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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
CELEBRATED AT
10AM MASS**

BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S
(PRIMARY) 8251 9500
CARIGNANE ST,
WYNN VALE 5127

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(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
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Pentecost, Year B - Red

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**We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of this region.
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.**

MASS TIMES

**ST JOHN XXIII
Hope Valley**

**Monday 9.15am
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am**



**HOLY TRINITY
Para Hills**

**Wednesday 7pm
Friday 9.15am**
(Adoration Before Mass
commencing 8.30am)
**Saturday 9.15am
Sunday 10am**

**Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity
and 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

Due to capacity restrictions people attending 10am Mass at Holy Trinity
may be required to wear a mask if numbers exceed 190.

Everyone attending Mass is required to provide their full name and
a contact phone number or email address for the purpose of contact tracing.
COVID-SAFE check in using a QR code is available at all Masses.

God's Chosen or Frozen People

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by the Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenant with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery: The Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus, culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church. Today's Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

The first reading (Acts 2:1-11), describes in detail the miraculous transformation that took place during the first Pentecost, thus fulfilling Jesus' promise to his apostles that they would receive "Power from on high." In the second reading (1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13), St. Paul explains how the sharing of the various spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit enriches the Church. He refers to the varieties of gifts given to the Church as coming from the same Spirit Who activates all of them in Christians for the common good.

Today's Gospel relates how the Risen Jesus gave his apostles a foretaste of Pentecost on the evening of Easter Sunday by appearing to them and sending them to carry on the mission given him by his Heavenly Father. On the day of Pentecost,

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Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Paraclete. The gift of the Spirit would enable them to fulfil Jesus' commission to preach the Gospel to all nations. Today's Gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit with the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. These words remind us of the Christian vocation we all have, to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

We need to be aware that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. "It will always be Pentecost in the Church," affirmed Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the Church ceases to let her strength rest on the Power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the Church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth, then the Church ceases to be newsworthy. The Church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life" (The Violence of Love, The Plough Pub. Co., Farmington, PA: 1998).

As we celebrate this great event of the Pentecost let us be aware that we need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives by constantly remembering and appreciating His Holy Presence within us, especially through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; by fortifying ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit against all types of temptations; by seeking the assistance of the Holy Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the breaking of our evil habits; by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others; by fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit; by renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and by living our lives in the Holy Spirit as lives of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. We are called to love as Jesus loved, not counting the cost. As Saint Paul exhorts us, "Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16, 25). Then let us pray "Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts." The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people; frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our Faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.



Readings for next Sunday, 30th May 2021

1st Reading	Deut	4:32 - 34, 39-40
2nd Reading	Rom	8:14-17
Gospel	Mt	28:16 - 20

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

24th May	Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia
25th May	St Bede the Venerable St Gregory VII St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
26th May	St Philip Neri
27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury
30th May	The Most Holy Trinity

Our Community's Prayer Petitions

PLEASE NOTE: THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: Please note that names can only be added to this list by immediate family, or the ill person themselves (for reasons of privacy).

**Please Remember in your Prayers
THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:**

Mary Rose Probst, Molly Holmes, Maria Trotta, Darryl McManus, Joan Walmsley, Ursula Moore, Lil Buckley, Jason Mittiga, Pat Collins, Ruby Brokensha, Anne Van Der Arend, Margaret Pitt, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Jayden Lee, Father Peter Milburn, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Marg Dolman, Sean Molloy, Antoinette Pascale, Charlotte Fussell, Phyllis Anthony, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Rosa Maria Santos, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy, Marie Boulton, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Rita Robinson, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH

Children's Prayer



Come Holy Spirit and fill my heart and life with your love, help me to do your works on earth, and bring joy as Jesus did.

Let the Spirit shine through me so others can experience Christ through me.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Council is on Monday, the 24th May at John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Two calls for assistance in the last week. One for food and clothing, and the other to seek assistance with an impending electricity bill – an Emergency Relief Funds payment of \$300 has been sought with the recommendation that the payment be used to get on a bill smoothing plan with the provider to avoid supply cancellation.

In the face of increased donations of food through the basket (Thank you for your generosity) and some extras from the Warehouse, we've had very little supplementary purchasing to do.

Many thanks to those who have already responded through the Winter Appeal – donation envelopes will be available and any contributions are very welcome.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Margarine, 2 Minute Noodles, Peanut butter and Jam. It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.



May Mass Counts

The Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for All Masses and Other Sunday Assemblies held on weekends during the month of May each year.

The information gathered is used by the archdiocese in its pastoral planning and financial reporting.

Parishes have been asked to provide information on the age and gender of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies. This information will be reported as aggregate, not specific data.

