



# CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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PENTECOST SUNDAY / C

5 June 2022

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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### With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

#### For the sick

- Elmano Belo
- Patrick Crowley
- Sidney Luximon
- Allen Portell
- Leonor Delgado
- Patricia Stack
- Raul Cabrera
- Sr Julianne Murphy
- Natalina Gallace
- Ruth Wilson
- Raymond Hudson
- Fr Jim Duggan
- Pat Allport
- Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat Christina
- Francheska Bechara

#### Recently Deceased

- Cecilia Santamaria
- Melanie Stewart
- Francisco Santos
- Eulogio Pandolfa
- Isabel Jauco
- João de Sousa
- Ben Rodriguez
- Pedro Paraiso
- Susan Rocas

#### Death Anniversary

- Dennis Juda
- Victoria Khoury
- Louis Hanna Kazzi
- Millia Kazzi
- Elsa Duncan
- Lourdes & Carlos Guevarra

#### For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Special Intentions

Henry & Tina and my Family  
Leah Tillam

### "The Holy Spirit will teach you everything"

'The King's Speech' is a fairly recent and very successful movie about an experience that most people dread-speaking in public. It shows how King George VI (the Queen's father) was so overcome with fear and anxiety whenever he had to give a public speech that he stuttered and became quite incoherent. As a result, everyone around him felt embarrassed and he felt humiliated and a failure as a leader. In desperation, he asked a speech therapist to help him overcome his fear of speaking in public. The speech therapist, an Australian called Lionel Logue, helped him identify his problems, becoming his friend in the process.

The test came when King George had to broadcast a speech to raise morale and bring people together when Britain declared war on Germany in 1939. But when it came to the day he was to speak to the nation, he felt he couldn't do it. Lionel had a simple but very effective solution, one that was based on the friendship he had built up with the king over the years. He said to him, "Don't worry about the microphone. Don't think about yourself. Just look at me. I'll stand in front of you, guiding you as you speak." His advice worked and 'the King's speech' boosted morale at a time when everyone was anxious and fearful at the prospect of a long and terrible war.

Before Pentecost, Jesus' disciples had experienced a similar lack of confidence in themselves, above all their ability to be the "witnesses to Christ, ...to the ends of the earth" that Jesus had asked them to be before he had departed from them at the Ascension. Jesus had also told them that they would be "clothed with power from on high"; that "he would not leave them as orphans"; that he would send the Holy Spirit as their Advocate who "will be with you forever... to teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you."

At Pentecost, the disciples experienced what Jesus had promised to send them. The account of this experience in the Acts of the Apostles describes the coming of the Holy Spirit into the disciples' lives using the image of wind and fire. These images can be misunderstood, leaving us with the impression that the Holy Spirit is a kind of overwhelming and impersonal 'force', like the 'universal spirit' or 'life force' of New Age beliefs.

But when we consider the Holy Spirit within the context of scripture in both the Old and New Testaments we get a very different and more 'personal' understanding. The Holy Spirit is God breathing life into the world at the dawn of creation (Genesis); God speaking to Moses at the burning bush and asking him to set his people free and then guiding them across the Red Sea in a pillar of fire (Exodus); the Wisdom of God "who rescues from troubles all those who serve her" (Wisdom books). Jesus drew on this tradition and spoke about the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his followers from the time of our baptism when we are "born of the Spirit".

The disciples found their 'voice' and gained a new confidence when they looked to the Spirit that Jesus had sent them. They experienced the power and the confidence to go out of the room where they had been closed in on themselves and to speak about "the marvels of God". They found that this was a 'voice' that everyone could understand - the list of names and nationalities is intended to suggest remote peoples. This was the 'ends of the earth' that Jesus had spoken about to his disciples.

What all those who heard the disciples speak about Jesus had in common was that they were 'devout'; they were pilgrims drawn to Jerusalem from distant parts of the world. Through their own personal experience of God, the Holy Spirit had prepared them to understand what the disciples had to say about Jesus and the new life that he offers.

It is natural for us, as it was for the disciples, to feel that we are 'orphans', alone in our faith, in a society that at times seems either indifferent or hostile to Christ. Pentecost tells us another and more convincing and encouraging story. "Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God." The Holy Spirit is there before us, guiding us from the time that we received him at Baptism. He is also there in the lives of all those whose own experience of God has made them open to the life of Christ.

Deacon Louis

#### The Walk With Christ Returns: Sunday 19 June

Sydney, get set to celebrate our faith by Walking with Christ ...the first public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney since 2019.

Festivities begin at Martin Place, 1.30pm, with the procession commencing at 2:30pm  
Please join us with your family and friends as we gather for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Parishes are encouraged to promote the event using the social media tile (please see the bulletin board).

### Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (6 - 11 June 2022)

Mon	6/6	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Thu	9/6	St Ephrem, deacon, doctor
Sat	11/6	St Barnabas, apostle



#### The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

The title of Mother of the Church has been bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary because she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and became Mother of the redeemed before her Son gave up his spirit on the Cross. Pope Saint Paul VI solemnly confirmed the same title in an address given to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on November 21, 1964 and established that "by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honour to the Mother of God."

#### ST PAUL OF THE CROSS POPE FRANCIS STUDENTS

We are proud to introduce our 8 Pope Francis Program students to the Parish. The students from St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School have elected to be part of the 24 week commitment program where they are called to participate in a minimum of 10 parish hours of service and a minimum of 10 school hours of service. The program meets a call out from Pope Francis some years ago, encouraging the youth to 'stop being couch potatoes' and to get out there and live their faith through service. The students have already created initiatives where they have prayed the Rosary during lunch times in the Month of May; visited classrooms speaking about the Season of Easter; created Pentecost Prayer Cards for the Parish and other voluntary self motivated tasks.

We ask you to keep them in your prayers during these 24 weeks, and look out for them each Saturday and Sunday at mass.

#### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 11 & 12 June 2022

Readers:	5:30pm	M Dos Santos P Allport
	8:00am	M Portell N Dudley
	10:00am	B Yammine C Alam

#### Choir Notice

The next rehearsal will be on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7:00pm.

### Morning tea to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - 5th June 2022 Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost. To mark this, we will have a morning tea in our parish hall after the 10:00 Mass. This will also be a great opportunity to reconnect with each other after the many restrictions over the past two years. Please bring a plate to share.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation dates:

2<sup>nd</sup> session: 4<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm/5<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am  
3<sup>rd</sup> session: 11<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm/ 12<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am  
4<sup>th</sup> session: 18<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm/ 19<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am

Confirmation Mass: 2:00pm 26<sup>th</sup> June



### Didaskō – Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation

The Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, *Didaskō* seeks to respond to Christ's Great Commission to "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev. Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland. Cost: \$25 per course.

**Bishop Umbers** will present the first *Didaskō* course on **Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm – 8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism."

Register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/).

For more information, contact Helen Wagner at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org).

### World Meeting of Families 24-26 June 2022

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June.

More information and resources for this event are available at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>

#### Parish Office

Maria - Mondays  
Cecilia - Wed-Friday  
9.30am - 2:30pm

#### Parish & Hall enquiries

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#### Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon to Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

#### Family Mass with Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the Month 10am Mass

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#### Family Rosary & Morning Tea

2nd Sunday of the Month after 10am Mass in the Church Hall

#### Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

#### Sacraments

##### Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm or any time by appointment

##### Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday 11.15am

From August Baptisms only on 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

##### Marriage

At least 6 months notice required

##### Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

##### Devotions

##### Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday before morning mass

##### Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

##### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

