

# The Net

## PENTECOST SUNDAY—YEAR A—23RD AND 24TH MAY 2026

We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living 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.*

### First Reading

**Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

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 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

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.

### Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!  
Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

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**

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.'



### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY VIGIL 6pm**

**SUNDAY 7.30am & 9.30am**

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm**

**Thursday & Friday at 9.10am**

### RECONCILIATION

**Saturday evening from 5.00pm**

**- 5.45pm in the Meeting Room**

### ROSARY

**Fridays after morning Mass**

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

### From the Parish Priest's Desk

*On this Pentecost Sunday, the Church celebrates the great gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the disciples. The Gospel of this Sunday (John 20:19-23) presents the disciples gathered behind closed doors, afraid and uncertain after the death of Jesus. Into that atmosphere of fear, the risen Lord comes and stands among them with the words, "Peace be with you." He then breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." That moment changes everything. Fear gives way to courage, confusion to clarity, and weakness to mission.*

*The Holy Spirit is the great enabler of Christian life. The Spirit enables ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the name of God. The disciples who once hid in fear became bold witnesses to the Gospel. In the same way, we too are called not merely to receive the Spirit, but to become enablers for others — encouraging the discouraged, strengthening the weak, welcoming the excluded, forgiving those who hurt us, and bringing hope where there is despair.*

*Pentecost therefore calls for a drastic change in our dispositions. Very often we close ourselves behind the locked doors of anger, selfishness, prejudice, resentment, and indifference. The Spirit invites us to open those doors and allow God to renew our hearts. A Spirit-filled Christian cannot remain negative, divisive, or indifferent to the needs of others. Instead, we are called to become people of peace, reconciliation, compassion, and joyful service.*

*Jesus breathed His Spirit upon the disciples and sent them into the world with a mission. That same Spirit is alive in the Church today. Our families, parish communities, and society need people who inspire, heal, unite, and encourage.*

*May this Pentecost be a moment of renewal for all of us. May the Holy Spirit transform our minds and hearts, remove our fears, and help us become true instruments of God's love, peace, and mercy in the world.*

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.*

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National  
**Volunteer**  
Week

Thank you! ♥

We thank and pray for  
all our Parish Volunteers.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY**

*That everyone might have food*

*Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.*



**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**May 25th:** Mary, help of Christians  
**May 26th:** St. Philip Neri  
**May 27th:** St. Augustine of Canterbury  
**May 29th:** St. Paul IV, Pope



**LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER**

**Recently Deceased:**

John Walsh

**Anniversaries:**

Joseph Vella, Maryanne Azzopardi, Mary and George Camilleri, Michael Pace.

**For those who are sick:**

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop, Joseph Cauchi.

**Parish News**



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*You're*  
**INVITED**  
TO OUR  
FEAST OF  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026**

A DAY TO HONOUR THE TRUE PRESENCE  
OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



**9.30 AM**  
HOLY MASS



**10.30 AM**  
EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION  
Witness our faith in the  
presence of our Lord



**11.15 AM**  
GATHERING AT THE SCHOOL HALL  
Fellowship, **shared meal**  
and community celebration



**12.00 PM**  
PARISH RAFFLE DRAW  
Exciting prizes to be won!



MUSIC BY PARISH CHOIRS  
Uplifting hymns and joyful praise  
throughout the celebration

*Come,* BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION!

Let us adore Him. Let us walk with Him. ♥ Let us celebrate together as one Parish.

**PARISH RAFFLE UPDATE**

A sincere thank you to everyone who has already purchased raffle tickets or has been helping to sell them. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated and are helping to make this parish fundraiser a wonderful success.

There are still raffle ticket books available for anyone able to assist further. These can be collected after Mass or during the week from the Parish Office.

We kindly ask that all sold and unsold tickets be returned as soon as possible, with **all books due back by next Sunday, 31st May.**

*Thank you once again for your continued support of our parish.*

**CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION – YOU'RE INVITED!**

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on **Sunday 7th June at 9:30am**, with Very Rev Fr Peter Williams VG as celebrant.

Following Mass, there will be a Eucharistic Procession and a parish celebration in the school hall. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate of food that reflects their cultural background to share with others, as we celebrate both this beautiful feast of the Eucharist and the rich diversity of our parish.

Please note that the celebration will be held in the school hall, where there are unfortunately no heating or cooling facilities available, so please plan accordingly.

