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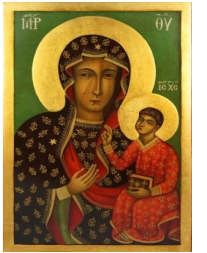


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♦ Kathy-Lynn Azzi - 0416 225 815

COME HOLY SPIRIT
Pentecost Sunday

Year B
19 May 2024

Pentecost Sunday
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!

SUNDAY MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES		RECONCILIATION	
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil	Monday	9:15am	Tuesday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
Sunday	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am Vespers 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Tuesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday	8:30am-8:55am
		Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
		Thursday	9:00am	Friday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
		Friday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Saturday	8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm
		Saturday	9:00am		

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2024

For The Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians
Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

FIRST FRIDAY:
11:00am: Maltese Mass
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight

- DEVOTIONS:**
- ♦ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour)
Wednesday: after morning Mass
 - ♦ Marian Movement Cenacle
Friday: 5:00pm (Children's Rosary)
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am Mass
 - ♦ Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:
Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 - ♦ Divine Mercy Devotions
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, 3:00pm - Holy Mass
- BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month (not during Advent, Lent, Divine Mercy Sunday & Corpus Christi Sunday)
Baptism Preparation: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month - 10:30am Mass followed by session.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Sunday morning: 9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526 - option 3 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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

Galatians 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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


MEDITATION




The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then,

who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit? **Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom.**


 **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**
26 MAY 2024
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year B)
Deut 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20


OUR PARISH PRAYER
 Father, through the intercession of St. Margaret Mary, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. *Amen.*


MAY DEVOTIONS
 During the month of May, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after all Morning Masses and recitation of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Act of Consecration. **Let us pray, O God, who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**


AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (19 May 2024) there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.
All children are welcome to attend.

All children are encouraged to take a copy of The Kid's Bulletin. **(on the table outside the Church).**
A great resource to educate our Catholic kids to learn about their faith every week.
WEEKLY CHILDREN'S BULLETINS


OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
(Patroness of Australia)
Friday 24 May 2024
 **PRAYER:** Almighty God, Deepen our hearts in the love for Mary, Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection may the light of Christ shine over our land, and may Your blessing remain with us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**


YOUTH GROUP @ SMM
Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 24 May)
Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 24 May)
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.
For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org




ROSARY PROCESSION - 25 MAY 2024
The Legion of Mary, in conjunction with the Prospect Curia, is organizing a rosary procession on **Saturday (25 May)** of the Marian Month of May.
 The procession will commence immediately after the 9am Mass and will go around the Church and Primary School block. We encourage all parishioners and families to participate in this public witness of praying the rosary. *Thank you all Marian devotees.*

SUNDAY - 26 MAY 2024
1:00 – 1:30pm Silent Adoration
1:30 – 3:00pm Devotions
3:00 pm Holy Mass
All are welcome to come and pray with us.


WITH THE LORD JESUS IN PREPARATION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI
 We invite all our parishioners to join us for 40 hours Adoration beginning from **Friday, 31 May 2024 to Sunday 02 June 2024.**
We humbly request our **male parishioners** to please come forward and volunteer from **10pm (Friday night) to 7am (Saturday morning)** and **10pm (Saturday night to 7am (Sunday morning)**. Please contact our Parish Office to register your name and preferred time slot. **JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**


The New Eve - Mary with Dr. Brant Pitre
Wednesday after 7pm in the Pastoral Centre
Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm
 The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2:30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME**


JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE
 You are invited to experience the joy of "The Bible and the Church Fathers" on Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre.
For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097


SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024
Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.
RECONCILIATION PROGRAM
All preparation sessions will be held on **WEDNESDAYS** with two time slots to choose from: **5:30 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm**
Session 4: 22 MAY
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
 **Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 27 May 2024 at 6:00pm inside the Church.**

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
 **First Collection (Priests) Pauline Fathers**
Account: Order of St. Paul The First Hermit Merrylands
BSB: 062 202 Account Number: 10869892
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Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438
Last weekend First Collection - \$2401.85
Last weekend Second Collection - \$3699.55
Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

'Return & Earn' Parish Fundraising
 The parish is trialling a fundraising initiative based on the 'Return & Earn' recycling cash-back scheme. Parishioners are invited to put their unwanted EMPTY drink containers labelled with the "10c" refund logo in the 'Return & Earn' cage outside the western entrance of the Pastoral Centre. **NO glass bottles please.**
All proceeds will go to the parish youth groups

STMM PIETY SHOP
We request our Parishioners to support our Parish Piety Corner Shop with their generous purchase of a variety of available products. These items are perfect for your own personal needs or as a treasured gift to share with others.
Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**


Legion of Mary - Home Visits in May
The Legion of Mary would like to encourage families to pray the rosary. With this in mind, we invite families to call **Peter Carroll (0414070082) & Mary Issac (0430687512)** to book a date and time.
The legionaries will bring the Pilgrim Mother to your home and pray the rosary with the family and leave the statue in your home for a week before returning to conclude.





CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
Volunteers needed to clean church grounds & car park area once every fortnight.
Please leave your details at the Parish Office.


Table Tennis social nights
 Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre after 7:00pm Mass. **All are welcome.**

For safety and safeguarding reasons, we kindly request all parents / carers to ensure to accompany their children to the toilets and the play area in the school premises at all times.


PRAYER REQUESTS

◆ Reuben Dias	◆ Rita Figredo	◆ Marcelina Domingo
◆ Shelly Barnes	◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria	◆ Jacqueline Parr
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