

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish

Serving  
Varroville, Raby, St Andrews and Bow Bowing

Since 11 May, 1980



To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

5 June 2022  
Pentecost Sunday



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!**  
Acts 2.4  
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#### 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** from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.  
R. v.30

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

**Second Reading** from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

**Holy Gospel** according to John 20: 19-23

#### Communion Antiphon

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

## Pentecost Sunday

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

This weekend, three candidates are being welcomed into the Catholic Faith in our Parish at 9.30am Mass. Please pray for Chontelle, Emma and Kava who will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

***'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,  
and you will renew the face of the earth.'***

#### RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children)

There is a small group of people in our parish who are discerning their faith and making the choice to be baptised into our Catholic Church or who were baptised in a different Christian Church and are now choosing to be Catholic.

The Sacramental preparation of parishioners undergoing RCIA is undertaken throughout the year. The team, led by Diane Redmayne, journey with the Catechumens and Candidates until they feel ready to receive the sacraments.

If you know of someone who may be considering joining the Catholic Church or Catholic adults who have not completed their Sacraments, please encourage them to call the Parish Office for more information.

## Contact us

**Parish Priest:**  
**Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD**

**Assistant Priest**  
**Fr "Sam" Ransom Rapirap OCD**

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## Mass times

### Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm

Reconciliation: Saturday at 11am

### Weekday Mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

### Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online:

for all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

## Rosters

12 June 2022	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
<b>Monitors</b>	Berna & Ronald	Chris, Margaret & Bianca	Patricia
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ryan & Amana	Orly & Carlos	Robert & Ralph
<b>Readers</b>	Suzanne & Russell	Irene & Lee	Sheenalyn & Kavya
<b>Refreshments</b>	Tracey & Richard	Tina & Ronda	
<b>Flowers</b>	Lorraine & Vai	<b>Church Vacuuming</b>	Kaur Family
<b>Counters</b>	Polly & Nora	<b>Foyer Cleaning</b>	Wicks Family
<b>CLOTW</b>		Sarah & Cordelia	

**Readers are needed:** We are trying to approach as near to normal (pre covid) as possible within our church ministries. Please consider joining the Ministry of Reader. If you feel called to this ministry we will offer you our prayers, training and support. For those who have previously been Ministers of the Word, please consider returning to this ministry. There is a readers in service meeting on the last Friday of each month. Colleen from the Readers group is happy to discuss this ministry if you have any questions or concerns about joining.

## Prayer intentions



As our Parish is developing a culture of Prayer and Worship the PLT (Parish Leadership Team) have made a little gesture of welcoming everyone to express the need for prayer. There are boxes placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary wherein you can drop your petition (example: asking for good health, or any favour, etc.) and thanksgiving prayer (answered prayer, favour's given, blessings received, etc). After some time, we look forward to forming a group of people who are interested to be part of an intercessor of the Parish Community. For inquiries, you may ask anyone from PLT: Fr. Shane, Fr. Sam, Sr. Ines, Beatrix Reuter, Geoff Ashton, Colleen Haughey, Donna Ransom, Sr. Ninfa

**For the sick & homebound:** John McDermott, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gribbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Mary & Frances Raithi, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aquirre, Joan Wilson.  
*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Raymond Potter, Clothilde Bastoli, Sr Sarah Carpenter, Fr John Whitty, Martin D.Coutho, Fr Tadgh Tierney, Ofilia Mawson,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Frazer Toweel, Ivan Srebrenovic. Noreen Farrell & Joe Farrell  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*



# Bulletin Notices

**Friendship Group** will next meet on Tuesday 7 June to enjoy a morning with a movie and popcorn. All are most warmly invited to attend.

