



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## PENTECOST SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

**“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**  
John 20:22

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### GOSPEL REFELCTION

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.

#### Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

#### 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, *Vene 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.

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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Anthony Raymond**  
 and for his family  
 His funeral service will be held on  
**Thursday 23rd May at 11.00am**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Mary Wheller**  
 and for her family  
 Her Requiem Mass will be held on  
**Friday 24th May at 10.00am**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gladys Duck, Mary Wheller  
**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** John Nettare, Efren Fabros, Louie Neri, Nimfa Relunia, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Ted Brock, Tania Felice  
**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Godfrey Gomez  
**SICK:** Bernadette Tecson, Peter Gale, Mary Roberts, John Slater, Carmela Talos, Venus and Shan Cabacar, Ursula Gomez, Michelle Zotz, Aiden Campbell, Mick C, Olive Gyford, Raymond D’Lima, Stanley Mascarenhas, Genaro Chan, Pam Pizzuto, Lyn O’Hare, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliatu, Jim Fullerton, Nathan Martin, Wilfredo Alcantara, Susan Voros, Bob Wrightson, Roseanne Shirley, Fr David Catteral, Kyla Aggar, George Try, AJ, Charlie Spiteri, Eric Nepomuceno, Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Susan Wheelahan, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Brerar, Daryle Young, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Nymphia Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

We wish a very happy 96th Birthday to  
**Holland D’Souza**  
 for the **15th of May**

We wish a very  
 Happy 61st Wedding Anniversary to  
**Valerie & Holland D’Souza**

Congratulation to Fr Chadi who celebrated 21 years in the priesthood on the 10th May.

**MOUNT SCHOENSTATT WOMEN’S BREAKFAST**  
**When:** Saturday 15th June, 9.00am—11.00am  
**Where:** Family Hall, Mount Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa  
**Guest Speaker:** Sr M Isabell Naumann ISSM ThD STD FCES  
 the President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, specialising in ecclesiology, theological anthropology and Marian studies. She has served on various national and international academic boards and councils including two terms at the Pontifical Council for Culture, Rome.  
 Cost is \$25 including breakfast  
 Bookings: 4733 8338 by 7th June or contact Ann Panitz on 0419 219 572 if you would like more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 Penrith Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers who can help on Mondays and Friday from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please contact Cathy on 0412 623 723 if you can help.

**DRAFT DIOCESAN PLAN -THINK TANK SESSIONS**  
 The Diocese is holding Think Tank Sessions, giving leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. You can view the draft plan, read information on the Think Tank Sessions and register for a session at [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod)  
**You must read the plan before attending a session.**  
**Sessions Dates and Venues**  
 Theme 4: May 22nd, The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton  
 Theme 5: May 29th, St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith  
 Theme 6: June 5th, St Oliver Plunkett, Harris Park  
 All sessions are 6.30pm - 9.00pm

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## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 26th / 27th May The Most Holy Trinity Year B

<b>1st Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 4: 32 - 34, 39 - 40
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 32: 4 - 6, 9, 18 - 20, 22
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 8: 14 - 17
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 28: 16 - 20

### WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

At our 10.00am mass on Pentecost Sunday we will welcome the following new parishioners and their families:

David Fadien, John Vamalaraj, Sashi Nair, Michael Conlon, Charen Prakash, Joseph Dinesh Raj, Benjamin Crestani, Jose Cacnio, Suranga Perera, Oluchi Mbachu

### Our Lady, Help of Christians Feast Day Friday 24th May.

We will be praying the Rosary from 7.00pm followed by Mass outside, at the Grotto which is dedicated to her.

Please bring your own chair or rug and join us for this special celebration.



**THERE WILL BE NO 6.45am MASS.**

### Celebrate Laudato Si' Week: Seeds of Hope (16-24 May)

Are you ready to sow "Seeds of Hope"? Join the Catholic Church around Australia and worldwide in celebrating *Laudato Si' Week: 16 to 24 May 2024*. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation.

Resources can be found at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Fak4yxcfxEemB4vQ6olpLGrHMX77g3b3>

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1	\$40	\$30 per child
2	\$80	\$60 per child
3	\$100	\$80 per child

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*Love One Another as I have loved you*

John 15:12



Worldwide Marriage Encounter [WVME] is a weekend getaway, offering couples a special 'time-out' to enrich their marriage. Take this opportunity to step back from daily distractions and rediscover your relationship.

When: 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW 2566

Marriage Encounter volunteers will tell you more about this on the weekend of 04/05 May 2024.

Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or

contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or

email: [nswbookings@wvme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wvme.org.au)

### Sacramental Program Holy Communion

**Family Session 3**  
**Saturday 25th May 4.30pm**  
**Sunday 26th May 8.30am**

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy will be held  
**at the 10.00am mass every Sunday**



The Parish will be taking photos during major liturgical celebrations and other events to promote the Parish mission and may use these photos in the Parish Bulletin, Facebook page or website. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Office.

## CALENDAR

Mon 20/5 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial	Tue 21/5	Wed 22/5	Thu 23/5	Fri 24/5 Our Lady Help of Christians Solemnity	Sat 25/5	Sun 26/5 Most Holy Trinity Solemnity
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Newmarch House 7.00pm Mother's Who Pray for their Children	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 6.00pm LOM Course PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30pm Mass Thornton Park 11.00am Funeral Anthony Raymond	<b>NO 6.45 am MASS</b> 10.00am Funeral Mary Wheller <b>12.10pm Mass</b> 7.00pm Rosary followed by Mass at the Grotto	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm Holy Communion Family S3 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Holy Communion Family S3 <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.00am Mass</b> 11.45am Baptisms <b>6.00pm Mass</b>

## PARISH ROSTER 25th / 26th 2024

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Joe Buttigieg Jenny Hogan		Natasha Joseph	Sharon Falleiro	Alan Linga Lee Scully	Heart & Soul	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Alan Barnes Anthony Ruzgas	Irene Jobin	Stuart Paterson	Evette Isaaks	Margaret Scicluna Louisa Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	John Jordan Craig Walsh	Claire George Pio George	Peter Nematalla	Rose Walsh	Orlan Nugpo Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gill
10.00am	Joe Tabone Remy Wood	Isaac Spiteri Amelia Ross	Liza Alimangohan	Dominic Dawson	Kathleen Pemberton Carmen Vella	Br David & Marian Choir	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Rodney Howard	Sreya Dias Joshua Esteban	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Darlene Streher Kathryn Wrightson	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias

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