



# HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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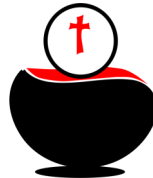
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## MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



CELEBRATE MASS THIS SUNDAY, 31st MAY, WITH  
FR PATRICK MULLINS SJ

STREAMING AT 9.00AM VIA:  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HFPMTRUITT](https://www.facebook.com/HFPMTRUITT)  
and HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT DRUITT YOUTUBE CHANNEL



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CHURCH DOORS WILL OPEN  
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER  
AND WEEKDAY MASS FROM  
MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2020

## REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

### Pentecost Sunday

Something that we know about change that happens in our life is that it does not come easily or smoothly, and often it is associated with trauma, and we enter into it reluctantly. That certainly describes this current time of COVID-19 pandemic. But this can also be an opportunity for growth and change for our Church.

I am re-reading Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* at the moment, wanting to find insights into his vision of the Church in these difficult times. One image that has become famous is: "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security." [49] This is a good place to start our thinking on Pentecost.

To go out, we need to have a message to bring with us. That message must come from a "renewed personal encounter with Christ", daily [3]. But the Gospel message must have a real effect in our lives, it is not about lip-service to God. [179]. The Gospel should change us. At the end of the Easter journey, it is a good time to ask how this "renewed personal encounter with Christ" is progressing? Are we closer to Christ now than when the COVID-19 pandemic began? Are we finding time daily to notice and relate to Christ?

Yes, our personal encounter with Christ comes in weakness through our own sin; yes, it is packaged within a faulty Church institution; but, it is also guided by the Spirit of life. However flawed we are as individuals and as the institution of the Church, "the Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." [114]. We do not have this Church yet, but that is the role of the Spirit to move us ever closer.



This Spirit of Pentecost is always about change. It will disturb us and take us beyond our comfort zone [20], out to where we "take on the smell of the sheep" [24], into the lives of people. This will sometimes mean renouncing some of our rights for the good and service of others [190]. But we will not get lost if we stay in touch with the Spirit, if we renew our personal encounter with Christ daily.

Fr Gregory



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Receive the Holy Spirit...



#### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

*The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house when they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their own language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31. R. v. 30

**Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

The earth is full of your creatures. R.

When you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. R.

May they glory of the Lord endure for-ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord. R.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

*We are one body with different gifts*

Brothers and sisters: No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are a varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greek, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

*As the Father sent me, so I am sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.*

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.



### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2020 — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY in YEAR A

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11      **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23



*Come, Holy Spirit! Free us from  
being closed in on ourselves  
and instil in us the joy of  
proclaiming the Gospel.*

—Pope Francis



### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**LIST OF THE SICK:** John Agius, Eleanor Petterson, John Healey, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Lopisoni Makario, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, Shirley Chapman, Kenny Clements, Paul Cusack, Maria Hannelas, Ian Watts, Corina Valentine, Jeffrey Bonnici, Jose Lay, Fay Iffland, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Ray Fenech, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Fara Vargas, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Hingano Ma'afu, Tania Williams, June Benueza, Michael Ford, Kath Ryan, Loleni Tatuila, Patrick Piercy, Kelly Ton, Fr. Paul Duffy SJ, Keith Carter, Guy de Casanove, Alma Bossini, Mannix Family, Tony Makosic, Rick Mansfield, George Albert Ignatius Lowles, Bill Morell, Jai Chalker, Peggy Truma, John Hanna, Tisola Lolesio Mouna, Leanne Herring, Ken McLaren, Barbara Lawler, Carmil Hill, John Kachan, Tony Eves.



## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)

During this time of lock-down, you may still receive the Eucharist. Someone from your family will need to come to the Parish and collect consecrated hosts in a suitable container (preferably a pyx) and handle this with the necessary sacredness. We would prefer if you came regularly rather than take home large amounts.  
Contact the Parish Office for assistance.

### PARISH COLLECTIONS

- If you would like to make a donation towards the Diocesan Priests' Pastoral Revenue, i.e. 1st Collection, you can do so via:

**Acc Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy**  
**BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00004265**  
**Make sure to Reference: 6024 Donation**

- If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to:

**Commonwealth Bank**  
**Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church**  
**BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00446**

- For Planned Giving Envelope contributions, please either:
  - drop your envelopes off to the parish office,
  - hold on to them until we continue having Masses in the church,
  - OR make a direct transfer payment to the parish account (details above), and reference your envelope number.

### St Justin the Martyr. Feast Day: 1st June

#### Reflection:

As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe.

Read more about his life via: [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-justin](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-justin)

## Blessing for Pentecost

May the enthusiasm of Spirit leap incessantly within you and help you to live a vibrant life.

