



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

PENTECOST SUNDAY
31st MAY 2020



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Live Streaming Mass Daily

Mon - Fri at 9.30am

Saturday at 9.00am with Adoration

Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday Mass at 10am



ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

We are preparing to reopen the Church for Public Masses from Monday the 1st of June onwards for up to 50 people. Please be mindful that we are returning to our Worship place during a time where Covid-19 is still a threat. As we adjust to this, we should all be extra prudent and prepared in observing all necessary precautions to avoid contracting the virus whilst gathering in larger numbers. Therefore we wish to advise the following guidelines are in place at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church Penrith.

- Seating will be on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. NOT ALL PEWS OF THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR SEATING. ALTERNATE PEWS WILL BE BLOCKED OFF.
- Prior to resuming Masses, the church will be prepared with signage to direct people where to sit. The aisles and pews will be marked to facilitate the observance of social distancing practices.
- At the doors of the church there will be sign on sheet for you to leave your details—these will be kept confidential—but are necessary in case anyone contract the virus.
- You are encouraged to wear a face mask.
- Please sanitize your hands as soon as you enter the church
- As you enter the church please occupy the middle seat of the pews at first, so that others can sit on the aisle starting from front pews.
- Please refrain from singing throughout the liturgy.

- As you prepare to exit the church please exit starting with the rows that are closest to the entrances.
- There will neither be a solemn entrance procession nor a recessional by the celebrant and ministers.
- No altar servers will be needed and there will be no procession of gifts, gifts will be kept at the altar area.
- The lectors and commentator will be seated at their designated seats prior to the Mass.
- The collection baskets will be kept at the entrances of the Church rather than passed during the Mass.
- The sign of peace will be shared without physical contact.
- Only one acolyte is needed at each mass. We encourage you to volunteer and serve as needed, only priest and acolyte will be serving Holy Eucharist, after sanitizing the hands before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.
- If you are rostered on as a Eucharistic Minister in June and wish to volunteer at the doors pls contact the office.
- During the communion, the social distancing will be followed and therefore communion will be brought to your seat. Communion should be received only in the hand.
- The obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is still lifted.
- Our utmost concern is the health and well being of our parishioners. Therefore, those who are feeling ill, or who have symptoms of fever, dry cough or sore throat should not come out to Mass but watch our Live stream at 10 am on Sundays (from Sunday June 7)

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PARISH OUTREACH



MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Here are some suggested sites and TV channels where you can access Mass while isolated from the usual parish celebrations:

- Channel 10 (Aurora on Foxtel), Sunday 6am
- Mass livestreamed with Fr Joe Manjaly & Fr Jobi Payyappilly from St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith (Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 10am) www.facebook.com/SNOMPENRITH.
* Daily Mass Mon—Fri at 9.30am
* Saturday Mass & Adoration at 9am
- Mass with Bishop Vincent (Sunday, 10am) www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese or www.facebook.com/parracatholic
- Mass with Archbp. Anthony Fisher (Sun, 10.30am) on www.facebook.com/SydneyCatholic or YouTube: St Mary's Cathedral Sydney
- Mass on Demand on (YouTube, anytime of the day)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Saviour, save me. O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands. Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. Amen.



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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FROM MONDAY JUNE 1

Weekday

Monday	9.30am	
Tuesday	6.45am	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30 am	
	7.00pm	(followed by Our Lady of Perpetual help Novena)
Thursday	9.30am	
Friday	6.45am	12.10pm

Saturday

Mass	9.00am
Healing Mass	9.00am (1st Sat of the month)
Reconciliation	9.30am-10.30am & 5pm-5.45pm
Adoration	After Saturday Morning Mass
Filipino Mass	11.00am (1st Sat of the month)
Vigil Mass	6.00pm*

Sunday

Mass	7.00am, 8.30am*
	10.00am* (no Children's Liturgy)
	6.00pm*

Masses marked with an Asterix * will be held simultaneously in the Church and Hall allowing for up to 50 people per location.

SUNDAY READINGS READ AT HOME FAMILY PRAYER WEEK BY WEEK

Resources from Liturgy Brisbane are available assist you in your Worship at Home.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1 June : The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 ; Jn 19:25-34

2 June: Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17

3 June : Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs

2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27

4 June : Thursday of the 9th week of Easter

2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

5 June : St Boniface, bishop, martyr

2 Tim 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37

6 June : Saturday of the 9th week of Easter

2 Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

7 June : The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

MASS LIVE ON FACEBOOK @SNOMPENRITH

PARISH OUTREACH

PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)

One of my philosophy professors told me there were two sets of alternatives at the heart of philosophy, which is another way of saying that there are two fundamental choices between two different ways at the heart of understanding life. The years have proven, at least as far as I am concerned, just how insightful this observation was. The two sets of alternatives are one and many, and being and flux. The solemn feast of Pentecost, the last day of our Easter season, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the first set: one and many. When we look out at the world, are we the kind of persons who see what we have in common with others and see what unites us, or are we the kind of persons who first notice the differences between us and other people: either our gender, or our skin colour, or our language, or our religion, or our social status, or our nationality, or our education, or our occupation? There are so many things that make us different from one another that it is a rare person who is able to focus on what makes us one.

Yet, it is our Christian vocation, given to each of us in baptism, to be people of oneness and unity. Being one is a key concept in John's Gospel, as we see in the great prayer of Jesus, which we find inserted into the Last Supper narrative. That unity is brought about by the Spirit. In John's Gospel the giving of the Spirit to the disciples occurs not at Pentecost, as we hear in Acts of the Apostles, but on the evening of Easter Sunday itself. While the various texts of the New Testament may not agree on their chronology, they do agree on the important point about the significance and purpose of the Spirit being given.

Augustine of Hippo expressed this significance well in one of his homilies preached to his congregation in the early years of the fifth century about how the disunity symbolised by the tower of Babel was reversed by the conferring of the Spirit:

At Pentecost, by contrast, the humble piety of believers brought all

these diverse languages into the unity of the church. What discord had scattered, love was to gather together. Like the limbs of a single body, the separated members of the human race would be restored to unity by being joined to Christ, their common head, and welded into the oneness of a holy body by the fire of love. Anyone therefore who rejects the gift of peace and withdraws from the fellowship of this unity cuts himself off from the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Sermo 271) [Footnote: The excerpts from the translations of Augustine's sermons that appear in these reflections come from Augustine, Sermons, trans. Edmund Hill, 11 vols in The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century series (New York: New City Press, and Augustinian Heritage Institute, 1991-1997).] Acts of the Apostles shows us how the earliest Christians attempted to live this unity: it was a unity in diversity, not a unity based on uniformity. Theirs was a unity based on a common experience of the love, forgiveness, and peace of Jesus. In a fractured world, we, as Christian people, must be living beacons of unity. We know we have the Spirit when our actions lead to reconciliation, not division; when they lead to understanding, not anger; when they lead to hope, not despair. We are thankful today for the gift of the Spirit, who inflames our hearts and makes us one.

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DECEASED Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding, John Nettar, Sr Maria Alipia, Godfrey Gomez and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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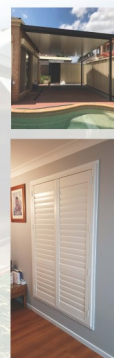
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