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PENTECOST SUNDAY -YEAR B

19TH & 20TH MAY, 2018

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own 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 excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace?

Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. 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.

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

or

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

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Communion Antiphon

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

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7.00pm

Adoration & Rosary Tuesday

at 6.30pm

Wednesday 9.10am Thursday 9.10am Friday 9.10am

RECONCILIATION Saturday

5.15pm — 5.50pm or by appointment

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SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200 (Principal - Mr Paul Devlin)

Xavier College – ph 4777 0900 (Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living a Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world.



A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.

So that we can get to know who you are, it would be great if you would please fill out a Census Card available in the foyer.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS IS CANCELLED FOR APRIL & MAY.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer;

Recently Deceased...

Robert Kay (27/04), Peter Thom (01/05)

Mass Intentions:

Maria Nguyen, Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), James Vella Anniversaries:

Maryann Azzopardi, Mavis Follan, Zelma Cottee, Sylvia Rigby, Luke Sprycha, Gary Hawkins, David Beale, Mary & Sam Grima, Sam Mallia, Joan Said, Colleen O'Connor, Laura Peattie, Hilda Henrisson, Victoria Vella, Felice Micallef, Agnes Borg, Pedro Sison, Frank Farrugia, John Sultana, Jean McSweeney, Jerry Sultana, Noreen Clark, Theresa Cremona, Fred Jaja, Haife Rahme, George Rahme, Sam Vella, Louis Farrugia, Xavier Zammit, Mary Gallop, Andrew Galea, Sid Bye, Christy Massey, Rosalie Randall, Vittoria Agius, Emmanuel Said, Fr Lionel Sham, Joseph Attard, Rita Vella, Laurie Vella, Josephine Micallef, Mary Borg, James Sciberras, Frank Borg, Charlie Mangion, Annette Grima, Ernie Hooton, Elizabeth Pletkan, Maria Mangion, Francis Farrugia, Frances Camilleri, Tony Antulov, Joyce Cleary, George Dixon, Therese Youssef, Zappi Farrugia, Chloe Comminito, Ann Smyth.

And for those who are sick...

Marlene Rodger, Angelo Vella, Joan Schneider Hooton, Salvina Vella, Florence Foran, Benita Azores, Joyce O'Brien, Marlene Baldacchino, Zeny Johnson, Neil Grant, Ross Dean, Marlen Dolor, Sharon Dawson, Charlie Galea, Jayden Maloney, Kevin McCormack, George Marabouti, Geraldine Carvalho, Kevin Coyle.

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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY AS MARIE AND SUE WILL BE ATTENDING A PARISH SECRETARIES TRAINING DAY AT THE CHANCERY.

Please keep in your prayers the children in our Parish Community preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.

Final Preparation for Confirmation

The final preparation for the CHILDREN will take place on FRIDAY 1ST JUNE FROM 3.30PM-5.00PM IN THE CHURCH. It is really important that all candidates attend as it will be their only practice as a total group.

WHILE FR CHRIS IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE NO WEEKDAY MASSES WILL TAKE PLACE. A COMMUNION SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE EACH FRIDAY AT 9.10AM.

For your Information...

1st & 2nd Collection

- ♦ The first collection is sent to the Parramatta Diocesan Office.
- ♦ The second collection is kept here and pays for all the running costs of Corpus Christi Parish (including Church Repairs & Maintenance, Hosts, Altar Wine, phones, electricity, administration, Council rates, etc)

St Vincent de Paul Donations

It would be appreciated if any unwanted items you wish to donate to St Vinnies (ie Clothing, Toys, household goods, etc) not be left in the fover.

St Vincent de Paul Shops in Batt Street, Penrith and Cox Avenue, Kingswood gladly accept items such as these.

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Easy Church Access for Anyone with Limited Mobility

The Parish is aware that some parishioners have difficulty negotiating the paths at the front of the church. There are plans to change the access to a more gentle incline and to install handrails, but this is a complex and expensive task which will take some time to put in place.

AS AN INTERIM STRATEGY, STARTING THIS WEEK, THE GATE FROM THE SMALL CAR PARK NEXT TO THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPENED FOR EACH MASS.

