



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year A -

24 May 2026

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

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

Responsorial Psalm:

(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
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

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

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

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

Communion Antiphon:

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out. If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, **Alleluia.**

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am and 5:00pm - 5:30pm
 Mon to Fri: 7:30pm to 8:00pm (after the 7pm Mass)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 23 May 6:00pm Roland Peters

Sun 24 May **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
 7:30am James Grima
 9:00am Marijan Bekic
 10:30am Stanislaw & Joseph Michalski
 5:30pm Lucija Jeronic

Mon 25 May **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**
 6:30am Raymond Divas
 9:00am Laura Caruana
 7:00pm Labayo Family

Tue 26 May **ST PHILIP NERI**
 6:30am Maxwell Haines
 9:00am Elizabeth Anne O'Reilly
 7:00pm John David Bunton

Wed 27 May **ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**
 6:30am Alfredo & Albina Panelo
 9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00pm Personal Intention

Thu 28 May
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00pm Mary May Bacuyag

Fri 29 May **ST PAUL VI**
 6:30am Personal Intention
 9:00am Carmen Ciappara
 7:00pm Piero, Rosalia Pascale

Sat 30 May 8:00am Christen Smith

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

Valverde, Marylin Villamor, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Cauci, Emmanuel & Josephine Vella, Maya Glinski, Ruth Magnaye, Jorge Oliveras, Josephine Evans, Brian Xerri, Tenesha Faulkner, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Santos, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, Fr Bob Bossini, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstack, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Allan & Jackie Cullen, Esperanza Mirafeuntes, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Alicia Bulatao, Mhom Samson, Aurora Jimenez, Adam Burton, Annabelle Rego, Arou Akot, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Jose Maria Pepingco, Ronnie D'costa, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr J B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially

Remon Goldstone, Maria Pace, Dominica Rositano, Vijaya N Perera, Pauline Harris, Pauline Carr, Phyllis Cross, Ellen Buss, Joseph Khanh Le, Bill Burke, Rainer Cruz, Henryk Kowalczyk, John Ross Birch, John Rodriguez, Argyna Santiago, Pope Francis, Nozha Mey, Denis McGee, Rodney Blundell, Jamie Dowsett, Ivan Canic, Josh Bulloch, Ruth Borg, Ostono Vaurasi, Len Dettling, Damian Bonser, Sr Joanna Healey, Clementina Canuto, Ross Graham, Paul Muscat, Lenin Nunes, Frank Stricek, Christine Walker, Paz Jacinto, Perry Peisley, Beryl Martin, Pauline Rogers, Carmel Jeffery, Greg Whitby, Charlie Kirk, Marie Rosario, Suzana Stojceviski, Fr John Briffa SDB, Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Mary Kumar, Serge Nalletamby, Peter Aquilina, Angela Barca, Victoria Borg, Deacon Petelo Savea, Andrew Vaessen, Milly Martin, Alicia Bulatao, Pasquale Bellino, Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Stephen Neville, Raymond Clarke, Sarafino Enadid, Felicia Sisinni, Eileen Morrow, Vincent Leary, Pellegrino Penna, Lucija Jeronic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan, Peter Gatchalian, Maria Maciejewska, Janene Martin, Maria Rohrlach, Theresa Menezes.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen
may they rest in peace. Amen

1st and 2nd Collections:

We Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.
If you prefer to donate via ONLINE BANKING,
Please refer to details below:

(1st Collection) - For the Clergy's sustentation & care

BSB NO: 067 950 **ACCOUNT NO:** 00004414
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Pastoral Revenue

(2nd Collection) - Parish Ministry & Maintenance

BSB NO: 067 950 **ACCOUNT NO:** 100000329
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

First Collection (previous weekend) \$400.95
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$868.80
Tap & Go Donations \$2061

Collections are no longer conducted during weekend Masses. A collection box is located at the back left of the church on weekends only.

TAP & GO MACHINES

The two Tap & Go machines in the church, donations will go to the Church 2nd collection.
Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, \$10, \$20 or other.

Parish Council Nominations

Four members of our Parish Council have completed their term and we are now inviting nominations for new members to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. **Due Date 21 June 26**

If you or someone you know is a committed member of our parish and willing to serve the community, we encourage you to nominate.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please place the completed forms in the box provided or to the Parish Office.

Let us prayerfully consider those called to serve our parish.

