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Solemnity of Pentecost

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P E N T E C O S T

This Sunday the Church celebrates the fiftieth day of the Resurrection, when, huddled together, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles, anxious about their lives without the Lord, received the Holy Spirit as He descended upon them by a mighty wind and tongues of fire, giving power to their mission and so giving birth to the Church.

The name Pentecost is a Greek word meaning “fifty days.” Its history lies in the Jewish celebration of Pentecost or Shavuot, which the Jews celebrate this weekend, in honour of the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai, fifty days after they began their exodus from slavery in Egypt.

There are many ways people around the world celebrate Pentecost. In Britain it is sometimes

*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.*

*O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.*

called Whitsunday, and it was said that the legendary King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table would feast together every Pentecost. In France they blow trumpets to recall the sound of the mighty wind that filled the room as the Holy Spirit descended. In Italy they scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the church to symbolise the tongues of fire that rested on the heads of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles.

Pentecost is also the final day of Easter. For the past forty-nine days we have celebrated the Resurrection. We have had the paschal candle stand by us on the sanctuary, and we have worn white and gold vestments. But now, with the coming of the Holy Spirit, it is up to us to go out into the world and to continue the mission of Christ.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

### Rosters

### Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 1: L. Hale,  
D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,  
J. Galea, A. Quinlan, L. Franco

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Sisters,  
Gerry Pinto

**10:00 a.m.** Rosza Kazmer,  
Wadzi Mushininga, Mary Georges

**Children's Liturgy** Raphaella Chidiac  
and Reanne Chidiac

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus,  
Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo  
Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea,  
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter  
Higgins, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob  
Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott  
Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor,  
Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini,  
Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad,  
Victor Azzopardi, Teodoro Basanez, Bonello Family, Nick  
Bonello, Betty Borg, Alice Boustani, Yousseph Boustani,  
Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Teofila Cabal, Mary  
Caden, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Youseff  
Jose Chalhoub, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech,  
Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kelvin Huitt, Salim Karaki, Paul  
Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun,  
Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Joseph  
Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee  
Nursoo, Peter Pidgeon, Paul Raad, Peter Robertson, Sergio  
Sudiro, Emanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella,  
Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## **Annual Volunteer Drive Begins This Week**

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Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost and the birth of the Church. To mark this, as we do each and every year, the annual volunteer drive begins. It can't be left up to others to carry the work, all those who are capable should think about what contribution they will make to building up the parish and to contributing to the parish. To assist you with becoming a volunteer, a "Volunteer Information Night" will be held on Friday, 16 June at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. This will be an information and social gathering to provide details on what is involved in volunteering.

## **Diocesan Synod "Listening Consultation"**

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The Diocese of Parramatta synod will be held from 12-15 October. The Eastern Deanery "listening consultation" will be held next Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. To register to attend visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023). For more information and to make a submission to the synod, visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023).

## **First Holy Communion Mass Next Saturday**

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Next Saturday will be the first of the two first Holy Communion Masses. This Mass will be said at Holy Family Church at midday.

This is an important day in the life of these parishioners and an important day in the life of the parish.

It would be affirming for these young men and women of our parish to know that you are seeking to build up our community by attending this Mass with them and praying for them on this most sacred day.

## **First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin**

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This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

## **First Friday Devotions in Honour of the Sacred Heart**

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This Friday, being the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord. At Holy Trinity Church, beginning with confessions at 6:15 p.m., there will then be the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

## **Statue Restoration**

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Continuing on with the restoration work undertaken at Holy Family Church over the past year, the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph have been removed in order to restore and to paint them. The statues were never properly finished before placed in the church and over the decades have deteriorated. We are undertaking this restoration work so as to preserve them from further decay and to honour those who originally donated them, as well as to bring some colour into the church. A parishioner has generously donated the money for the restoration of the statue of Our Lady. If you would like to make a donation for the restoration of the statue of St. Joseph, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

## **Temporary Holy Mass Times**

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The diocese have advised that the temporary Holy Mass times introduced by Fr. Andrew in service of parishioners during the pandemic restrictions will no longer be permitted. The diocese have thanked Fr. Andrew for his generosity in saying these additional Masses so that all parishioners would be able to attend Mass whilst attendance limits were placed on churches. However, the diocese have said that those conditions are no longer in place and, as such, there is no need for these additional times.

As previously advised, the temporary Masses times of Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. will end today.

For the time being, and whilst permitted, the temporary Mass time of Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. will continue.

## **New Planned Giving Sets of Envelopes Available at the Doors of the Church**

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The sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are now available by the doors of the churches. Please collect your set of envelopes for use from July.

Thank you to those kind parishioners who are a part of the parish's planned giving programme and who contribute every week to the support of the parish, either by using the envelopes or by direct debit. Your generosity enables the parish to meet its costs and to plan for works including repairs and maintenance, utility costs, and insurance as well as for other costs such as supplies for the Masses, catechist books, our processions and other liturgical and devotional events.

If you would like to be a part of the planned giving programme and receive a set of envelopes, please speak with the parish office.





A synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

The Diocese of Parramatta synod will be held from 12-15 October, A.D. 2023.

The synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across the diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the people of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

The Eastern Deanery "listening consultation" will be held next Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

To register to attend visit [www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023).





*Annual* **VOLUNTEER DRIVE**



# ***VOLUNTEER!***

**HOW WILL *YOU* JOIN IN  
THE LIFE OF THE PARISH?**

**See you there!**

***Volunteer  
Information Night***

**FRIDAY  
16 JUNE  
7PM**

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

**Come along!**

**Answering your questions about:  
registration forms,  
training and support,  
rosters,  
Working with Children Checks**



**HOLY CROSS  
VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE**

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# WALK WITH CHRIST

CORPUS CHRISTI, SUNDAY, 11 JUNE AT 11:00 A.M.  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



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# ADORATION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

# UNDER THE STARS

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CORPUS CHRISTI  
SUNDAY, 11 JUNE AT 5:45 P.M.  
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## The Readings

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### First Reading

#### The 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.'

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#### 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.

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 for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. R.

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### Second Reading

#### The First Letter of St. Paul to the 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.

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### 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.

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### Gospel Acclamation

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

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### Gospel of 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.'