May the warmth of Spirit's fire be extended through your concern and care for all those who need your love.

May the blaze of Spirit's courage enable you to speak the truth and stand up for respect, dignity, and justice.

May the undying ember of Spirit's faithfulness support you when you feel spiritually dry and empty.

May the strength of Spirit's love sustain your hope as you enter into the pain of our world.

May the clear light of Spirit's guidance be a source of effective discernment and decision-making for you.

May Spirit's patient endurance be yours while you wait for what is unknown to be revealed.

May the steady flame of Spirit's goodness within you convince you every day the power of your presence with others.

May the joyful fire of Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life.

May the spark of your relationship with Spirit catch afire in the hearts of those whom you live and work.

May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you. May you rely on this Source of Love to be your constant ally and steady guide.

- Joyce Rupp, *Out of the Ordinary*





## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Families and Friends,

As of Monday 1st June 2020, we wish to inform you that until further notice:

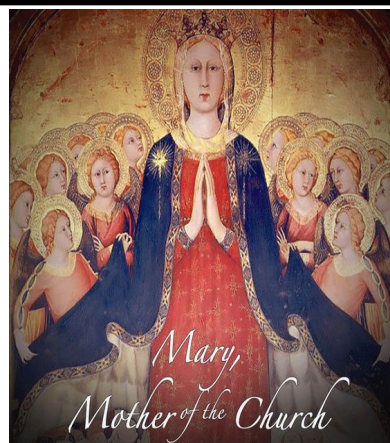
- The church doors will open for private prayer:  
Monday to Friday: 8.30am—4.30pm
- Weekday Masses will commence:  
Monday & Thursday: 8.30am  
Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9.00am

NOTE: Only 50 people are permitted in the church at any one time.

There is no booking process. It will be first come/first serve system.

There will be a sign in/sign out sheet at the door of the church, where you must register your details upon your visit.

- Sunday Mass will continue to be streamed online from 9.00am via our Facebook page and YouTube channel.
- Baptisms, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Marriages will continue by appointment only, and following the restrictions of the government.



**Mary, Mother of the Church**

**Feast Day: June 1**

**Mother, help our faith!**

**Open our ears to hear**

**God's word and to recognize his voice and call.**

**Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.**

**Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.**

**Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.**

**Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.**

**Remind us that those who believe are never alone.**

**Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord! Amen.**

## Celebration of 50 years of the Promulgation of the Rite of Consecrated Virginity on Pentecost 2020

On the 31st May 2020, on the feast of Pentecost, consecrated virgins from around the world will celebrate 50 years since the restoration of this ancient vocation and associated ritual (rite) of consecrated virginity.

In response to the rapid growth of the vocation, bishops in the early Church formalised consecrated virginity with a short rite in a solemn Eucharistic gathering. It became the first celibate vocation for women.

Since the promulgation in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, consecrated virginity has flourished where religious life has declined sharply. The vocation continues to grow rapidly in Europe and North, Central and South America and parts of Africa.



Image source: Diocese of Parramatta

Today, consecrated virgins are bound by a special bond of love and mutual belonging to the Diocese together with the bishop, priests and deacons. Consecrated virgins dedicate their prayers to the needs of their Diocese. The image of the Church as the bride of

Christ reflects the intimate relationship between Christ and the Church.

Consecrated virgins are a sign of the Church as the bride of Christ.

Consecrated virgins are financially independent, and most are employed in secular jobs. Being in a secular society, they are at the forefront of evangelisation. They are the "secret service of the Church".

Until the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, over 700 consecrated virgins from around the world and Australia, were planning to meet in Rome on Pentecost 2020, to celebrate with Pope Francis, the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the rite. We still hope to come together in the future to celebrate with Pope Francis and the Congregation of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Still, wherever we are in the world, including myself as the only consecrated virgin in the Diocese of Parramatta, we will join in love and prayer to celebrate this vocation of the Holy Spirit. We will celebrate being the secret service of the Church. We will celebrate being the oldest and newest form of consecrated life in the Church, as we pioneer and break new ground for celibate women in the Church. We will, with your prayers, join in celebration with consecrated virgins from around the world, on this most important anniversary of the Church. Happy Pentecost!

- Zara Tai O.C.V (Consecrated Virgin, Diocese of Parramatta)

## Prayer to recite at the end of the Rosary in the month of May

O Mary,  
You shine continuously  
on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,

and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves  
to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself  
our suffering,  
and burdened himself

with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.  
Amen.*

Image source:  
catholicexchange.com

Prayers source: The Vatican