

Pentecost Sunday

9th June 2019

Entrance Ant : 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 Book of Acts 2 : 1 - 11.

Responsorial Psalm : Lord send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading : from Book of Romans 8 : 8 - 17.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel : according to John 14: 15 - 16, 23 - 26.

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

Sydney Archdiocese News

Plenary Council

After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks.

Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Prayer Campaign Pentecost 2019

In order to prepare for this new Pentecost, CHARIS is launching a major prayer campaign from this month. This campaign is simple and accessible to everyone. In May, an address will be given by Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the Ecclesiastical Assistant to CHARIS, who will prepare us to open our hearts for a new outpouring of the Spirit. Here is a link to the first campaign in the series, "Let us Pray to Receive the Spirit": <https://goo.gl/CXmNSC>

Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings

Third Wed of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 or bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Interested in volunteering to lend a helping hand to seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on 13 18 19.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is being held in your vicinity

On the 10-11 at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine. This experience is a unique opportunity to refresh your marriage. For info & bookings, Adrian & Janet Sullivan. 0490 774 41, nswbookings@wwme.org.au



St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
love and commitment*

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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 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.

Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. We are still in need of more fiction/non-fiction books and children's books. We are also looking for expression of interest from the community to have their own stall at the upcoming fete on 14th September, 2019. The cost for a stall is \$75 and \$180 if electrical power is required. Parish stalls will also be available including raffle tickets etc and our usual food stalls. If parishioners know of someone who may be interested in having a stall please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or hm-carter@bigpond.com with some details of their stall.

BBQ at Bunnings, Bankstown Airport Fundraiser

We have been allocated another BBQ for the 13th July, 2019. If you would like to join us for a fun day please leave your name on the sheet provided on the table at the rear of the Church. We are there from 8am – 4pm so any help during the day will be greatly appreciated.

200 Club Cash Raffle

Tickets for this year's 200 Club Cash Raffle are currently available for sale. 200 tickets are sold for \$20 each. After all are sold, each week for four weeks 5 tickets are drawn and the winners each receive \$20 (money back). All tickets go back into the barrel for the draw each week giving you a chance to win more than once. At the end of the 4 weeks there is a draw of one ticket for a major cash prize of \$1,000. Contact Ray Villarica on 0400 353 531 for tickets and info.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

This year's Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on 8th September 2019. Enrolment forms are available on the website: www.stchristophers.org.au. There are a small number of hard copies at the rear of the church and at the Parish office if required. There will be a compulsory meeting for parents/caregivers on July 28 at 4:00pm in the Church.

Mass at Hammondcare

The next monthly Mass at Hammondcare will be this Tues 10th at 11:00am.

Men's Breakfast at John the Baptist Bonnyrigg Heights

Saturday, 29 June 2019 - 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights NSW 2177

8am: Registration/Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8.30am: Mass

9.15am: Hot breakfast served

10am: Keynote Speaker Robert Haddad, on "Faith under Fire"

10:30 Group discussion, Q&A,

11:30: Closing Prayer

Contact – Parish Office, Ph: 9823 2572, E: info@johnthebaptist.org.au

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Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Friday 7:00pm

Reconciliation : Sat 4:30 pm.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals

By appointment.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 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.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019/2020.

New Financial Year Envelopes will be available in the church foyer Mid June. The regular giving by parishioners to the Planned Giving allows the parish to be able to budget for the annual ongoing running expenses incurred. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the program, there are forms in the foyer or contact the Parish Office. 9825 1679

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Sofia Abener, Johnny Price, Jeffery Crouche, Steven Aboud, Baby Sierra, Kerry Stark



Anniversaries

Thomas Kolster

Recently Deceased

Mary Wade, Liz D'Argent

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*