



Parish Matters

Parish Office Hours: Tue & Fri 10am - 2pm, Wed, Thu 10am - 1pm

Office Phone: (02) 9353 6300

Parish Office Manager: Maria Awad

Office Address: 74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery NSW 2018

Postal Address: PO Box 1067, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au |

www.citysouthcatholiccommunity.org.au

PENTECOST SUNDAY | 30TH/31ST MAY 2020

The Catholic Community of City South acknowledges the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.



Fr Paul will say Mass

Sunday 10am

Facebook Live

Catholic Community of City South

At communion time recite the

Spiritual Communion prayer

on page 3

Mass for you at Home

6am Sunday on



Virtual gathering

To be confirmed

on:

zoom

Dear friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost which is commonly understood as the birthday of the Church! In understanding the mission of the Church I turn to the document "Lumen Gentium", from the Second Vatican Council.

When the Son completed the work with which the Father had entrusted him on earth, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost to sanctify the Church unceasingly, and thus enable believers to have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. He is the Spirit of life, the fountain of water welling up to give eternal life. Through him the Father gives life to men, dead because of sin, until he raises up their mortal bodies in Christ.

The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. He prays in them and bears witness in them to their adoption as sons. He leads the Church into all truth and gives it unity in communion and in service. He endows it with different hierarchical and charismatic gifts, directs it by their means, and enriches it with his fruits.

By the power of the Gospel he enables the Church to grow young, perpetually renews it, and leads it to complete union with its Bridegroom. For the Spirit and the Bride say to the Lord Jesus: "Come!"

In this way the Church reveals itself as a people whose unity has its source in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The whole company of the faithful, who have an anointing by the Holy Spirit, cannot err in faith. They manifest this distinctive characteristic of theirs in the supernatural instinct of faith ('sensus fidei') of the whole people when, from the bishops to the most ordinary lay person among the faithful, they display a universal agreement on matters of faith and morals.

This instinct of faith is awakened and kept in being by the Spirit of truth. Through it the people of God hold indefectibly to the faith once delivered to the saints, penetrate it more deeply by means of right judgement, and apply it more perfectly in their lives. They do all this under the guidance of the sacred teaching office: by faithful obedience to it they receive, not the word of men but in truth the word of God.

Moreover, the Holy Spirit not only sanctifies and guides God's people by the sacraments and the ministries, and enriches it with virtues, he also distributes special graces among the faithful of every state of life, assigning his gifts to each as he chooses. By means of these special gifts he equips them and makes them eager for various activities and responsibilities that benefit the Church in its renewal or its increase, in accordance with the text: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for a good purpose. These charisms, the simpler and more widespread as well as the most outstanding, should be accepted with a sense of gratitude and consolation, since in a very special way they answer and serve the needs of the Church.

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |
Follow on Instagram & Twitter: @frpaulsydney
Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon the ship but to keep her on course. St Boniface (Feast Day 5 June).

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Anniversary: Michael Poulton; Annie Poulton; Arthur Garbett; Cas Sciberras (1 Jun); Geoff Rayner (4 Jun).

Deceased: Verardo Family; Mio Family; Charlie & Carmen Vassallo; Arthur & Janice Gray; Ethel & George Gray; Bill & Pat Clarke; Sydney & Violet Green; Arthur & Edna Dennett; John & Eileen Dennett; Hazel Holly; Arthur and Rose Dennett; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Therese & Alfred Scerri; Margaret & Joseph Fenech; Isabel Fenech; Joseph & Rose Lia; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick: John Agius; Rose Galea; Therese Mullaney; Ron Hawkins; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Mary Cunney; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Sanja Bogic (2 Jun); Scarlett Lobo, Geraldine Viray Arricsgado (3 Jun); Laurentius Kurniawan (4 Jun); Dominic Maher (5 Jun).

