



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



PENTECOST SUNDAY

2025

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



The Readings at the Saturday evening Mass of the Vigil of Pentecost are different to these.

FIRST READING *Acts 2:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 104.1ab+24ac, 296-30, 31+34 (R.30)*

R. Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

the earth is full of your creatures. **R.**

When you take away their breath, they die

and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:8-17 (Year C)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is

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living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 *John 14:15-16, 23-26*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE CLERGY



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Happy Easter to you all! Yes, we are still in the Easter Season. Easter ends at the end of the day this Sunday, 8th June, Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the feast when we recall the day the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost, showering supernatural gifts on them and strengthening them for their mission ahead.

If you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you too have received what Mary and the Apostles received at Pentecost. The Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 1303 reminds us that the Sacrament of Confirmation “brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace. [In particular:]

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, “Abba! Father!”;
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ,
- to confess the name of Christ boldly,
- and never to be ashamed of the Cross.”

If we really take time to consider the above, we would all have much reason to be thankful to God. Thankful that He loves us, that we can call Him “Father!” and that we are bound to Christ, His Son, our Lord, in a marvellous way in the Sacraments, and in this context, the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In particular, the exhortation enjoined on the confirmed to “spread and defend the faith...” is one we should not take lightly. Confirmed Christians must – not just an optional extra – spread and defend the faith, in other words, be a “witness”. And in Greek, the word, “witness” is μάρτυς (martus), from which we get the word, “martyr”. Yes, we are called to be witnesses to Christ, martyrs, should He call us to that.

Fr Roberto Keryakos, Assistant Priest

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

June 2025

			7 <i>Saturday</i>	8 <i>Sunday</i> PENTECOST SUNDAY 10.30am Mass (Adult Confirmation) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 <i>Monday</i> <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Public Holiday Mass 9am	10 <i>Tuesday</i>
			11 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Barnabas</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	12 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	13 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	14 <i>Saturday</i>
18 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	19 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	20 <i>Friday</i>	21 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	22 <i>Sunday</i> The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	23 <i>Monday</i>	24 <i>Tuesday</i> The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Weekly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

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<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-flood-appeal-2025>

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THURSDAYS 7:00 – 8:30 PM

The Art of Christ-Centred Conversation	12 JUNE
Sharing Your Faith Without Fear	19 JUNE
Authentic Invitation and Welcome	26 JUNE

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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

WALK WITH CHRIST

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

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FESTIVAL: MARTIN PLACE FROM 1:00PM.
 PROCESSION: BEGINS AT 2:30PM SHARP. CORNER OF MARTIN PLACE AND PITT ST.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY | Catholic Cameritas + Crameris

Couples for Christ Seniors' Program in collaboration with The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
 presents

LEAVING A MEANINGFUL LEGACY

A FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS, ENDURING GUARDIANSHIP AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY
 COMPLIMENTARY WILL OFFER FOR ATTENDEES. *Terms and Conditions apply.

WHEN: Sunday, 15th June, 2025
 Session starts at 2:00 pm
 Opening prayer starts at 1:30 pm
 Light refreshments will be available

WHERE: St John of God Parish Hall
 2 Alice Street, Auburn, NSW 2144

Guest Speaker: Cecilia Castle, Principal, Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 35 years.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS
 CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:
 Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.