls we have built around ourselves. May the Spirit free us to proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Wis 1:7
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

The great feast of Pentecost is traditionally understood as a celebration of the birth of the Church. The outpouring of the Spirit empowered the first disciples to engage in their ministry of preaching the word of Jesus and continue the work of building a community of faith. The presence of devout Jews from throughout the known world is a signal to Luke's Christians that the message that has been entrusted to them is to be shared with the wider world.

Paul was at the forefront of preaching the word and establishing new communities throughout the Eastern Mediterranean world. He knew that the gifts of the Spirit had been abundantly poured upon the community of Corinth but there were some in the community who started to look down on those who had received gifts different from their own. Imagine his consternation when the gifts which were meant to build up the unity of the community had become a sign of its division! Paul's response is to use the image of the parts of the body as a means of overcoming division, competition, arrogance, and envy.

John knew that the gift of the Spirit is one that both builds up the community and commissions it for mission. It is a gift that encourages and strengthens us for the road ahead. Two elements necessary to foster community are stressed in today's Gospel: firstly, that of building up the community through forgiveness and secondly, protecting it by retaining sins when necessary, and indicating to members of the community when their behaviour is destructive of the community.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,

Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;

Pleasant coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay;

All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;

Give us life with thee on high;

Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and

was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF PENTECOST

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

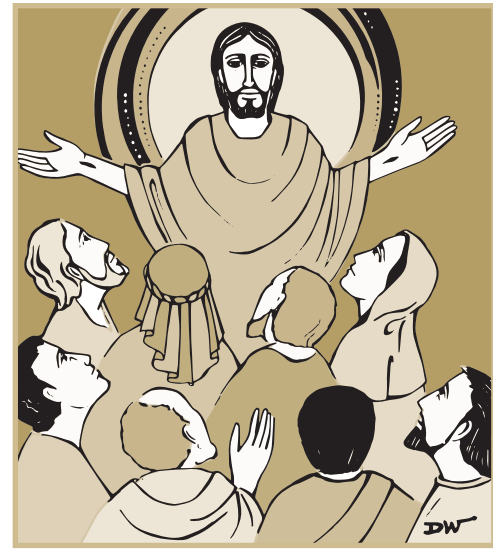
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts 2:4, 11

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.



works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

2. 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.**

3. 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 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,

From the clear celestial height

Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

RESP PSALM Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your