



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Pentecost Sunday - 23rd May 2021

Receiving the Holy Spirit.....On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles in the image of tongues of fire and thus began the mission of the Church in the world. Once they received the Spirit, they went out boldly and preached to all in Jerusalem and elsewhere. Jesus himself prepared the Eleven for this mission, appearing to them on many occasions after his Resurrection.

Prior to his Ascension into Heaven, he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father; that is, he asked them to stay together to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The disciples followed the command of Jesus. They as a community gathered together in prayer along with Mary in the Upper Room, awaiting the promised event.

And then, surprise! Into their isolation, Jesus comes. Through closed doors, He walks. Their reaction must have been one of surprise, then joy as they realised who it was.

Today is also the birthday of the Church. This Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. We celebrate this day to recognise the gift of the Holy Spirit, realising that God's very life, breath and energy lives in believers. The church tells us of the seven gifts of the Spirit. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are the following:

Wisdom – desire for the things of God, and to direct our whole life and all our actions to His honour and glory. Here we see God at work in our lives and in the world.

Second, **Understanding** – enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith. It perfects a person's speculative reason in the apprehension of truth.

Third, **Counsel** – warns us of the deceits of the evil one, and of the dangers to salvation. With the gift of right judgement, we know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right.

Fourth, **Fortitude** (courage) – with the gift of courage, we overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ. It strengthens us to do the will of God in all things.

Fifth, **Knowledge** – with the gift of knowledge, the Spirit enables us to discover the will of God in all things.

Sixth, **Piety** (Reverence) – with the gift of reverence, sometimes called piety, we have a deep sense of respect for God and the church.

And finally the seventh, **Fear of the Lord** (awe of God) – with the gift of wonder, prayerful respect and awe we are aware of the glory and majesty of God. A person with such awe and wonder has perfect knowledge, perfect goodness, perfect power, and perfect love.

Ascension and Pentecost tell us that God is still present, still speaks, still sends out disciples to make a difference, and still calls. What Jesus said at Ascension still remains valid and indispensable: You be My witness. We are the Church, and what we do the Church does. And what we fail to do, the Church fails to do.

Communion distribution: From this weekend, there will be two distribution points for Holy Communion - at the top of the 2nd and 4th aisles. The priest or other minister will stand at the top of the aisle between the first and second sections of seating, and the other at the top of the aisle between the third and fourth sections of seating. The people in the middle sections will move to the Communion Minister first and **return to their seats via the centre aisle**. Then, the people in the outer sections will follow and **return to their seats via the outer aisle** (along the wall).

Blessings,
Fr. Prem

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 21:1-11 – They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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

Second Reading: Gal 5:16-25 – The fruit of the Spirit.

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 15:26-27; 16:12-15 – The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

The FRUIT you can see is always a result of the ROOT you cannot see.

Next week's Readings

First: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Second: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel: Matt 28:16-20

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life.

As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Peter Hapuarachchi, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Chris Talty.

Anniversaries & Remembrances May: Josephine Romero, Babs Gilhooley, Amber Rose (birthday) daughter of Celina and David McGovern, Michael Czapkowski (birthday), Anastacia Wieland, Bill Cluck, Matha Cluck, Flo Conway, Aristeo Avenia, Denis Glanville, Edward Bartlett, Barbara McGhee, Denise Hodgson, Alma Maclean, Jessie Maclean, Kerry Powell, Norma Cowsell, Simon Bromley, Peter Harman, Giovanni Ragagnin, Betty Avenia, Sr Anne Pulling RSH, Dr Salolatore Vitali, Lauren Smith, Maureen McNab, Nell Elliott, Bede Ryan, Aldo Bandiera, James Harrison, Ann Hockings, Nellie Modral, Saul David, Alberto Bandiera, Patricia Watson, Noel & Role Gablonski, Luigi Basso, Irma Moroney, Moira Peterson, Margaret Knights, Jessie Maclean, James King.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

Columbarium We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

Australian National Census – Every 5 years the ACBC asks for data on Mass attendances. These numbers provide the Archdiocese locally, and the Bishops Conference nationally, with a sense of the trends in the Church in 2021. For the first 4 weeks of May our Parish will be recording the number of attendees at our weekend Masses and reporting the information to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. **On week 4 (22/23 May), the survey requests the age of attendees. There will be a separate sheet for all attendees to record this information.**

'A Morning's Prayer' at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston on **Saturday 12th June**. The morning (9am-12pm) is facilitated with a time of input, prayer, morning tea, reflection and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. We encourage you to book early to avoid missing out, as spaces are limited. If you can't make it this time, or if you'd like to attend down the track, bookings are open for the Saturdays of **28 August, 18 September, and 4 December**. Cost - \$15 per person. For all bookings go to: <https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>

Parish Diary:

Monday 24th May

Our Lady, Help of Christians

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 25th May

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 26th May

St Philip Neri

7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 27th May

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 28th May

9:30am Mass

Saturday 29th May

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 30th May

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am Mass followed by Sacramental Workshop

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

Roster 29 th & 30 th May	6:15pm (1st) Tanina D (2nd and POF) Mary S	Readers 8:00am (1st) Matthew K (2nd and POF) Lorraine K	Counting Music PowerPoint	Mary S & Lisa K 6:15pm CD 6:15pm Emma M	8:00am CD 8:00am Chris M
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Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'