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PENTECOST

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 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.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

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

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

R. El Katrib, H. Katrib, H. Nguyen,
M. Nguyen, R. Succar

Flower Arranging

A. Brown and L. Manu

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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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Sony Joseph Raj,
Mary Georges, Wadzi Mushininga

Children's Liturgy *no children's liturgy*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,
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Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,
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Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella,
Sam Wardan, Gerard Watts.



*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.*

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Azzopardi, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie
Camilleri, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria
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Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,
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Wilson, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

Requiscat in Pace **Elsie Bugeja**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Elsie Bugeja. In your charity, pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.

The requiem Mass for the repose of her soul will be said on Friday, 13 June at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

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

*May she rest in peace.
May her soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.*

Flower Arranging Groups and Donation of Flowers for Holy Family Church

Volunteers to form groups to arrange the flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church are needed. There are currently only two groups which mean that there can only be fresh flowers decorating the church once a month. This means that for the other weeks of the month there will necessarily be artificial flowers.

If there are to be fresh arrangements of flowers to decorate the sanctuary every week then it is necessary that groups of at least two people be arranged who will buy the flowers and arrange them on Saturday mornings.

The more groups there are then the less often will each group need to be rostered.

If you can form a group, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

Additionally, if you have flowers in your garden that you can cut and donate for the flower arranging groups to use, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend and next weekend Masses will be said for first Holy Communions. Please pray for those receiving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament that they may be strengthened by He whom they receive and always honour and adore Our Lord truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. May their parents fulfil the promise they made to God and raise their children in the holy Catholic faith and bring them to Mass every week.

On Thursday evening Mass with the rite of Confirmation will be said at Holy Trinity Church. Please pray for those who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, that they may be strengthened in the faith to be good and faithful witnesses to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and so lead lives of holiness so as to draw others ever closer to the Church and to Our Lord.

Important Notice

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Sunday evening, 15 June at Holy Family Church.

The Sacrament of Penance (confessions) from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. will be as usual.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

The Sacrament of penance (confession) is available three times each week at the following times: Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church and Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Make use of these opportunities to regularly make your confession and receive the grace of Our Lord.

Planned Giving Envelopes Available Now

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are now available at the doors of the church.

Thank you to all those who are already a part of this programme and give to the parish each week. Your generous support is greatly appreciated and is a tremendous source of support for the parish.

If you would like to be a part of this programme please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week and we can arrange this for you.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. This can be used to make a single donation or, for those who are part of the planned giving programme, to make your contribution.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.





PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE

*Every first Saturday of the month, we gather in unity and prayer,
embracing the call to serve spiritually and embody the teachings of Christ in our daily lives.
Our meetings are a sanctuary of fellowship, where we support each other in our spiritual journeys
and commit to living out our faith with courage and integrity.*

*Be a part of this spiritual journey as we strive to honour our Blessed Mother
and fulfill our role as Catholic men in the Diocese of Parramatta.
Let's make every first Saturday a powerful testament to our faith and our commitment
to serving our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.*

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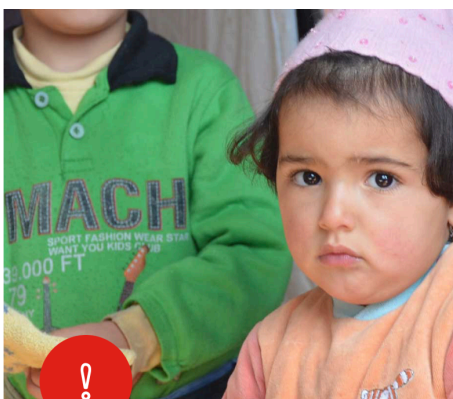
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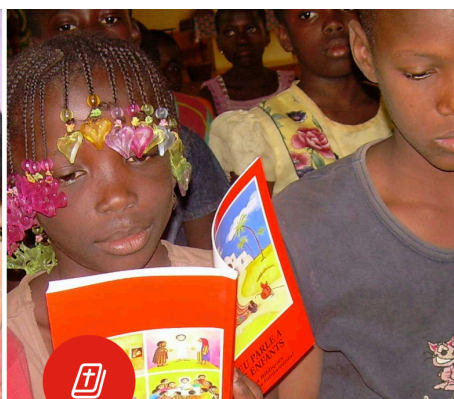
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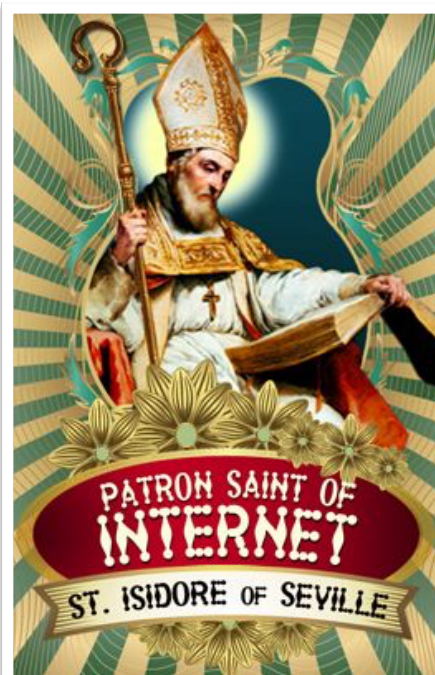
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Saints & STUFF



Born around A.D. 560 in Spain, St. Isidore began his life similar to many today, as a lousy student.

Burned out on book learning and unable to plagiarise Wikipedia, he did something all modern students should do: he turned to God for help.

After this he became one of the most learned men of his time, writing many books.

He has been widely recognised as the patron saint of both computer users and school students. Since 90% of what they do with computers is surf the internet, it seemed like a pretty logical step.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tradition

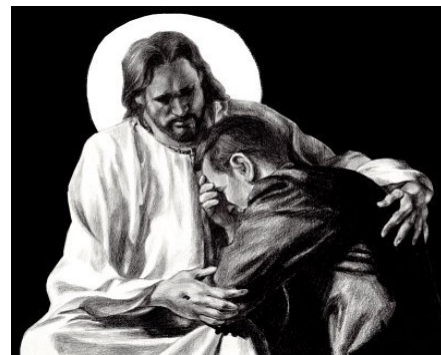
77 "In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church the apostles left bishops as their successors. They gave them their own position of teaching authority." Indeed, "the apostolic preaching, which is expressed in a special way in the inspired books, was to be preserved in a continuous line of succession until the end of time."

78 This living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit, is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture, though closely connected to it. Through Tradition, "the Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes." "[I]ts riches are poured out in the practice and life of the Church, in her belief and her prayer."

95 "It is clear... in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."

CATHOLIC Trivia

**Will my sin be forgiven
if I don't feel sorry?**



The question is, "I want to confess an obvious sin, but I do not feel remorse or regret for doing it. Do I need to be regretful to confess this sin or will it be forgiven even if I have no remorse?"

The answer is that what is required is repentance, which is an act of the will. Remorse and regret are emotions, which you may or may not feel and do not have control over. Feelings of remorse and regret are not required, but they are helpful in keeping us from sinning again. One way to encourage such feelings is to develop a devotion to Christ's Passion. Meditation on the agonies Christ suffered to merit for us the grace we receive through confession helps in developing a horror for sin and a just remorse for the sins of one's life.

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Solemnity of Pentecost

The Readings

Introit (*Wisdom 1:7*)

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

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.'

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.

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.

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!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. 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.'

Communio (*Mt. 28:20*)

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