WANTED

UTE and Driver for a couple of hours, twice a month to take the bottles and cans to Vinnies, Penrith. If you can help, phone Denis: 0459 185 517.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY

MONDAY 25th MAY 2026



After the 7pm Mass, the Marble Rosary on the Church Wall will be illuminated, Parishioners to gather outside the church to pray the Rosary. All are welcome. *Followed by cuppa & cake at Marys Cafè.*

Pro-life rally outside NSW parliament:

2 June 2026

A pro-life rally is to be held outside NSW Parliament House at 6pm on June 2nd in support of a bill banning the practice of sex-selective abortion. A show of significant numbers will greatly help this cause as we advocate for the protection of all unborn children and particularly our baby girls who are especially vulnerable. They have no voice but ours. Please do all you can to attend and bring others with you. This will be a family friendly event. More information can be found at:



<https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/sydneyrallyforlife2026>

PILGRIM MOTHER APOSTOLATE ROSARY

will not be held this month due to the Feast of Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia 24 May.

Next date: Sunday 28 June, 11:45am

Mackillop Centre. All Welcome.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

The statue will remain in the Church during May, the month of the Holy Rosary.

If you would like the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, kindly contact Mr & Mrs Johnson 0404 028 823.



WE WELCOME

**Ava Sophia Rossi,
Darius Ricardo Fernandez**
into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

PROJECT 72

Parish Evangelisation Formation Course commences on **Friday, 29th May**, six-sessions.

What is it?

PROJECT 72 commences on 29 May with a six session Parish Evangelisation course which will seek to equip 72 practising Catholics with the formation and practical tools they need to venture out into the broader St Marys community and speak to those they meet with confidence about Jesus Christ and His Church.

Session Content

1. What is Project 72?
An integrated Parish Approach to Evangelisation.
2. Go out to the Whole world!
Why and how does the church evangelise?
3. We cannot give what we do not have!
How am I travelling spiritually?
4. Navigating the world we live in.
Lights and Shadows.
5. Ambassadors of Jesus Christ.
A Marian Model - Living Tabernacles.
6. The Salvation of Souls.
The Ultimate Duty of the Church.

Register to participate

Please register your interest to participate in the Project 72 formation sessions by scanning the QR code. Once registered, please check your inbox for further information in the lead up to the commencement of **Session 1, Friday evening 29 May at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall.



Register now by scanning the QR Code.



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Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session
Explore Philosophy, Theology, and
Ministry-related courses

Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)

Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session

FOR SALE:

Single burial plot at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Leppington. Roman Catholic Section. Suitable for one coffin and one Cremation, \$3700. Phone 0411 665 791

COMING EVENTS:

24 May: Pentecost Sunday

25 May: **Our Lady Help of Christians Feast**, Rosary after 7pm Mass

29 May: Project 72 (details inside the bulletin)

30-31 May: First Communions

1 June: Catechist Meeting, 10am (please note the change of date)

9 & 11 June: **1st Reconciliation** Parent Info night, Church, 7:30pm

MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am, 7:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am, 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we reflected upon the Liturgy of the Eucharist, particularly the reverent silence demanded by the nature of the Eucharistic Prayer. We also saw how the Church does not make unreasonable demands of attendance upon those for whom reverent participation is practically impossible. It has been necessary to address these more lengthy reflections across multiple bulletins, and I'm grateful for your patience.

REVERENCE AND PARTICIPATION AT MASS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (CONT.)

While the Church does not morally oblige children to attend Mass, it is certainly the ideal that the whole family attend Mass together whenever possible. It is vital for the spiritual growth of young people that their parents regularly bring them to Mass, and it is encouraging to see such commitment to this in our parish.

At the same time, if a parent had no other option than to attend Mass with an infant or young child, for whom enforcing reverent conduct would almost certainly cause severe, inconsolable distress, the parent could, in good conscience, be excused from attending Mass that day.

But in the absence of such extraordinary circumstances, parents should strive to bring all their children to Mass every Sunday. In saying that, parents should also be prepared to temporarily withdraw their children from the congregation if they are becoming noticeably incapable of maintaining reverence, until they have composed themselves. Some church buildings have designated 'crying rooms' exactly for this purpose - our church does not. Due to its relative isolation, a choir loft can seem like a de-facto crying room, however this is not a suitable option, as choir lofts are designed to project sound throughout the church, not to suppress it. The shape and design of our particular church is such that the only suitable place to console a distressed child is outside the building.

In any case, it would be of great benefit to young children for parents to acclimatise them to reverence during Mass by visiting the church outside of Mass and prayer times; when there is no Mass or prayer in the church, there is less pressure on the children, and parents are free to talk with them, walk around the building, and practice short periods of stillness and silence.

Notwithstanding the demands of the liturgy itself, we are all called to show patience and kindness towards each other at all times, especially at Mass; spinning around and glaring at disruptive behaviour, shooshing people, or muttering under one's breath is never productive, and only adds to the disruption. The vast majority of our parishioners are truly edifying in their ability to bear patiently with disruptions, and I commend you for it.

To paraphrase St. Francis de Sales: in the pursuit of perfection, we must be equally resolved to show zeal for our ideals as we are to show patience for our inability to achieve them.

NEXT WEEK: THE COMMUNION RITE

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff