

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

PENTECOST SUNDAY – Year B

19 May 2024

Welcome to our parish!

PARISH PRIESTS

Parish Administrator

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Michael Gimena MI

PARISH OFFICE

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SCHEDULE OF MASS & SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 9:30 AM
11:00 AM
6:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8:00 AM
8:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM

Adoration

Mon - Fri 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
after 8:00 PM Mass

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Mon - Fri After 8:00 PM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime (in hospital, page the Catholic priest on-call)

Baptism

Usually Sunday (Baptismal instructions are arranged with parents before Baptism)

Weddings & Funerals

By appointment; 6 months notice required for weddings

It is Luke, in his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, who has located the imparting of the Spirit on the Church on the Jewish feast of Pentecost. The account of this in today's **First Reading** (Acts 2:1-11) concludes with a list of people from many regions who hear the testimony of the apostles each in their own language. The nationalities refer, in first instance, to pilgrims from the Jewish Diaspora. They also foreshadow the universal mission of the Church, which is now being empowered and equipped for its mission to be a "light for the revelation of the nations" (Luke 2:32; cf. Isa 42:6).

ESSENTIAL MESSAGE This mission will work towards overcoming the dispersal and disunity of humankind symbolised by the plurality of languages introduced after the episode of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9). The Church will speak in many languages but communicate through each the same essential message concerning the outreach of God's compassionate love ("the marvels of God") to the world.

Some details in the account are rather elusive, including a play upon the several senses of the word "tongue". As in English, the Greek word glossa refers both to the physical organ of speech and the various languages which it produces. Along with this reference to language, the text also makes a metaphor out of the primary physical meaning in the sense of "tongues of flame".

In the biblical (OT) tradition the sound of a mighty wind and manifestations of fire could signal God's presence and power, notably when Israel stood before God at the foot of Mount Sinai. What is described here seems to be a central fiery mass from which distinct "tongues" separate off and come to rest on individuals. The overall sense would be that the empowering Spirit, which rested solely upon Jesus during his own life, has now, in accordance with his promise (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8a), been distributed among those who are to carry on his mission – bringing the Word to Israel in first instance, then to Judea and Samaria, and ultimately "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8b).

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS In the **Second Reading**, Gal 5:16-25, Paul offers a very early instruction on "discernment of spirits," that is, on the way the presence of the Holy Spirit can be detected in the pattern of people's lives. Earlier in the letter Paul had warned his Galatian converts that they are not to take on the yoke of the Jewish law. Does this mean freedom from all moral restraint? Not at all, says Paul. The Spirit, transforming the heart with a sense of God's unselfish love, has taken over the Law's role of indicating how we should live. Beyond this, the Spirit has given what the Law could not achieve: the will and capacity to do so.

Over against this enlivening force of the Spirit stands what Paul calls "the flesh" (so, literally, the NRSV). "Flesh" is one of the most difficult Pauline terms to render in modern English (Jerusalem Bible: "self-indulgence"). For Paul, the distinction between "flesh" and "spirit" does not correspond to that between "body" and "soul" – as though all behavioural problems were due to the bodily aspect of human beings. "Non-physical" vices such as back-biting and quarrelling are just as much "sins of the flesh" for Paul as, e.g., sexual misconduct or gluttony.

Paul takes the distinction from his biblical anthropology where both terms refer to the whole human person seen from two opposite points of view. As "flesh" the person is particularly in the grip of all-controlling, self-centred desire (cf. the Buddhist idea of "desire"). As "spirit" a person is open to being caught up and transformed by the supremely unselfish love of Christ, communicated to believers through the Spirit. Hence the conflict between the two "forces" that tug at us – and the diverse outcomes Paul lists at length.

SPIRIT AS 'PARACLETE' In the **Gospel**, John 15:26-27; 16:12-15, Jesus speaks of the Spirit as "Paraclete" – again, not an easy term to translate. A "paraclete" was a person of upright character, highly respected in the community, whom you took to court to vouch for you and advise you when you were on trial – a cross between a character witness and a good lawyer. Though Jesus, after his post-resurrection return to the Father, will no longer be physically present to the disciples, the Spirit will perform a "paraclete" role for them: strengthening, comforting, advising. In particular, he will lead the community to "the complete truth" in the sense of deepening the process of revelation begun in Jesus. The teaching office of the Church, guided by the Spirit, has its foundation here.

