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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

In the Catholic Church, Pentecost is one of the great solemnities of the liturgical year and marks the close of the Easter season. But Pentecost is not simply the end of Easter. It is the day the Church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the first disciples

gathered in Jerusalem. It is the moment when the fearful followers of Jesus were strengthened to proclaim the gospel boldly to the world.

The event of Pentecost is described in Acts 2. The apostles were gathered in Jerusalem when a sound like a mighty wind filled the house, and “tongues as of fire” appeared and rested on each of them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in different languages, proclaiming the mighty works of God to Jews from many nations who had gathered in the city.

This miracle showed that the gospel was not meant for one tribe, one nation, or one language. Christ had commanded his apostles to “make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19), and, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered them to begin that mission.

Pentecost is important because it reveals the Holy Spirit’s mission in the life of the Church. Jesus did not leave his disciples to carry out the gospel by their own strength. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, sanctify, strengthen, and unite them. Pentecost is not only something that happened long ago. The same Holy Spirit who descended on the apostles continues to guide the Church, sanctify the faithful, and strengthen Christians to proclaim Jesus Christ.

Pentecost reminds us that the Christian life cannot be lived by human effort alone. We need grace. We need courage. We need the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and purify our desires.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, traditionally listed as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, are not sentimental ideas. They are real helps given by God so that Christians can live as disciples of Christ in a world that often resists him.

On Pentecost 2026, Catholics celebrate the Spirit who gave birth to the Church’s public mission and who continues to renew the face of the earth. So the proper response is not merely to remember what happened in Acts 2, but to pray with the Church to continue to live it anew each day: Come, Holy Spirit!

Catholic Answers

Congratulations to Sr Ines, Our newest Aussie Citizen.

Congratulations to Sr Ines who was welcomed as an Australian Citizen at a special ceremony in Campbelltown on Wednesday evening.

Sr Ines has been a much loved and respected member of our Parish community for the past 15 years.

Sr Ines is pictured here at the ceremony with Mayor of Campbelltown, Mr Darcy Lound.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 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.

Next Week
THE MOST HOLY
TRINITY YEAR A

First: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

Resp Ps: Dn 3:52-56.

R. v.52

Second: 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18



Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 5pm

Samoan Mass:

1st Sunday at 12 noon

Maori Mass:

1st Sunday of each month at 2pm

Filipino Mass: 3rd Sunday of each month at 11.15am

Children's Mass: 5th Sunday of the month at 9.30am

Arabic Mass: 2nd Sunday of each month at 7pm

Weekday Mass

9am each day except Thursday;

Thursday at 7.30pm

Healing Mass on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9am.

Reconciliation

every Saturday at 11am

Devotions & Prayer groups

Eucharistic Adoration on 1st Sunday of each month at 6 to 7pm

Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday at 9.30am

Alliance of the 2 hearts Mass & devotion: 1st Friday of each month at 7.30pm

Divine Mercy Devotion: 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm

Faith Circles: every Monday at 2pm & 7pm via zoom

Holy Family Fellowship: every 4th Saturday at 7pm.

Book Club: meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 10am.

Friendship Group: meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Bible Study & Reflection Group: meets Monday at 10am.

Children's Ministry will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm

Ascent Youth Ministry: meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday from 6.30pm.

Pastoral Care Team meets on 4th Tuesday at 1.30pm

Grief Support Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am

Parish Notices

Welcome to Brad Pearson, who is to be received into the Catholic Church in our parish today.

New Rosters are being put on the website and will be distributed by email in the next week. We have tried to ensure all ministers are committed just once each weekend but it is difficult because many of you have generously committed to multiple ministries. If you are unable to commit to the weekend you are rostered please arrange a swap within your ministry.

New Ministers are welcome in all ministries by contacting the parish office.

Reminder for the safety of our children: It has been noted that some children are leaving Mass to go to the toilet or go outside alone. Please accompany your children if they need to leave the church during Mass.

Ascent Youth Group Support ASCENT Youth as we raise funds to attend the Ignite National Youth Conference this July! Join us for our **bake sale after Masses on 23–24 May** and enter our raffle, to win one of several hamper prizes including a **\$100 movie voucher**. Raffle tickets will be sold every weekend until the end of the month. **\$3 each or 4 for \$10.** Thank you for your support!



Alpha There's a seat for you at the table.

Alpha has commenced and is in its 5th week working through the topic of "How can I have faith". Tuesday night Alpha has 12 guests plus the team and on the Friday night Alpha there are 9 guests including children.

A big **thank you** to those parishioners providing food and prayers allowing God to work powerfully and to showcase our beautiful parish community. You can still provide help with food for either night and sign up sheets are in the foyer. Many thanks from the Alpha Team

Pastoral Care Team meeting is on Tuesday at 1.30pm in the meeting room.