To simplify the collection process and avoid disturbance to the Mass, we are collecting the data during the check in process.

Welcomers will be asking you to identify as Male or Female and to use a number from 1 – 5 to identify which of the 5 age categories you are in.

Our Lady Help of Christians

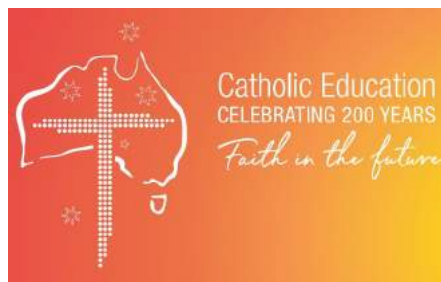


The Legion of Mary are organising a 24 hour rosary on 24th May for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.

A sign up notice has been placed on the notice boards at both Mass centres.

If you would like to offer prayers for one hour privately please add your name to the sign up sheet.

**Celebrating 200 Years of
Catholic Education in Australia**



On Monday 24th of May, The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Catholic Education nationwide celebrates 200 years of serving the mission of the Church by educating our young people.

Chair of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, invites us to celebrate and acknowledge this significant milestone in the life of the Church. "From very humble beginnings with the opening of the first official Catholic school educating just 31 students located on Hunter Street in Parramatta, Catholic schools have grown to educate more than one in five Australian students, with many others attending Catholic preschools, colleges and universities," said Archbishop Anthony.

Initially our schools served the needs of the very poorest of the poor and today they continue serving students from diverse backgrounds and beliefs: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders; refugees; and those with disabilities. Catholic schools endeavour to ensure they are accessible to all students including those who are financially disadvantaged. In his pastoral letter to the schools Archbishop Anthony said: "Alongside families and parishes, Catholic schools are the Church's principal meeting point with young people, and are integral to the Church's mission of transmitting the faith to the next generation and forming young people as future contributors to Australian society".

During each of our Masses this weekend we will recognise and acknowledge the work of our two regional Catholic schools, St Francis Xavier Primary School and Gleeson College for the contributions they continue to make in furthering the Mission of the Church.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our next workshop in the Sacramental Program will be on Saturday 29th May 4pm at St John XXIII.

Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	25th May	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	29th May	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	24th May	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Mon	24th May	Parish Finance Council	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	26th May	Holy Trinity Seniors	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	28th May	Craft Group	9.30am - 12 noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 45, Pat White
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch
for Shirley Twedde

If you would like to be included in the draw
Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806

Rally Against Euthanasia

A Rally against Euthanasia will be held on Parliament House steps on Wednesday 26th May 2021, from 9.30 am till 2 pm (the Bill will be debated later that day). Greek Orthodox Bp Silouan plus pro-life MPs will speak briefly. Speeches will be held between 9.45 AM and 10.15 AM. Its important that we show our MPs that we oppose this Bill, especially as the VAD proponents will hold a candlelit vigil from 5.30 pm that same day.

Cuppa After Mass

Next weekend we celebrate
the feast of Holy Trinity

We invite you to join us for a Cuppa
after all Masses

Please note due to COVID restrictions
we are unable to accept donations of food.

Entertainment Membership

The East Timor Committee wishes to inform Parishioners that the 2021 digital Entertainment memberships can now be ordered on line at a cost of \$70.00.

Each Mass centre has a poster displayed with a QR code link or email address to help you with your purchase. Any enquiries to Marg Whennan on 8251 1577



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The May edition of The Southern Cross is available from both Mass Centres and the Parish Office at a cost of \$2 or online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

Safeguarding our Children and Young People

Did you know that the United Nations Convention has established 42 rights for children and young people and we as adults have a responsibility to protect these rights?

These rights are known as articles,
this is article number 17;

**Children have the right to a voice,
to be listened to and taken seriously.**

Children and young people have much to share, Children have the right to information that is important to their wellbeing.

As adults it can be easy to forget to share information with children and young people. Sometimes we might even withhold it because we feel it isn't important, that they wouldn't understand or that it might be upsetting. It is important to remember that children have the right to be informed and we have the responsibility to present information to them in a way that is easy to understand, age appropriate and meaningful. Whether that is information about their rights, discussions about difficult issues in the world around us, or the redeeming message of the Gospel that is universal to old and young. How do we ensure the messages of our Church are given to children equally as to adults? Let us speak to our children as God speaks to us every day.

*To find out more about child protection initiatives
contact the Child Protection Unit on
Ph. 8210 8159*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY BABIES

24th May	Aida Baratus Chambers
25th May	Pam Ridley
29th May	James Bell