Commentary by Fr Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA. Fr Brendan taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic, for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne). His commentaries on the Gospels can be found at Pauline Books and Media.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they 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

Psalms 103(104):1, 24, 29-31, 34

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

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**

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**

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the



Anthony Van Dyck (1599–1641), *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*

SECOND READING (cont.)

Galatians 5:16-25

kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the 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 15:26-27, 16:12-15

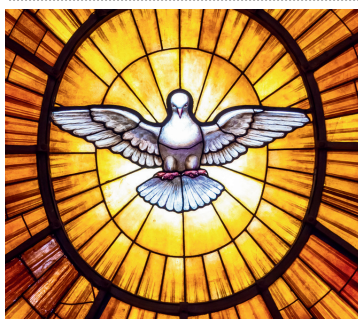
Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall I send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit


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

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
FIRST FRIDAY MASS
IN DEVOTION TO THE **SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

First Fridays | 8PM
Holy Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers
followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing until 10PM
We encourage you to **invite** your families, friends, work colleague, and others.




Eucharistic Adoration
Mon - Fri 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM,
after 8:00 PM Mass



Reconciliation
Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Mon - Fri After 8:00 PM Mass

Calling Volunteers:



*Readers & Collectors
Choir Members*

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer and serve in the parish, please message **Angeline 0431 718 137**.
God bless!

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

ST JOSEPH'S CAMPERDOWN
2 Misenden Rd, Camperdown NSW 2050

SCRIPTURAL
Living
ROSARY



May is the Month of Mary. As its culminating activity, we will pray a **Scriptural Living Rosary** as one parish in front of our church in honour of our Blessed Mother on **Saturday 25 May** after the **6PM Vigil Mass**. All are welcome!

Image of Our Lady Help of Christians from catholictradition.org
Image of the Living Rosary from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Liue Hawaii



RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPA Hospital? Our Catholic Chaplaincy offers comforting visits, pastoral care, and sacraments. Contact us via the Hospital Switchboard **(02 9515 6111)** or via our parish office **(02 9557 1181** or **stjocamper@gmail.com)**.

We're here for you 



Lay Camillian Family
SYDNEY CHAPTER



The **Lay Camillian Family (LCF)** is a lay association of the **Ministers of the Infirm** and therefore shares in the charism and spirituality of the Camillian priests and brothers.

If you happen to have **homebound, sick, handicapped, elderly, and frail family members and friends** who want to be visited and given Holy Communion on Sundays, please inform our parish office **stjocamper@gmail.com** or any members of our LCF and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS				
Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 18-19 May	Vigil 6 PM	Alicia B	Isabella K	Corazon, Francisco
	9:30 AM	Sr Maliya	Gordon L	Maria, Francisco
Next Sunday 25-26 May	11 AM	Agnes C	John L	-
	6 PM	Gemma T	Genalor F	Santa, Amy
Daily Mass	Vigil 6 PM	Corazon F	Francisco T	Alicia, Isabella
	9:30 AM	Rachel S	Lesley A	Maria, Francisco
	11 AM	Nancy T	Sharon K	-
	6 PM	Tim S	Maddi S	Amy, Corazon
	Morning	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu only), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat only), Isabelle K (Fri only), Ricky L		
	Evening	Corazon F, Joan E, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C		

Thank you very much for your generosity in volunteering as mass readers and collectors in our beloved parish. Anyone wanting to volunteer, please ring or text Angeline 0431 718 137. God bless.

PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST / PIANIST | CONDUCTOR
Fr Ruben, Dennis

Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass
Camillus & Ave Maria Choir

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass
Sunday Morning Choir

Sunday 11 AM Mass
Chinese Community

Sunday 6 PM Mass
St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir

Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani
Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
Teresa | Michael

If you would like to serve in the parish through singing or playing instruments such as piano/organ, please don't hesitate to express your interest by **approaching our choristers before or after Mass** or messaging **Angeline 0431 718 137**.