"Gardens" Retreat Day - Saturday 27th June *"Grieve not as those who have no hope..." 1 Thess 4:13.*

Spend a day reflecting on how while we experience pain, grief and loss in life, we can also discover in such moments that God is renewing us and doing "a new thing" (Rev 21:4) within us. The day will begin with mass at 9am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, Varroville and end at 4pm. Afternoon & morning tea provided. BYO Lunch Cost: \$25 Please rsvp at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBD> or contact us on 0402 602 520

Fiesta Update: Thank you to those who have attended our preliminary Fiesta planning meetings. The organising committee are reaching out for assistance. We presently require volunteers who will be able to coordinate the children's activities, the concert and the promotions of the event.

Save the date of the Fiesta in your calendars: Sunday 19 July

Planning Meetings will be held, fortnightly, on Mondays at 7.30. The next meeting is on 1 June. Everyone is welcome to attend and help celebrate our Parish Feast.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 19-21 June 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Corpus Christi Retreat – Sunday 7 June As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, join with people from across the Diocese for a retreat to deepen your love of the Eucharist. St Joachim Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians,

Rosemeadow; 11:00am–3:30pm. (Following 10:00am Mass / Lunch provided)
Open to adults (ages 14–17 with parent/guardian). For more info or to register go to dow.sh/corpuschristi26

Eucharistic Adoration scheduled for the first Sunday in June will be held on Sunday 31 May at 6.15 pm.

The International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) 2028, to be held in Sydney. Participants in the listening sessions, recognised the Congress as a potentially transformative event for the Church in Australia, not only as a moment of celebration, but as a national act of Eucharistic renewal extending far beyond the confines of a single week in 2028.

1. A Centenary Opportunity for Renewal IEC 2028 marks the 100th anniversary of Australia’s first Eucharistic Congress (Sydney, 1928). Participants repeatedly described the forthcoming Congress as a providential “kairos” — a God-given opportunity to re-centre Australian Catholicism on the Eucharist as the source and summit of faith and mission.
2. The Congress is a Journey, not an Event: The IEC should be envisioned as a multi-year national journey— encompassing a period of preparation (2025-2028), the event itself, and a sustained legacy phase (2028-2033). This longitudinal vision was seen as essential for forming disciples, renewing parishes, and strengthening the public witness of the Church.
3. Eucharistic Prayerfulness at the Heart of the Renewal: A resounding theme across the listening sessions was the call to place prayer, adoration, and silence at the centre of the renewal journey. Participants expressed a deep desire to re-learn how to sit with Christ in His Eucharistic presence. To encounter Him not only in activity but in stillness. Many described adoration as the wellspring from which mission flows, and a desire for the church to rediscover reverence, silence, and Eucharistic adoration as hallmarks of Catholic spirituality.
Go to <https://eucharist28.org/> for more resources.

Mission Mindset Retreat: Fri 5 - Sat 6 June, 2026; **Venue:** St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. What does it mean to be on mission? To live this out in our everyday lives? We are all called to mission, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. We're blessed to have experts in mission—NET Ministries Australia & New Zealand join us as they lead a time of retreat and reflection to orient us towards mission in the everyday. The retreat will include times of prayer and silence, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, fellowship and activities. Whether you're interested in mission or wondering what it looks like in our church or everyday life, come along and bring a friend. For: Young adults aged 18–35, and Year 11–12 students on Saturday only.
Cost: \$150 (includes lodging for the night + all meals); **RSVP:** 1 June 2026; Email arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au

Prayer intentions

For the sick and homebound:

Pat Cullen, Mary Ponnappalam, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart, Allan Marquinez, Richard Scolyer, Angela Pavlovic, Mercy Espiritu, Vladdy Mher Peralta, Bill Scibberas, Bernie Briscoe, Barbara Hughes, Clark Hughes .

May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain and affliction.

For our recently departed

Pausumu Olaaiga

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Antonio Azevedo & Lee Azevedo, Frank Lopresti

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



ROSTERS

31 May 2026	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Tracey & Richard	Bianca, Antony & Laura	Beatrix & Michael
Altar Servers	Andrew, Diane, Sebastian & Eliana	Orly	Stuart & Nathan
Readers	Louise & Candice	Children's Mass	Fev & Madonna
Refreshments	Emmarie & Berna	4th Sunday Choir, Karen, Francia & Nelia	Margaret, Geoff & Danni
Altar Linen	Maria	CLOTW:	
Flowers	Asinate & Mago	Church Vacuuming	Parish Office
Counters	Bing & Cynthia	Church Foyer	Parish Office
Choir	C/Nick	Children’s Choir	Youth Choir



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The 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.



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Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he 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. Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

JOIN US ON 19TH JULY AT 10 A.M. FOR MASS
CELEBRATED BY
BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

FOLLOWED BY A PROCESSION WITH
OUR LADY'S STATUE
&
Fiesta Celebrations

NOVENAS FROM 10TH JULY TO 18TH JULY