

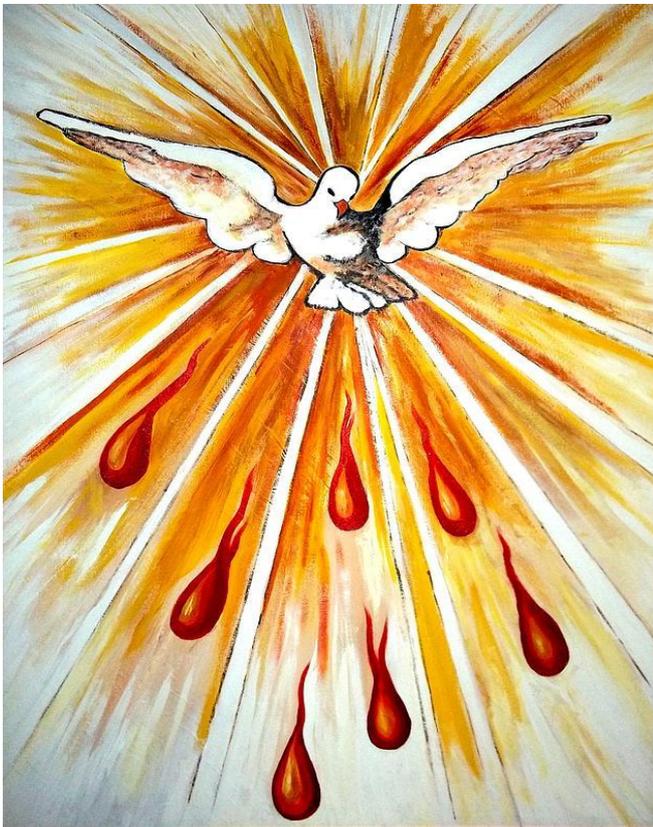


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Sunday, 20 May 2018
Pentecost Sunday – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Recently NASA launched a Sun probe, reaching 4 million miles from the Sun's surface—with a Sun-blocker to keep out the surrounding 1400C temperature. It's investigating the solar wind, huge radiation emissions that can knock all our satellite transmissions out.

What happened on the first Pentecost—accompanied by the sound of a powerful wind from heaven, and an explosion of fire, resting on the head of each one—was infinitely greater than any

solar wind. It was the Holy Spirit's creation, along with Mary, of the Church, the re-creation of the human family brought into the Family of the Trinity. And that huge re-creation is going on in each of us.

Pope Francis spoke a while ago about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. He started by saying that 'the Holy Spirit constitutes the soul, the life blood of the Church and of each Christian: He's the love of God who makes our hearts his dwelling place and enters into communion with us.' The **first** of the Holy Spirit's gifts is **wisdom**, 'the grace of being able *to see everything with the eyes of God*. It's simply this: to see the world, situations, circumstances, problems, everything through God's eyes.'

Today I'm begging the Holy Spirit to awaken that gift of wisdom in me, because I so often only see the surface of the world around me, people, events, situations.

Very like wisdom is the **second** gift, of **understanding**: Pope Francis: 'To understand a situation in depth, as God understands it, is the effect of this gift. And Jesus wanted to send us the Holy Spirit so that we might have this gift, so that all of us might understand things as God understands them, with the mind of God.' I'm asking for a share the Spirit's gift of understanding too, instead of just interpreting my world in terms of the clichés of the media and of the trivial gossip I so often contribute to myself.

Finally, I'd like to highlight the **fourth** gift of the Holy Spirit, **fortitude** or courage. Pope Francis again: 'Through the gift of fortitude, the Holy Spirit *sets free...our heart*, he frees it from sluggishness, from uncertainty and from all the fears that can block it, so that the Lord's word may be put into practice really and with joy.' Francis quotes St Paul, 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me,' and reminds us of the church's so many heroic witnesses to the faith. He asks, 'if they can do it, why can't I?'

Come, Holy Spirit and fill us today with your greater than any solar wind, your new creation, with your gifts of wisdom, understanding and courage.

Fr Brendan Purcell



Liturgy...

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

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

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

Response: Thanks be to God!

Liturgy...

