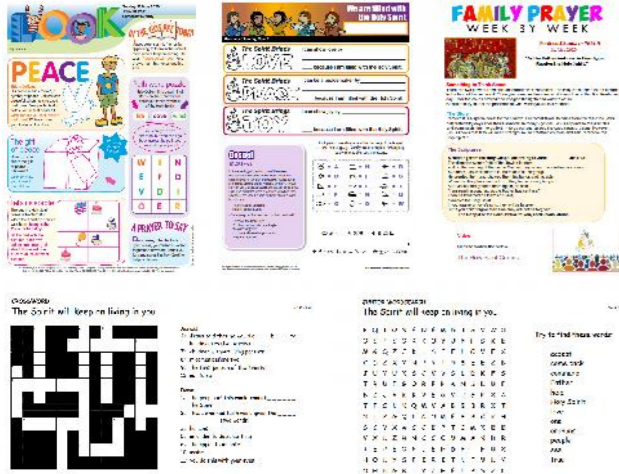


## KIDS CORNER

Click on the images below to download the activity sheets & resources for this week.



### Family Discussion Starters:

Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit. Who do you know who is a Spirit-filled person? What sort of things show that a person is Spirit-filled? Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts so we may be Spirit-filled.

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers who would be able to help us lead small group discussions with the kids in our **Sacramental Program**. Social distancing will be maintained. Call Ruth to discuss. : 0410 470 678



click here for **VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

## National Reconciliation Week : 27 May – 3 June Aboriginal Our Father

You are Our Father, you live in heaven We talk to you, Father you are good (repeat) We believe your Word Father We your children, give us bread today (repeat) We have done wrong, we are sorry Help us Father not to sin again (repeat) Others have done wrong to us And we are sorry for them, Father today (repeat) Stop us from doing wrong, Father Save us all from the evil one (repeat) You are Our Father, you live in heaven We talk to you, Father you are good (repeat)  
The Lord's Prayer from the "Missa Kimberley"  
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**Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.**



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Sunday 31 May 2020 : The Ascension of the Lord Year A

**You are cordially invited to a birthday party!**  
When: Pentecost Where: Your Parish Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday

Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were covering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone, even those who spoke other languages. The symbols of Pentecost are wind (Acts 2:2), fire (Acts 2:3) and a dove (Matthew 3:16). Happy and holy birthday one and all.



thank you  
To all our volunteers who have made this weekend possible.

### Join us for Mass

Limited spaces to attend Mass at St Joseph & St Francis are now available

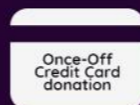
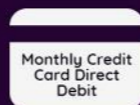
To view Mass Times or to reserve your seat visit

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## PLANNED GIVING ONLINE

We truly appreciate the numerous calls and emails asking how our community can continue to contribute via the second collection. If you would like to donate via credit card please call the parish office on 9331 4043 or click below to donate online.

If you are in our Planned Giving Program please quote your planned giving number when making your donation.



## Stay in Touch

During this time when we are unable to physically worship together our faith community is still alive and active. We invite you to click the icons below and join us on facebook and twitter to interact with your community, visit our website and join our mailing list for regular news and updates!



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

The creativity of love can overcome isolation.  
Pope Francis 2020

## RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. To organise a time to meet with one of the Friars please call the Parish Office on 9331 4043.



### Join us for Mass

Live Stream  
Twice a Week

Wednesdays 5pm  
Saturdays 6pm

[www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/facebook-live-stream](http://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/facebook-live-stream)



## WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass and take home one of our Welcome Packs to find out more about your new community. Welcome Packs are available at the church entrance.

## OUR PARISH

Paul Ghanem ofm - Parish Priest Piotr Rzcudlo ofm, Francisco Basnayak ofm & Joseph Nguyen ofm - Assistant Priests  
Ruth Rawlinson - Parish Manager  
Tanith Bryce - Cantor, Edgecliff  
Pamina Milenkovic - Organist, Edgecliff  
Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington  
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington  
Emma-Gai Gold - Safeguarding Support Officer  
Nicole Hudson - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School

**We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.**

**Recently Deceased:** Patricia Callachor, Dallas, Salvatore Buoncore, Kazuyo Culpin, Gerard Lohan, Martin O'Connor, Brian Delaney, Fr Peter Morrissey, Sr Leila Saab, Peter Hackett, Valerie Warton, James Adamovich, Matthew Bolton, John Rockey, Jim Evans, Jean Groves, Karl Hallenan, David Barret, Clare Carter, Winifred Simshouser, Nancy Rickard, Junior; baby of Jono Allatt & Sarah MacMahon, Tim Chew, Cathy O'Connor, A. O'Sullivan, Peter McMurray, Lois Squadrito, Rae Collins, James Cummings, Patrick Whooley.

