



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



PENTECOST SUNDAY
27th / 28th May 2023

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.



Living the Gospel – Come Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration. me, Holy Spirit

✍ Greg Sunter

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BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton

Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people.

If you did not have a chance to donate last weekend please complete an envelope and place in the collection basket this weekend or donate online at your-catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Edyth Grath

and for her family

Her funeral will be held on
Monday 29th May at 11.00am

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Michael Byrne

and for his family

His funeral will be held on
Tuesday 30th May at 11.00am

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Dr John Parer

and for his family

His funeral will be held on
Thursday 1st June at 10.50am at OLOW Emu Plains

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mercedita Catalan, Joseph Bugeja, Edyth Grath, Michael Byrne, Antonio Giulio, Dr John Parer, Frank Sciberras, Winston & Corrie and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Victoria & Laurie Vella, Ted Brock, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Thomas Manjaly, Ray Cram, Babies Noah & Sophia Attard, Kumari de Saipath, Patricia Dickson, Theodorus Van den Broek, Elizabeth, Paul & Ann Chambers, Khem Hanzel Albina and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Netti, Rolando Ostrea, Isaac Arsene, Alliette Fabien, Joe & Jenny Said & family and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Helen Wakeling, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema De-Gioga, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Michelle Zott, Lyn De Vos-Brockhoff, Ricardo Limjap, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Bob Hardy, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Sue Wheelahan, Heather Whitborn, Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperneck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecila, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Friends

Let us congratulate and pray for **Fr Chris De Souza**, Vicar General for the Diocese of Parramatta and former Parish Priest of St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith, who has been appointed as the new General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference (ACBC). He will commence his new role in Canberra in August. We wish him all the best in his new Ministry and mission. He will be sadly missed in our diocese and in our community.

Fr Joe PP

DIOCESAN COURSES / EVENTS

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023
Safe Parishes Week 5th - 9th June 2023
Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training?
Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard. In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm
at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown

Please register for this mandatory training at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 3rd / 4th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading	Exodus 34: 4 - 6, 8 - 9
Responsorial Psalm	Daniel 3: 52 - 56
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 13: 11 13
Gospel	John 3: 16 - 18

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

On Wednesday night our parishioners gathered to celebrate the Solemnity of our Lady Help of Christians at our Grotto by praying the rosary, led by the Legion of Mary, followed by mass and hospitality. We thank the Liturgy Committee for their organisation and others who helped with the setup, Ben Bongap for the beautiful cake of our Lady and a special thank you to Carol and family for the sandwiches and cake.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

Become a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Minister at the Altar.

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course is running again starting on 4th of September in Blacktown. Application forms are available from the Parish Office and must be returned to the Office by Monday 21st August.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Holy Communion

Family Session 3
Saturday 3rd June 4.30pm
Sunday 4th June 8.30am

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

At our 10.00am mass on Pentecost Sunday we will welcome the following new parishioners and their families: Carlton Thomas, Christie Kim, Jorge Sasot, Michelle Zotz, Cherrie Santos, Mary Roche, Anita Oh, Harin Kim

MASS FOR 125th ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY - 3rd JUNE

The Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia is inviting the parishioners particularly the Filipino Australians to join us to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence Day with a novena and mass for Our Lady of Penafrancia at 11:00 am on Sat 3rd June at St Nicholas of Myra Church. Mabuhay and Viva La Virgen

LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings time is 11.00am each Wednesday in PMR1. All are welcome to join. For further enquiries on Legion of Mary email Edmund Bishara at edmund.bishara@bigpond.com



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will resume at the 10.00am mass on Sunday 4th June.



Parishioners are reminded that the carpark off Higgins Lane is a private carpark for patrons of the New Fortune Palace Chinese restaurant and **SHOULD NOT** be used for parking during mass times.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Penrith Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers who can help on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please contact Cathy on 0412 623 723 if you can help.

CALENDAR

Monday 29/5 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial	Tuesday 30/5	Wednesday 31/5 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast	Thursday 1/6 St Justin Memorial	Friday 2/6	Saturday 3/6 Sts Charles Lwanga & companions Memorial	Sunday 4/6 The Most Holy Trinity Solemnity
9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Edyth Grath	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Michael Byrne	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am SMM Grandparents Liturgy 9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30 Catechist Training Hall 10.00am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.00am Mass Our Lady of Penafrancia 4.30pm Holy Communion Family Session 3 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Holy Communion Family Session 3 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 3rd / 4th June

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Rodney Howard Ricardo Limjap		Del Conejar	Jenny Hogan	Allan Linga Lee Scully	AMDG Youth Christine	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia		Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks Luisa Davie	No Music	Carol Gill
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Craig Walsh	Grace Borg	Sue Von Bock	Carol Wright	Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Remy Wood	Mark Johnson	Olga Kiss	Dominic Dawson	Mary Knox Carmen Vella	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Cedric Geraldez Ninea Nepomuceno	Irene Jobin	Natasha Joseph	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	BNP Youth Marve	BNP

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