



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS



PENTECOST YEAR B 23 MAY 2021

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

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13

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

THE SEQUENCE: Veni, Sancte Spiritus

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!

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:
BY Father John.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Today is a day of great joy - of celebration - of thanksgiving to God for God's many gifts, foremost among which is the gift of the Holy Spirit! Pentecost is the crowning achievement of God's victory in Christ!
Jesus died and rose again
Jesus ascended into heaven
And now, the completion of the Easter-Event arrives with the Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
St Paul asks that we meditate on the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
And although we will fail at times to allow the Fruit of the Spirit to be seen in our lives, this should never discourage us.
What today's Feast asks of us is that we reflect on the need for the Spirit of God to be poured into our lives once again. Let's resolve this week to allow the words of Galatians to permeate our moments of prayer, so that the Spirit can transform us, enabling every word and action to be said and done with a view to allowing these gifts of the Spirit to become a reality more and more in our lives.
"Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit".

In both parishes (Upper Blue Mountains and Blackheath) this weekend there are celebrations after the morning Masses... food and fraternity will see us rejoice in this great Feast of Pentecost. My thanks to all who have organised these events.

May the Good Lord continue to bless you all, gracing you with the strength of the Spirit to continue faithful to the Gospel of Jesus in your lives.

IMPORTANT POINTS for the weeks ahead...

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 29/30 MAY: Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood. There will be a leaving collection after the Masses weekend 29/30 May. Please use the envelopes provided on the pews. At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you for your kind accompaniment.

COUNTERS REQUIRED: At St. Canice's Katoomba. Once per month on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Phone Peter Marshall 4782 3090 for information.

ST CANICE'S CHURCH PARKING WEEKENDS: Beginning Easter Sunday, the school playground will be open for parking Saturday morning Masses and 10am Sunday Masses at Katoomba. Please be sure to move your car from the playground after Mass, as gates will be shut 15 minutes after Mass finishes.

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

ALTAR SERVERS: If you would like to serve contact Hugh Jones on 0402 904 681.

FINANCES: If you would like to contribute to the 2nd Collection for the parish: Bank Transfer: BSB 067 950 Account 000 00594 Name: Mary MacKillop Parish Reference: Surname and envelope number or Parish Donation (with or without surname if preferred).

If parishioners would like to contribute to the First Collection for the clergy of the diocese: BSB 067 950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference either the Parish Name or the parish code 6038

BISHOP VINCENT has encouraged all parishioners to read the submission from the Diocese of Parramatta in relation to the Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill 2020 currently in front of the NSW Parliament. Copies of this, and the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, are available in the church or online at <https://catholicoutlook.org/diocese-of-parramatta-submission-into-the-education-legislation-amendment-parental-rights-bill-2020/>

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL: If you are a parishioner (or visitor) who would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Jacquie on 0405 600 155 to register your details, many thanks!

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS: if you or your love ones are sick and would like a visit please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson 0417 490 103

ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS: Ad Jesum per Mariam.

SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.
MON: after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba.
TUE: 4:30pm Divine Mercy, Rosary and Exposition, Leura.
WED: after 8:30am Mass, Wentworth Falls.
THU: after 8:30am Mass, Leura.
FRI: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.
FRI: 5pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.
SAT: 8:30am before Mass and also after Benediction following Mass, Katoomba.
ADORATION CHAPEL: 9am Monday - 9am Saturday, Katoomba.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)
Wentworth Falls 8am
Katoomba 10am (1st Sunday: High Mass. 4th: w/ choir)
Leura 5pm
*10am on public holidays

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

MON: 8:30am* Katoomba
TUE: 5:15pm Leura
WED: 8:30am W-Falls
THU: 8:30am Leura
FRI: 12pm Katoomba
SAT: 9am Katoomba

CONFESSION TIMES

TUE 4:45-5:00pm Leura
SAT: 9:30am Katoomba
SAT: 4:30-4:45pm Leura
Confessions are always available on request.



St Canice's news: We continue to take enrolments and encourage all parishioners to recommend their lovely mountains school to any relevant families. Appointments can be made through the school office on 4780 6800. We pray for our students who are making their First Holy Communion in a few weeks at the Parish Mass celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 6th.

GLENBROOK PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT: 12 June. St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women's retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship. It will be held at the parish on 12 June from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Registration is \$60, and with places limited, register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8>. For enquiries, email beloved2021info@gmail.com

Wednesday, 23 June: Safeguarding Face to Face Training for parish volunteers at 7.30 – 9.00 pm. All volunteers and ministers of the Blue Mountain Deanery are welcome to attend. Please Julian Knouf (secretary@stfinbars.org.au) for registration

Gregorian Chant: Masterclass in singing Chant to be given in the parish hall. Hosted by James Doig. Friday 28 May, 4-6pm. For more information or to confirm your attendance please contact Kevin Varney on 0426 678 291.



SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.

MON: Our Lady Help of Christians.
TUE: St. Gregory VII, Pope. St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi, Virgin. St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor.
WED: St. Philip Neri, Priest.
THU: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.
SAT: St. Paul VI. NEXT SUN: The Most Holy Trinity.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: MICHAEL MAGANN, JOHN HOARE, NONI ROWLAND, and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY. **SICK LIST:** Andrzej Krawczyk, Eleanor Hagar, Monique Haulber, Mary Sullivan, Kathleen Hayes-Gilson, Evelyn Maw, Wanda Heffernan, Mary Roberts, Jacquelin Singh, Kath Paine, June Way, Robert Sullivan, Natale Assanti, Susan Keegel, Eugenio Natonton, Emiliana Santiago, Pat Coyne, Inga Morphet, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Joan Nolan, Pat Wolthers, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heining, Michelle Scully, Julie Wals, Edwin Wulff.

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Weddings: Please call Parish Office for details. **Baptisms:** upon request.
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