**Mass Intentions:** Michael Donovan, Peter Meagher, Brian Prackhert, Geoff Cliff, Glen Coorey, Gregory & Patricia McCue, Peg & Paul Kelly, Rosa Spinelli, Conley Family Intentions, Jeanette Rawlinson, Margaret Quinell, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Jean Groves, Judy Debien, Mary Di Bello, Karen Tighe, John McCue, Joyce Dingwall, Vinz Napoli, Caterina Maiurana, Judy Petrosian, Margaret McCaffrey, Valerie McPhee, Susan Griffith, Katharina & Manfred Lemech John Kelly, Aquino Lanojan, Kevin & Ann Nicey, Ian Stewart, Andrew Georgiou, Nancy Jordon, Yiu Lam Kwan, Gaetano Carone, Faye Anderson, Anne & George Duncan, Adeline Lee, Sr Mary Hereward, David Roderick, Tino Ordonez, Giuliano Family, Frank & Lena Kaine, Herbert Graham, Francesco Labbozzetta, John Newman, Giuliano Family, Ann Kaine, Dennis Kiernan, Domenico & Nita Casamento, Shannon Whelan, Kathy Nemeth, Kiernan Family, Avery & Roche Families, William Dikson, Jean Malouf, Maria Satoh, Hector Destro, Concepcion Family, Hector Barbara, Holy Souls.

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER**  
Please click on the image to download the latest Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher to the Clergy & Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney dated 29 May 2020



**FOR REGULAR UPDATES FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE**  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, contact the police. You can also contact the **Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office**: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or on 93905810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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**Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.**



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

31 MAY 2020

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  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*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.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under**

**Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.  
**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**R. It is right and just.**

## PREFACE OF PENTECOST

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.  
**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Acts 2:4, 11  
**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!  
**R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### RECONCILING SPIRIT

Today's rich array of scriptural readings brings out the Church's sense of being a community equipped by the Spirit to take up the mission of Jesus.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, locates the imparting of the Spirit on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, a pilgrimage feast celebrated fifty days after Passover.

In biblical tradition, wind and fire signal the presence and power of God, as when Israel stood before God at Mount Sinai. What is described here seems to be a central fiery mass from which distinct 'tongues' ('as if of fire': not real fire!) separate off and come to rest on individuals.

The sense is that the Spirit, which rested solely upon Jesus during his own life, is now, as he promised (Luke 24:49), being distributed among those who are to carry on his mission – in first instance to Israel, eventually 'to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8).

The variety of people who hear and understand the testimony of the apostles in their own language foreshadows this worldwide mission. In many languages the Church will communicate the single message of God's reconciling love.

The Gospel (John 20:19-23) associates the gift of the Spirit more closely with the resurrection. On Easter Sunday evening the risen Lord breathes out upon his disciples the Spirit that will empower them to take up the mission that he has received from the Father. Central to this will be passing on the reconciliation ('whose sins you shall forgive ...') that he, as Lamb of God (1:29), has brought into the world.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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I AM SENDING YOU. The disciples of Jesus were transformed when they received the Holy Spirit. They burst open the doors of the upper room, which they had locked in fear, and boldly proclaimed the Good News. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts this Pentecost giving us the courage to break down the walls we have built around ourselves. May the Spirit free us to proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Wis 1:7  
**The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.**

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ, have mercy.  
**R. Christ, have mercy.**  
P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**R. Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

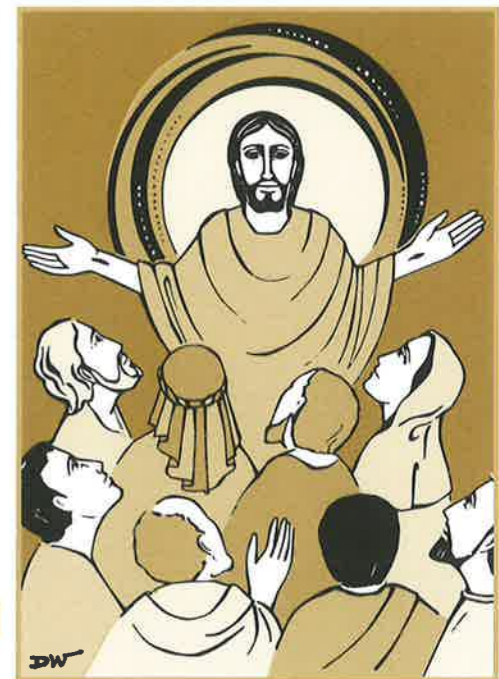
### FIRST READING

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.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30  
**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)**  
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 for ever! / 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 of 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.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.