A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer for those wishing to bring a plate to share.

*We look forward to celebrating this special feast together as one parish family united in Christ.*

**PARISH RAFFLE**  
Fundraiser  
SUPPORT OUR PARISH  
MAJOR PRIZES

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OFF THE GRID CARAVAN HIKE - WEEKEND AWAY (\$1600)	70" EKO TV (SAMSUNG POWERED) (\$700)	SECURITY SCREEN DOOR VOUCHER (\$700)	50" AIWA TV (\$400)	YOGA CLASS SPONSORSHIP (\$170)

PLUS 15+ MINOR PRIZES!  
Gift vouchers, food hampers, small appliances and more!

TICKET PRICES  
**\$10** EACH  
**6 FOR \$50**  
BOOK OF **25** FOR **\$200**

TICKETS DUE BACK BY **MAY 31ST**

RETURN TICKETS & PAYMENT TO:  
Parish volunteer after Mass  
OR  
Parish Office

**DRAW DATE**  
**SUNDAY 7TH JUNE**  
At our Parish Feast of  
Corpus Christi Celebration!

Thank you for your generosity and support! ♥  
Your support helps strengthen and support our parish. God bless! ♥

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM – THANK YOU

As we conclude our Parish Stewardship Program, we would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for the generous spirit and encouragement shown throughout this important initiative in the life of our parish.

We are especially grateful to the **9 families** who have responded financially through generous one-off donations, increasing their weekly planned giving contributions, or joining our Planned Giving Program for the first time. Your support helps strengthen the mission and future of our parish.

It has also been very encouraging to see parishioners express interest in becoming more involved in ministry and parish life. So far, we have had:

- \* 5 people come forward to assist with a new Hospitality Team
- \* 3 people express interest in becoming Readers
- \* 2 people interested in serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- \* 2 people interested in the ministry of Acolyte
- \* 2 people interested in assisting as Baptism Facilitators

We are very thankful for the openness and willingness already shown by these parishioners as we continue the process of formation, discernment and planning in the coming months.

*Thank you once again to everyone who has prayerfully supported the Stewardship Program in any way. May we continue to grow together as a welcoming, faith-filled and generous parish.*

Your support helps our parish grow and flourish, ensuring that our faith community remains strong for years to come. Every gift is a blessing - **Thank you!**



[corpuschristi.org.au/stewardship](http://corpuschristi.org.au/stewardship)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PARISH MINISTRIES

Our parish is currently seeking a few more volunteers to assist with two important ministries within our parish.

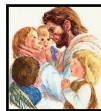
We are preparing to **recommence Children's Liturgy in the near future for children aged 5–8 years**. This ministry had been paused for some time, and we are excited to begin planning for its return. We are therefore seeking a number of volunteers to assist as facilitators and helpers in this important ministry to our young parishioners and their families.

We are also looking for a few additional **volunteers to join our newly forming Hospitality Team**. Following our Parish Stewardship Program, we were blessed to have several parishioners express interest in this ministry, however a few more volunteers would be greatly appreciated as we look ahead to a number of upcoming parish social and spiritual events in the months ahead.

Both ministries are wonderful opportunities to share your faith and help foster a welcoming and connected parish.

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, volunteers will require a valid WWCC and up-to-date safeguarding training. We are very happy to assist anyone through this process.

If you may be interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.



## NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE – THIS WEEKEND

As requested by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, our parish is currently participating in the annual National Count of Attendance. This weekend is Week 4 of the count, during which parishioners are also asked to be counted according to age groups.

**After Mass, parishioners are kindly asked to collect one coloured counter from the back of the church corresponding to their age group and place it into the collection box provided. Clear instructions and colour categories will be available at the collection point.**

*Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this important national survey.*

## UPDATE FOR COMMUNION MINISTERS



A revised arrangement for the distribution of Holy Communion at weekend Masses has recently been introduced and will now become the standard procedure across all Masses to assist with a smoother and more consistent flow during Communion.

**Extraordinary Ministers are reminded to first attend to any parishioners requiring Communion in their seats before taking their place at the front of the church, to the left and right of Father and our Acolyte.**

*We thank all our ministers for their continued service and generosity to our parish*

## Corpus Christi Sacrament Dates

### 2026



### FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

This sacrament has already taken place for 2026. Dates for 2027 will be published later this year.

### CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation preparation program has now begun in our parish, and we warmly thank, but also keep in our prayers, all the families, children, and sacramental team who are part of this journey.

### Sacrament Dates:

Saturday June 27th at 10am  
Sunday June 28th at 9.30am

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**Parent Information and Registration evening:**  
Wednesday August 12th at 7pm

### Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from August 19th until September 10th (Four sessions per child)

### Sacrament Dates:

Saturday September 12th at 10am  
Saturday September 12th at 6pm  
Saturday September 19th at 10am  
Sunday September 20th at 9.30am



### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting. (These take place on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to your child's baptism.)



**Bookings for weddings and funerals are taken on request. Please contact the Parish Office.**

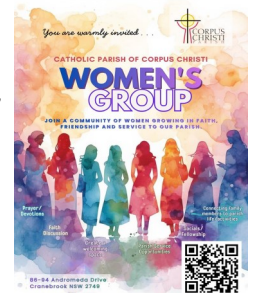
## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH WOMAN'S GROUP

All women of the parish are warmly invited to a **Women's Group Meet & Greet on Sunday 24th May from 11am–2pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other women within the parish, build friendships, and learn more about the Women's Group in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Please bring along a plate of food to share.

The Women's Group is a welcoming space to grow in faith, support one another, and foster community within our parish. Whether you attend regularly or only occasionally, you are most welcome.

**For more information please contact Ellen on 0412 241 159**



## Corpus Christi Primary School

### Celebrating 40 Years!

Our **school and parish community** warmly invite you to give thanks for four decades of faith, learning and community.

**+** This special milestone will be celebrated by a 40th anniversary mass led by **Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen**



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
at 11:30 am



Corpus Christi  
Parish Church

*All parishioners are most welcome to join us for this joyful celebration and thank God for 40 wonderful years!*

# Pentecost Sunday—Year A—23rd and 24th May 2026

## Gospel Reflection

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.

## Historical Context – Pentecost

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.

## Have you thought? The Spirit

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.

## Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'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.

## Questions for Adolescents

In what ways was the Pentecost experience, 50 days after Easter, the 'right time' for the disciples

What emotions may the disciples have felt on that day?

How would you have reacted if you were in the disciples' place?

What is the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

## Questions for Adults

What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?

What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?

Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?

Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action?

Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

## Learning moments

Illustrate a storyboard to retell the events of the first Pentecost. Use speech and thought bubbles to convey the thoughts and feelings of the disciples as the Spirit came into the room, settled upon them and drove them out into the streets.

Construct a poster that depicts signs of the Spirit in the world today and aspects of the world that need the Spirit's action.

Write a prayer that begins, 'Come, Holy Spirit...' that seeks the Spirit's help or guidance in an aspect of your life or your community.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Bush Fire of Pentecost

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction or commitment? What else might you need?

In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples before Pentecost? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples after Pentecost?

When people speak about your school, would they say that it has school spirit? What do they mean by that? How is school spirit like the Holy Spirit?

# The **Living Word** For Children

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY —24TH MAY 2026**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)**

(From Acts of the Apostles 2:1–11)

After Jesus went back to Heaven, His friends—the apostles—were all together in one house in Jerusalem. They were praying and waiting, just as Jesus had told them.

Suddenly, something amazing happened.

A strong sound came from heaven, like a rushing wind filling the whole house. The apostles were surprised and amazed!

Then they saw something like little flames of fire. The flames rested on each of them. Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Right away, something new happened: they began to speak in different languages they had never learned before. The Holy Spirit helped them speak so that people from many different countries could understand them.

At that time, many people from all over the world were in Jerusalem. When they heard the noise, they came running. They were shocked because each person heard the apostles speaking in their own language!

They said:

“How is this possible?”

“These men are from Galilee, how can we understand them?”

“We hear them talking about God’s wonderful works in our own language!”

Everyone was amazed and confused. But this was the gift of the Holy Spirit—God’s Spirit was now with the Church, helping it grow and bringing people together.

### **SECOND READING**

#### **One Body with Many Parts**

The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. But God's Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, “I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.”