This will provide a flat footpath access from the car park to the church, which should make access much easier for anyone who has limited mobility. Lighting along this path has also been upgraded for use when needed. Parishioners are asked to only use this access if they have a need to do so. It is hoped that opening this access way will be of benefit until a permanent solution is implemented.

Corpus Christi Parish Feast Day

THIS YEAR OUR PARISH FEAST DAY IS ON 3RD JUNE.



All parishioners are invited to celebrate together with morning tea after 9.30am Mass.

Any Parishioners who attend the Vigil or 7.30am Mass are encouraged to join us for the morning tea.

Students and staff from Xavier College will be providing morning tea and there will be various activities for the children. Could you please indicate your attendance by filling out the sheet in the fover.

Parish Feast Day Combined Choir

We are forming a choir for the 9.30am Mass on our Feast Day, Sunday 3rd June. A practice for anyone who would like to join is on **Tuesday29th May at 7.30pm** in the Church **(after 7pm Mass).**

The Catholic Foundation Appeal

(Formerly DWF Appeal)

Next weekend <u>26th & 27th May</u>, The Catholic Foundation is launching its May Appeal, which will focus on our collective works of Faith, particularly in support of the seminarians in our diocese.

A donation to The Catholic Foundation is not only a gift to support our growing number of seminarians, which is deeply valued and needed, but also supports the good works they do in the community – including feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick, and conducting catechises in state schools.

Your donation will be a gift that keeps on giving.

Envelopes will be available for you to take home to consider becoming an Ambassador of Faith, by committing to a \$7 monthly donation – that's less than \$2 per week.

Alternatively, you may like to visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au and donate online.

New Ministry Roster...



A huge thank you to all who support our Parish of Corpus Christi by volunteering for the various Liturgical Ministries.

Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated.

- ** We are about to start preparing the Roster to cover the period 14th/15th July to 22nd/23rd December. Would all those in rostered Ministries please check your plans and advise Marie at the office by either phone or email before Friday 22nd June, of any planned absences or non-availability during that period.
- # If anyone who is not on the roster would like to be involved in the parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the parish office. Thank you.

The Corpus Christi Collective Youth Group (C3)

meets on the last Saturday of every month in the Parish Meeting Room immediately after Mass. It is a great place to meet other youth from the Parish, have some fun and share a meal. All activities are open to youth aged between 12-18 (year 7-12) and are supervised.

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Meet on the last Friday of every month in the Meeting Room after morning Mass. Come along and enjoy the company. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are very welcome!!! For more information, please contact the parish office.

Kneelers available in Foyer...

As you are aware, the kneeler pads are available for you to use them if you choose. For the time being they are all located in the main foyer and under the Holy Oils Cabinet. For safety, we ask that you please take the kneeler back to the storage box at the end of Mass.

Corpus Christi St Vincent de Paul...

Corpus Christi conference welcomes enquiries from parishioners who wish to know more about conference activities. Phone 1300VINNIES for or assistance.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018

Please note the following parish events in your diary:

Sunday 3rd June:

Corpus Christi Feast Day

Saturday 18th August

Mary MacKillop Centre, North Sydney

Saturday 13th October:

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park

Saturday 8th December:

Christmas Gingerbread House Making

Date to be Advised December:

Christmas Lights Bus Trip to St Mary's Cathedral

McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11 2019

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We Want to Hear YOUR Voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, will be holding a consultation session with women in the Parramatta Diocese on 21st June. Share your thoughts with us and/or let us know if you would like to be part of the event on https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen



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Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Positions Vacant

- Administrative Assistant CatholicCare, Orchard Hills
- •Financial Counsellor Richmond & Blacktown offices More details at: www.ccss.org.au
- •Head of Property Development Services Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

Volunteers Required

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

ACU Short Course on Death and Catholic **Funerals**

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" at Strathfield on 4 Wednesday evenings in July. Experienced priests (including Fr Peter Williams) and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved Register at: www.acu.edu.au/ acu centre for liturgy/short courses or 02 9701 4751 for more information.



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