FEAST DAYS



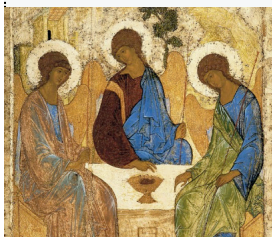
19 May
Pentecost



20 May
Mary, Mother of the Church



24 May
Our Lady Help of Christians



26 May
Trinity Sunday

Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. [...]

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the novena – nine days of prayer – because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together “continuously” for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost. [...]

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk – but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission – to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

Source: CNA, catholicnewsagency.com/news/36152/everything-you-need-to-know-about-pentecost

Why do we celebrate Mary, as Mother of the Church?

The theological roots of this title go back to the early Church. The Fathers of the Church, holy and studious bishops of the first centuries, often spoke of Mary as the New Eve. Just as the Woman Eve was “the mother of all the living” (Gen. 3:20), the Woman Mary was mother of all those living in Christ. In Revelation 12:17, St. John says that this Woman’s offspring are “those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus.”

Source: EWTN, ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/mary-mother-of-church-20917

OTHER UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

21 May Saints Christopher Magallanes and companions

25 May Saints Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII & Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

22 May Saint Rita of Cascia

The Catholic Weekly

Read more at
www.catholicweekly.com.au



Council overturns ban as protestors erupt

by George Al-Akiki, May 16, 2024

Cumberland City Council has overturned its decision to ban books depicting same-sex parenting from its libraries following a 12-2 vote following angry protests and a marathon debate on 15 May.

“The voice of the unborn” bell brings life to cause Is divorce contagion really a thing?

LEGO pays tribute to iconic Catholic landmark Science follows where faith leads

CATECHISTS' CORNER

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

We're happy to accompany you through your journey of faith. Send us a message at stjocamper@gmail.com.

Become a Catechist or a Catechist Helper!

Contact our Parish Catechist, Alicia Buxton 0412155967



Archdiocesan RCIA Certification Course 2024

This 8-week Zoom Course will help new and current RCIA team members gain a deeper understanding of the RCIA journey – the Church’s official means of evangelisation. **FREE** | Begins on 23 May - 11 July

Register now



PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 981.45
2nd Collection	\$ 489.70
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 519.69

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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AUSTRALIA

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WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Jason Evert
IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Finding your soulmate without losing your soul

Catholic husband, father, author & founder of Chastity Project and the host of "Just Is Boring" Podcast.

Wednesday 22 May 2024
Light of Christ Centre
Yardley Ave Waitara, NSW
Food & Activities begin from 6 PM
Talk begins at 7 PM

FREE ENTRY
*limited seats
Registration is essential.

Secure a spot by scanning the QR code. This is an 18+ Event.

REGISTER NOW

<https://www.trybooking.com/CRFMV>

WALK WITH CHRIST
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY 02 JUNE 2024

FESTIVAL: Martin Place from 1:00PM
PROCESSION: Begins at 2:30PM sharp, Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St

VISIT: SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WALKWITHCHRIST

Walk With Christ On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we invite all Catholics to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession through the Sydney CBD. This joyful public proclamation seeks to manifest the spiritual joy at the presence of the Saviour in the Eucharist (and His role as benevolent spiritual ruler).

WHEN: Sunday, 2 June with a festival beginning at 1:00pm in Martin Place. The procession begins at 2:30pm sharp from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.

To see more events and initiatives within the Archdiocese, visit and subscribe to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events



Parish Renewal Conference 2024: Early Bird Pricing Closes 31 May

Gather with Archbishop Anthony Fisher and hundreds of fellow Catholics for illuminating keynote, practical workshops, and beautiful liturgy to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

Date: Saturday, 3 August 2024
Time: 8:45 am – 5:00 pm
Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club
Cost: Early bird \$75 plus booking fees (closes 31 May); \$90 plus booking fees (1 June onwards)

Register by 19 July via gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 19 JULY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land, on which St Joseph's Camperdown stands, for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.