**The Big Picture Bible Study:** Beginning Tuesday June 7 at 7:30 pm in the parish meeting room or Wednesday June 8 at 10:00 am in the parish meeting room:

- An inspiring step by step journey through Salvation History
- Easy to use book & DVD with daily Bible study reflections
- Six weekly small group sessions

Cost: \$20 -this covers the cost of the book and DVD;  
RSVP via the parish office Ph: 9603 7373 M: 0434 705 176;  
For further information contact Donna Ransom  
[donna.ransom@dow.org.au](mailto:donna.ransom@dow.org.au)

**Liturgy Committee meeting Friday 10th June** via zoom.  
Please Join us if you are:

- Passionate about our liturgy
- Willing to participate in discussion
- Committed to attending
- Want to continue to improve our liturgy

Please contact Colleen for further information  
[chaughey2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:chaughey2@optusnet.com.au)

**The Journey Weekly Podcast** On The Journey This Week: A Gospel reflection on Pentecost Sunday, some tips on how to be forgiving and how to find joy and a great interview with Mark Lysaght new CEO of NET Ministries Australia.  
[www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**Trinity Sunday Celebration on Sunday 12 June at 9am,** Fr Henry Adler, Parish Priest at Holy Family Parish Ingleburn, will celebrate Mass at Holy Trinity Church Minto at 9am. He invites all past and present parishioners from the Minto Community to a special celebration to mark the Feast of the Holy Trinity. This special occasion will give him a chance to meet everyone after Mass. Fr Adler extends this invitation to everyone who has ever been a part of the Minto Community.

**Raffle Ticket books are available in the foyer after Mass and all parishioners are encouraged to take home a book and sell them to family and friends. It will be drawn on 17 July at the Feast day.**

**Eucharist - The Sacrifice We Offer** Join Bishop Mascord and people from across the Diocese for a Workshop on Saturday 11 June 2022 Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong (38 Harbour St), 9:30am - 2:30pm, presented by Sr Carmel Pilcher RSJ, PhD. Lunch and Morning Tea provided. At this workshop we will seek to understand what the early church understood by priestly participation in the liturgy. Namely that each of us, together with our sisters & brothers in Christ, bring to the celebration the joys and hopes, grief and anxieties of our week. Ritually we place these on the Eucharistic table along with bread and wine to become the mystery of Christ's sacrifice. From the communion table we go to continue our priestly role as witnesses of Christ's love. This is a great opportunity for formation for anyone who wishes to deepen their appreciation of Eucharist. Register by Tuesday 7 June 2022: [dow.org.au/events](http://dow.org.au/events) Enquires: Anthony Rewak [anthony.rewak@dow.org.au](mailto:anthony.rewak@dow.org.au) / 4222 2465

**Feast Day planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 June at 7.30pm.** We need your assistance to prepare for this year's Feast Day on July 17 in the Parish.

**Sacramental Registrations** are currently being accepted for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. There will be a parent formation evening on Wednesday 29 June at 7.15pm. There is information available on our parish website and all enquiries should be directed to the parish office.

**2022 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass** If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, 7 August 2022 at 2pm, please register online at [www.dow.org.au/events/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/), or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by no later than Monday 11 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.

**LIVE LOCAL - Macarthur** LIVE Local will run every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm-8:15pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This youth group is open to young people aged 13-17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer and music. For more information, please contact our Deanery Youth Group Coordinator Luke Vail at [luke.vail@dow.org.au](mailto:luke.vail@dow.org.au)

**Vocations Event: Discovering God's Plan for Our Lives** Sunday 19 June 2022, Xavier Conference Centre (38 Harbour St, Wollongong), Refreshments from 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start. You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese including a representative panel who will be discussing what a vocation is and how each of the four vocations are a call to love and holiness! What exactly does that mean? Come and see! All welcome - those living their vocation as well as those discerning their vocation. The event will include refreshments, good company, and the opportunity for anonymous Q and A. We hope to see you there! Register and learn more here: [dow.org.au/events](http://dow.org.au/events)

**Catholic Diocese of Darwin | Evangelisation (Leader/ Director)** For more details, go to Evangelisation Director Job in Darwin - SEEK; If you would like to be considered for this "exciting new role", please email a copy your current CV and a cover letter to [cv@darwin.catholic.org.au](mailto:cv@darwin.catholic.org.au) outlining how your experience and qualifications meet our requirements. Applications close Wednesday 15 June.

**menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions—** Every Tuesday 7.30pm; reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:

- break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style
- "catch up" with great men from across Aust and N Z.
- gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.
- pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.

Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

## Holy Gospel according to John 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.



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.