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
Weekday Mass	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm Saturday 11.30am- 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm; Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)



****COELIACS:** Special Provision is made for Coeliacs at the Cathedral. Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion either from the Chalice or with a gluten low host. Application should be made to the Sacristan before Mass.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 18-35 yrs old from all cultures and backgrounds. We meet every **Sunday** after the **6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral House**, adjacent to the Cathedral. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. For **20 May**, Embrace will celebrate their fellowship in the Church with a group dinner. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

WORLD YOUTH DAY Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in **January 2019**. Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on **15 January 2019, which** will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd

NO CATHEDRAL TOUR Please note there will no public tour of the Cathedral on **27th May and 17th June 2018** as the Eastern Deanery Confirmations will be celebrated at the Cathedral on those days. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

OF LIFE AND LOVE COURSE: The next marriage preparation course will be held on: **23 May 2018 at 7.00pm at St. Joachim's Parish Hall, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe:** More info phone **9307 8404** Register for the course at: www.trybooking.com/TBUG

CHANGE - ST MARYS CATHEDRAL SERVICES please note that the Latin Mass on **27th May and 17th June 2018** will be celebrated at the **Cathedral Crypt** as the Eastern Deanery Confirmations will be celebrated at the Cathedral on those days. **Please note**, there will be **NO ADORATION OR VESPERS** held on both these days.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – 21-26 AUGUST 2018. Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”. Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The family is essential for the future of the world and the Church. Everyone first learns what love means in their family, as they become aware that they are loved, and learn how to love in return. This is essential so that people can grow into mature individuals. Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong. Prayer. (Pope Francis) For further information: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

POSITION VACANT

Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator, All Saints Catholic Parish, Liverpool. Part-time position, 30 hours per week.

For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055**. Applications close **Friday, 1 June 2018**

MGL VOCATIONS DAY - Saturday 2 June 2018. The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite young men to come and see what our life is all about. Kicking off with 8:00am Mass followed by bacon and egg breakfast, the day will also include short talks and the opportunity for sharing and personal prayer. Finishes at 9:00pm. Held at **St Declan's parish, 55 Penshurst St, Penshurst**. Bring sports gear and **\$10** to help cover meal costs. **Enquiries/RSVP: Fr Chris: [ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621](mailto:ceatonmgl@gmail.com).** The MGLs are a homegrown missionary congregation of priests and brothers serving the Church in Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Find out more at www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org

CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY

Helping families thrive: Are families in your community struggling? Parenting Education groups can help parents develop positive strategies to manage these concerns in a friendly environment with other parents. Call our friendly **CCareline** team on **13 18 19** to find out more or email connect@catholiccare.org

PRAYER TO PROTECT THE 8TH AMENDMENT OF THE IRISH CONSTITUTION.

On May 25th Ireland will vote in a referendum to repeal the 8th amendment to their constitution. The 8th amendment gives equal rights to the mother and the child during pregnancy. If successful in repealing the 8th amendment the Irish government will bring forward legislation to allow abortions unrestricted up to 12 weeks gestation. Between 12 and 24 weeks gestation, abortion will be allowed if two doctors agree on a physical or mental health risk to the mother. The Irish Catholic Church has reached out to Catholics all over the world to ask us to participate in a prayer campaign to protect the 8th amendment. Parishes are asked remember this intention during Masses, rosaries, prayer vigils, adoration and fasting. More information on the prayer campaign can be found at: www.massandfastforireland.com or on the facebook page: www.facebook.com/irishunborn/ Here is a prayer of intercession that can be read out during Mass in the lead up to 25 May 2018. *Heavenly Father, we ask you to protect the 8th amendment to the constitution in Ireland which protects the innocent lives of the unborn in that country. Please help the citizens of Ireland to remember the dignity and value of all human life, especially vulnerable unborn children when they vote in their referendum on 25 May.*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. **Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm** Morning tea provided. For further information, please contact **96466908** or email bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

WALK WITH CHRIST – 3 JUNE 2018.All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday 3 June 2018.** Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the **Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt** with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately **3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.** The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. The procession will help mark the 200th anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church. In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony.

Please look for the Books of Life in your parish to write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL 'Seeking truth and renewal through conversation'

“WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARISING FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION?”

Robert Fitzgerald AM was a Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to child Sexual Abuse for 5 years. Robert has a diverse background and extensive experience in commerce, law, public policy and community services, including extensive involvement in numerous not-for-profit agencies. **Date:** Sunday 27 May 2018 **Time:** 1.30pm – 3.00pm **Venue:** The crypt St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks **Cost: \$10 per head or donation** For more information please contact: **T: 02 9990 7003** (MESSAGEBANK), **E: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au** www.catalystforrenewal.org.au