



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH



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Reconciliation - by prior appointment only

From Father Raning

The word Pentecost literally means "Fiftieth," because it was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. Another name for the Jewish Pentecost was "The Feast of Weeks." It was originally a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest. During Passover, the first "omer" of barley (a Hebrew measure of about a bushel) was offered to God. At Pentecost, two loaves of bread were offered in gratitude for the harvest. Later, the Jews added the element of Yahweh's covenant with Noah, which took place fifty days after the great deluge, to the Feast of the Pentecost. Still later, they made this feast an occasion to thank God for His covenant with Moses at Sinai, which also occurred fifty days after the beginning of the exodus from Egypt.

Both the Jews and the Christians now celebrate Pentecost. But for the Christians it is a celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, resulting in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian faith. It is thus the official birthday of the Church, Jesus established 2,000 years ago.

Come, Holy Spirit

Fill the hearts of your faithful people and fill them once again with the seven-fold gift of your presence. Give them the gift of wisdom so that they can see with your eyes, hear with your ears, think with your mind, feel with your heart.

Give them the gift of understanding so that they can experience and judge life from the point of view of other people.

Give them the gift of counsel so that they can share the story of their faith and thereby strengthen their fellow parishioners.

Give them the gift of fortitude so that they may stick to the task of living their faith and sharing the Gospel whether convenient or inconvenient.

Give them the gift of knowledge so that they can read the signs of the times and figure out how to respond in faith.

Give them the gift of piety so that they can be true friends with you whether in prayer or in a good moral life.

Give them the gift of fear of the Lord so that they can respond to your presence in church, at home, and on the street.

May these gifts bring about in our parish true conversion, honest community-building and effective evangelisation.

May our response to your gifts bear fruit in our lives with an abundance of charity, joy, and kindness, patience, peace, and purity of heart, goodness, generosity, and gentleness, meekness, self-control, and faithfulness.

This we ask of you, Spirit of God, in the name of Christ Jesus for the honor and glory of God the Father. Amen.

First reading: The disciples are changed by their contact with the Holy Spirit.
What changes has God brought about in me during the Easter season?

Second reading: The Holy Spirit bestows gifts of service on us to build up the community.
How am I using my spiritual gifts for the benefit of others?

Gospel: Jesus offers peace and reconciliation to us and sends us to do the same.
How can I extend peace and reconciliation to those from whom I am estranged?

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Holy Hour for Vocations

Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

Moments of Mercy

In order that you may know at least some of My pain, imagine the most tender of mothers who has great love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a feeble image and likeness of My love.

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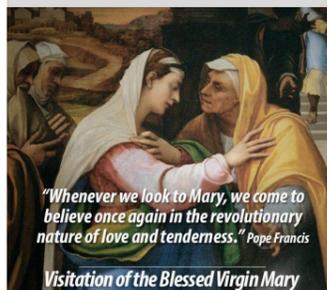
Please contact the office. We are only too happy to help you with your needs.

Due to the CoronaVirus all ministries will now be suspended until further notice. Thank you for your continued commitment

Feast Days

31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit is the of your womb" Luke 1:42



1st St Justin

"We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies"

2nd Sts Marcellinus & Peter

They were arrested, imprisoned and executed. They were venerated in the Early Church and their names are in the first Eucharistic Prayer.

3rd St Charles Lwanga

St Charles was the leader of the Christian community in Uganda and protected the boys of the court from King Mwanga. He along with several companions had to walk a 37 mile trek after which they were burnt to death for the faith.

5th St Boniface

"The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not abandon ship, but to keep her on her course"

6th St Norbert

"You will never enjoy the sweetness of a quiet prayer unless you shut your mind to all worldly desires and temporal affairs"



24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION **Friday 19 June to Saturday 20 June**

Starting at 9am with Mass on Friday, our Lord will be exposed for 24 hours and concluding with Mass at 9am on Saturday

Come ... spend some time with Him

At all times our Lord Jesus must have someone with Him, so please signify your interest by contacting the office to be placed on the timetable



Parish Update

As you may be aware there are expected to be further changes to congregation numbers to attend Mass. It is expected that effective Monday 1st June that up to 50 people can attend each Mass. Please note the updated schedule for our Mass celebrations:

- **Every weekday at 9:00am in the Church**
- **Every Saturday and Sunday at 9:00am in the Church**

For the following mass times there will be two Masses held, one in the Church and the other in the Parish Centre. These double Masses will be

- **Saturday 5:00pm vigil and Sunday 5:00pm**

For weekday and Saturday 9:00am Masses we will no longer be taking names nor do you need to reserve a spot.

If you are interested in attending Saturday vigil or any of the Sunday Masses, you will need to make arrangements in advance by telephoning our parish office

It is kindly requested that you telephone only between the hours of 10am and 1pm any weekday expect Tuesday. As a reminder, all 9:00am Masses will be live streamed.

Thank for again for your ongoing prayers and support which are deeply appreciated.



The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed every Wednesday after Communion.



The Rosary will be continued to be prayed straight after the 9:00am mass every Saturday.



Divine Mercy Chaplet will be held every Friday at 3:30pm



Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Fevoura Daroy, Selene Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irlulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Josephine Mamari, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Shaista Quraishi, Emely Reyes, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford & Patrick Wheeler.

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**