For Mass Offerings please contact the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2021 sets of Planned Giving Envelopes for Rosebery and Waterloo are now ready for collection from the Parish Office. If you wish to collect from Waterloo next weekend, please contact the Parish Office. If you wish to join the envelope system or would like to donate monthly with your credit card, please contact the parish Office.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, usually held in May has been cancelled.

The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion. These agencies are still working to assist those in need. If you are in a position to donate please contact the Parish Office. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



Baptism

We congratulate Cole being baptised this weekend.

God bless you and your family!

Rosebery

Account Name: Rosebery Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

Redfern

Account name: Redfern Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

Waterloo

Account name: Waterloo Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

If you are still able to donate, especially to the first collection which supports our priests, please find methods of doing so:

- * Direct deposit into Church Accounts as listed above. Please email instructions of splitting your donation between 1st and 2nd collection.
- * Visit the parish website and click the Support Us tab.
- * Credit Card donations - either a one off donation, or be set up to donate monthly. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.
- * You can place your cash donation in an envelope and leave in the Parish Office letterbox (74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery) which is locked.
- * Come in person to Parish Office, however you must call first (in keeping with social distancing regulations). You can use the Tap N Go facility, pay cash or credit card.

Due to COVID-19, our newsletter will still be published on our Catholic of City South Website

<https://www.citysouthcatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-matters/>

If you would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Resumption of Mass

As of 12noon Friday, I have learnt through the media, of the easing of restrictions for places of worship which means that we can accommodate 50 people at Mass. I am still waiting for official guidelines from the Archdiocese, however it is anticipated that from **next weekend 6/7 June**, Mass will be celebrated at:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Waterloo

5pm Saturday Vigil
7.30am Sunday
9.30am Sunday
11am Sunday

To comply with the onerous conditions I have decided that for the time being Mass will be celebrated at Waterloo only. This enables us in a reasonable way to comply with the health guidelines, which include major sanitation and strict controls, which I must be present for. Initial health advice is that singing is not permitted. There will be green 'sit here' dots where you are permitted to sit. Again I am waiting on advice, however **to attend you must ring during Parish Office hours (see front page for hours) to register your intention of attending.**

At the moment the focus is on Sunday Mass. A decision will be made shortly regarding weekday Mass. The health advice continues to be that the elderly or vulnerable should stay at home as much as possible. The Archbishop continues to give a dispensation from attending Sunday Mass.

It is extremely important that if you wish to be updated, please provide your mobile phone number to pp@citysouthcatholic.org.au. *Fr Paul.*

You can, you can, you can

When I think of Pentecost I think of teaching my younger daughter to ride her bike. It was about this time of year many years ago that she was ready to try riding without training wheels. Like millions of other parents I put in my time coaxing my children to trust the process and just keep pedalling—precisely when they were sure they were going to crash. But I spent an extra-long time running alongside my daughter, holding the back of the seat with her saying, “I can’t, I can’t, I can’t.” while I was huffing and puffing, “You can, you can, you can.”

At a certain point I realised that I just needed to let go so that she could let go and trust the law of physics that says “objects in motion tend to stay in motion.” Jesus knew this, too, and it was only when he let the disciples go (dramatically at the Ascension) and they sat alone feeling like they’d been abandoned that they received an amazing gift—the Holy Spirit within them that told them they can, they can, they can.

I know there are places in my own faith life where fear gets the better of me. And yet if I will only let go and trust, God’s Holy Spirit will empower me to experience the freedom that my younger daughter felt, flying swiftly down the block to where life abundant awaited her.

© Tom McGrath - True Quest Communication

At Pentecost . . . like the limbs of a single body, the separated members of the human race would be restored to unity by being joined to Christ, their common head, and welded into the oneness of a holy body by the fire of love.
- Augustine of Hippo

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here,
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



LIFE, FAMILY
AND OUTREACH
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE
OF SYDNEY

The Catholic Weekly is now available in a digital form at www.catholicweekly.com.au.

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

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.'

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

(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

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.

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

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.'

Communion Antiphon

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



Thanks you to Gay Carey from Waterloo for sending through this picture of home made pizza. It looks delicious!