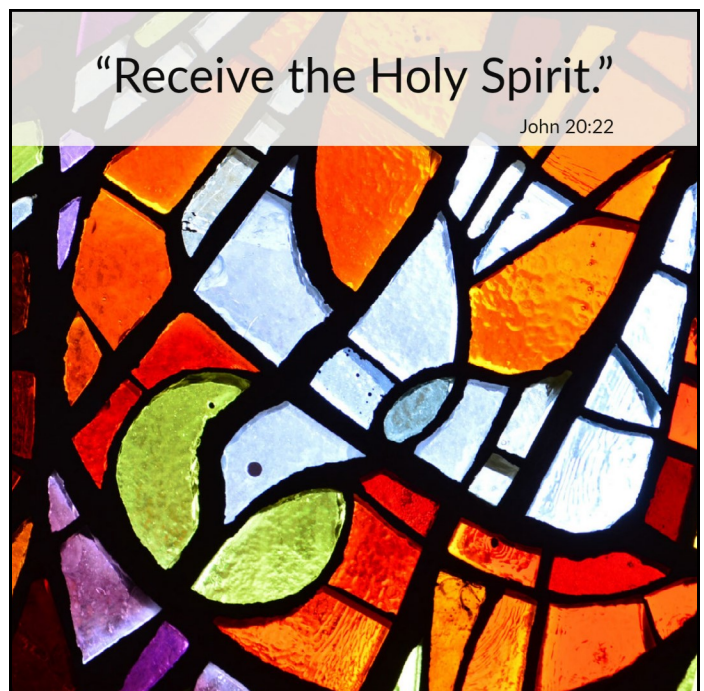
### **CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS**

Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit.

Who do you know who is a Spirit-filled person?

What sort of things show that a person is Spirit-filled?

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts so that we may be Spirit filled.



# Children's Worksheet

**We are filled with the Holy Spirit**

Pentecost Sunday, Year A, B and C



The Spirit Brings

**LOVE**

I can show love by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

**PEACE**

I can be a peacemaker by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

**JOY**

I can show joy by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

Draw a picture of someone you know who is filled with the Holy Spirit - it could even be yourself!



Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.

∩ = A	† = H	* = R
⚡ = D	∩ = I	≡ = S
∇ = E	∩ = L	⊕ = T
U = F	∩ = N	∨ = U
⊙ = G	⊙ = O	↘ = W

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# Diocesan News

COME JOIN OUR

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

**THURSDAY 4 JUNE | 6PM**

**6PM** MASS AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL,  
HARRIS PARK

**7PM** PROCESSION TO ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,  
PARRAMATTA

**8PM** ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
AT THE CATHEDRAL FORECOURT



Exploring study in theology, philosophy, spirituality, pastoral and spiritual care, ministry and counselling?

Learn about online and face-to-face study options at Catholic Theological College, and our wide range of courses and units.

### Online Information Session



Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)



Registration is essential! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register.

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**Men at the Shrine** is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of each month. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a cup of tea. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Find the event on Facebook, or contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

## MEN at THE SHRINE

2026 DATES

All men are invited to spend time with the Lord and His Mother at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, on the second Wednesday of each month, 8-9pm.

The hour includes a brief reflection by Father Pawel Barszczewski OP, followed by silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; confessions available. A cuppa and good conversation follow.

11 Feb  
11 Mar  
8 Apr  
13 May  
10 Jun  
8 Jul  
12 Aug  
9 Sep  
14 Oct  
11 Nov  
9 Dec

ANY QUESTIONS.

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27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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## MOUNT DRUITT AND DISTRICT RECONCILIATION WALK

Saturday 23 May 2026  
10am - 1pm

ENTERTAINMENT  
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RESUMES AFTER  
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## Parish Notices

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

#### **Parish Morning Tea**

Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on



**SUNDAY 14TH OF JUNE**

#### **'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group**

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

**FRIDAY 29TH OF MAY**



### **PARISH WORKING BEES**

Thank you to everyone who helps care for our parish!

Upcoming dates:

- **May 30th – Preparing for Parish Feast Day**
- **September 26th – Garden refresh after winter**
- **December 12th – Preparing for Christmas**

*All are welcome to join, even for a short time. Light refreshments provided.*

## Parish Giving

### **Planned Giving/Parish Donations**

*Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.*

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

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- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION TAX RECEIPTS**

If you requested a tax receipt for your Project Compassion box donation, these are now available for collection in the church foyer. Each receipt has been labelled with your name for easy identification. Please take a moment to check the table when you arrive or depart from Mass.

*Thank you for your generous support of Project Compassion and for your continued contribution to the work of Caritas Australia.*

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