



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



PENTECOST SUNDAY

2026

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 104.1-2a, 24+25c, 27-28, 29b-30 (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.
You are clothed with honour and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment. **R.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures,
living things both small and great. **R.**

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **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.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Year A)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

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.

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!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-23 (Year A)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

A special welcome to those who have come for the sacrament of Confirmation today at the 10.30 Solemn Mass – over 100 adults from several parishes and communities!

Today we celebrate Pentecost, and because this year it falls on 24th May, our own Patronal feast of Our Lady Help of Christians is moved to tomorrow, Monday 25th.

The feast of Pentecost may be explained in this way:

On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance. (Cf. Acts 2:33-36.)

On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us. (Byzantine liturgy, Pentecost Vespers, Troparion, repeated after communion.)

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 731,732.

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This week, for our Year of Saints at the Cathedral, I want to mention some martyrs from China, Korea and Vietnam who are commemorated this week:

St Peter Sans y Jorda was martyred in 1747. He was born in Spain, where he joined the Dominican Friars and volunteered to serve in China. He laboured in ministry there for thirty years. He was made a bishop in 1730. Arrested along with four other priests by the imperial authorities, he was led in chains on a forced march to the tribunal in Fuzhou and was beheaded.

St Joseph Chang Song-jib was a Korean layman born in 1786, a pharmacist, who converted to Christianity at the age of fifty three. During the Joseon Dynasty, the Korean government had restricted and persecuted the spread of Christianity in the country. Joseph remained steadfast in his faith and shared it with others. He was arrested, imprisoned, beaten terribly, and died from his wounds, in Seoul in 1839.

St John Đoàn Trinh Hoan was born in Vietnam in 1790. Educated by missionaries, he became a priest. In the period of fierce persecution in the reign of King Tự-Đức, he was tortured and beheaded on May 26th 1861. Imprisoned, tortured and beheaded at the same time was **St Matthew Nguyễn Văn Phương**, a lay catechist, father of a family and head of his local Catholic congregation where St John Đoàn Trinh Hoan would sometimes visit.

While we hope never to suffer persecution like they did, may the witness and prayers of these holy martyrs help us to grow strong in our faith, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit we have received may bear fruit for the glory of God and the salvation of souls!

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

May – June 2026

			23 Saturday Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026	24 Sunday  PENTECOST SUNDAY Today's 10.30am Mass (Adult Confirmation) Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026	25 Monday  OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS	26 Tuesday <i>St Philip Neri</i>
			27 Wednesday <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> RCIA (RESUMES TODAY)	28 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	29 Friday <i>St Paul VI</i>	30 Saturday
3 Wednesday <i>Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions</i> RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	4 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	5 Friday <i>St Boniface</i> St Anthony of Padua Relics at the Cathedral Today 11am Mass 1.10pm Mass 5.30pm Mass <i>(Veneration before and after each Mass)</i>	6 Saturday	7 Sunday  CORPUS CHRISTI 2pm Sunday Public Tour	8 Monday Public Holiday Mass at 9am	9 Tuesday <i>St Columbkille</i>

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



THE RELICS OF
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 COMES TO
 ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY
 FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY X CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN FRIARS

SCHEDULE

11:00AM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS

12:00PM - CONFESSION

1:10PM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS

4:30PM - CONFESSIONS

5:00PM - VESPERS

5:30PM - MASS WITH VENERATION BEFORE & AFTER MASS

16 MAY — 19 JULY 2026
 ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT

THE WORLD'S GREATEST CEILING HAS COME TO SYDNEY.

SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS
 AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

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Anthonyan Days SYDNEY

Anthonyan Days in the Oceania region will begin this year in New South Wales.

Franciscan friar Father Bortolino Maistrello, from the Pontifical Basilica of Saint Anthony in Padua, Italy, will be bringing three (3), first class relics from our Saint's Basilica.

The Relics each contain fragments of St. Anthony's skin.

The relics accompanied by Fr Maistrello will visit St Mary's Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Sydney and two churches in the Diocese of Parramatta from Friday, June 5 to Sunday, June 7, and then the Archdiocese of Adelaide, South Australia from Wednesday, June 10 to Sunday, June 14.

Masses and Veneration will be as follows:

Friday 5 June
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY
 St Mary's Road, Sydney NSW 2000
Mass Times: 11.00am, 1.10pm and 5.30pm
 Veneration of the Relics will commence at 10.00am and continue before and after each mass until 6.30pm

Saturday 6 June
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH
 8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville NSW 2155
Mass Times: 9.30am and 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
 Veneration of Relics will commence following the 9.30am mass until 2.00pm and will resume from 5.00pm then continue after the Vigil mass until 7.30pm

Sunday 7 June
ST PADRE PIO CHURCH
 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park NSW 2745
Mass Times: 8.00am and 10.00am
 Veneration of relics will commence at 7.30am and continue before and after each mass until 4.00pm

The Saint of Miracles Among Us

For more information: contact 1800 080 200 anthonian@anthoniaustralia.com.au

 **CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**
 Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office


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.

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES
 The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



Please note, you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.