

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH, EMU PLAINS

What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8



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Sunday, 28th May 2023 Pentecost Sunday, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

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.

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.’

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 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 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](#)

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.'

Communion Antiphon. [Acts 2:4,11](#)

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

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit
to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Rosalia De Guzman and John Parer (funeral to be held 1st June at 11am); and for Graham Skinner, John Mulock and Frances Grove whose death anniversaries are at this time. We pray that their families find comfort in the fact that they are safely in the arms of their loving Lord. We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially, Mary Rose, Robert Hatch, Tammy Horan, Maria Mercieca, Marta Mederos, Lucy Mikosic, Bernadette Hoolahan, Margaret Houlahan, Henry O'Malley, Elisabeth Robens, Marion Betker, and Andrew Keenan. If you know someone who needs prayers, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 and we will add them to our prayer list.

Parish Notices:

Baptisms: The Parish joyfully welcomes Amira Butler, Leo Maddock and Quinn Pearman-Sultana into our Faith Community. May God bless these children and their families.

Cuppa and a Chat:

All welcome to come across to the hall for a cuppa and a chat:
 2nd Sunday of the month, after 9.30am Mass
 3rd Sunday of the month, after 8am Mass
 4th Sunday of the month, after 9.30am Mass



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton. Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or by using the envelopes provided.

Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people.

First Synod Event: 60 people gathered in small groups of 5 from across the whole Deanery last Saturday evening at Springwood for a wonderful time of listening and sharing. Bishop Vincent addressed us all at the end and he was in one of the small groups. We are also invited to engage in local gatherings, small and large.

'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert' Isaiah 43:19. There is a video of the event: <https://fb.watch/kGUMr23Huf/>

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
27/28 May	Stevanie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Phillip Yongman R: Mary Balam	Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: N/A C: Maria Sirotti R: Kay Walker	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
3 / 4 June	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen JS: Alex Tuballa C: Trish Ryan R: Marie McLennan	Mark Norbury Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica Topp	Hartley Dhyon David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: N/A C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

Sacramental Program – Urgent Tech support Needed

We are in URGENT need for someone to help support Wolfgang in the set up of the computer and audio system for the sacramental program on a Wednesday night. If you can assist, can you please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Thanks, Cate

Penrith Parish Room for Rent: St Nicholas of Myra Parish in Penrith is renting out an upstairs office space next to Catholic Care, Penrith. Contact Rodney (Office Manager) at enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or call (02) 4721 2509 for photos and more information.

Safe Parishes Week 2023 – Safeguarding Renewal Mandatory Training

Opportunities! Did you complete your 6 points of mandatory training in 2021? Are you due for renewal training? Would you like to complete the renewal training Face to Face? Our Renewal Training Package (Cycle 2 – 4 points) consists of: **Module 4:** Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards & Working with Adults at Risk **Module 5:** Legal Compliance: Risk Of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct

These Renewal Mandatory Modules will be offered face to face at Bishop Bede Heather Centre on: Tuesday 6th June at 10am - 1.30pm, OR Wednesday 7th June at 10am – 1.30pm. Please register for the renewal modules at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au

These renewal mandatory modules will also be available online by August 2023. All enquiries: email maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

Save the Date: The Parish is having an organised Listening Session in the Parish Hall, consisting of small groups of 5 people each, to listen to Scripture and respond to a Synod question related to *how we are being called to be a more synodal church in the diocese of Parramatta*. The proposed date is **Saturday 24 June 4pm to 5.15 pm**. If needed, a further date is also proposed - Sunday 9 July, 11am-12.15pm. *The outcome from the session(s) will be forwarded to the Synod to be held in October. Contact Kay (0430 193 000) or Jim (0421 125 722) if you would like information on how to go about doing a small family or friends gathering. **RSVP** to Jim or Kay for Parish Hall event - please send SMS text with name and email address.*

