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MASS TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday	5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
	11.45am - Baptisms
Wednesday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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5 JUNE 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm Response: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

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

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

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 14:15-16, 23-26

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Vicki
 CASSAR Anna FINDEIS Frank HEENAN
 Paul HOCKING John KIMPTON
 Jo KLOSS Madeline McCLYMONT Bob
 POWLES Chris REILLY Beverley & Brian
 RIPPE Anne SAUNDERS Noel STONE
 Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Doris
 WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Joanne LANGMAID

Anniversaries: Oliver PLUNKETT

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED
TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN UKRAINE

Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all

AT PENTECOST—THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH BEGINS

The original Pentecost feast was a celebration of an autumn harvest festival giving thanks for wheat harvest. It was placed fifty (pente - in Hebrew) days from the feast of the Passover.

This Sunday's readings include two vastly different accounts of the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. St Luke in his Acts of the Apostles describes the occasion like a grand-scale public event with wind and fire and multi-lingual preaching. The second account of the coming of the Spirit in John's gospel recalls Jesus speaking after the foot washing in words which are intimate, affectionate, personal and private. There are no signs of wind and fire with the words. John focuses on the hearts of the disciples and communion with the divine Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians celebrate Pentecost in memory of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the launch of the Church's mission to give good news to the world.

GOD MAKING HIS HOME WITH US

Jesus says in our gospel today "If anyone loves me they will keep my word and my Father will love them and we shall come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23)

The Holy Spirit communicates to believers a sense of intimacy with God that is theirs as sons and daughters in union with Christ. Jesus used to address God as 'Abba' - (Aramaic for 'Dad'). The early disciples were so impressed with the word, that they retained the Aramaic word in Greek areas to address God, a sign they now shared the intimacy and closeness of Jesus' relationship with God.

The upshot is the banishment of fear and the hope of sharing Christ's risen life. At Mass, we dare to say 'Our Father'.

We sometimes say to visitors, 'make yourself at home'. Today's Gospel invites to speak these words to God, 'Make yourself at home in my life'. One difference is that visitors come and go whereas Jesus promises a presence to be with us forever.

THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

From the Acts of the Apostles by St Luke, we learn where the Spirit of God is active:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God

WHERE THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US

Many of us find it hard to work out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. We need the gift of the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, who died in 1556, left the Church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

1. Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
3. The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.

1. The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
2. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
3. Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
4. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

...Fr Richard Leonard SJ. North Sydney

An Ancient Prayer of the Church

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church, prayed over many hundred years.

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,
And you will renew the face of the earth.'

Australian Plenary Council

The second Assembly of the Plenary Council will take place in Sydney from 3 to 9 July. There will be 277 members, advisors (including Fr Frank Moloney SDB), observers and support staff. Each day, some portions of the sessions will be live-streamed. This month members will meet each Tuesday evening online. The Council's theme is listening, discernment and dialogue to bring us to being more "Christ-centred, missionary Church in Australia". The President of the Council is Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB elected in 2018. He is a former teacher at our Salesian College and he consecrated the new altar in St Anne's Church in 2010.

World Meeting of Families

The 10th Meeting of Families will take place in Rome from June 22-26. This event presents a special occasion of prayer and worship offered for the support, healing and strengthening of families and pro-family values. Resources can be found at: <http://www.family.catholic.org.au>

Reconciliation Week

This is being celebrated now. There is unfinished business of reconciliation for the benefit of all Australians.

Thanks and Farewell

On this Sunday, Deacon Vinh Do will conclude his service among us as he will be appointed to another parish. He shall be ordained a priest for Melbourne in November. Thanks for your presence here on Sundays.

....Kevin McIntosh

RCIA

Saturday evening, **June 4 at 5.30pm** Mass we will proudly again present the two young ladies who have elected to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and our community. We will celebrate a baptism and the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. All are welcome to join with them at a cuppa after Mass. We congratulate and pray for Amy and Zddy as they continue their life of faith.

Bible Study Reflection

All are invited to a fortnightly Bible Study/Reflection Group. The next session will be held in St Anne's church on **Friday June 17 at 7pm**. Bibles and resources will be provided.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Cohen & Sadie FLORRIMELL
Indiana KILTY
Eloise SIMPSON
Celeste VELLA
We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



ACN Appeal

"Aid to the Church in Need" (an international Pontifical Appeal) has launched an emergency appeal to support the Catholic Church in the Ukraine. This appeal will aid the work of the priests and religious who support the financial and spiritual needs of the people of Ukraine by working across the parishes, orphanages, homes for the elderly and refugees. The appeal will be held **June 4 & 5**. Thank you for your support.

Sunbury Winter Shelter

GUIH.ORG Charity is collecting items to be distributed to the homeless people in Sunbury through the 'Winter Night Shelter' project. Apart from Sunbury, GUIH.ORG also reaches out to the homeless in CBD. This Winter we will be distributing all the items collected in our church for the 'Winter Shelter Program' only. Please only donate the items listed on the flyer. We are not accepting used items. Thank you for your donations and contributions.

Evergreens

Lunch will be at the Royal Hotel on **Tuesday 7 June** at 12noon. Please bring a friend. To book or for more info or transport call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

Parish Bingo

Our Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday, eyes down at **7.30pm** at the Sunbury Bowling Club. Get a group together and come along and join the fun. Enquiries: Gary Plummer 0419301760

Parishioners who are Sick

Each of our parishioners are a treasured member of our community. You are very welcome to contact the parish office with information of our parishioners who may be sick or isolated. One of the Pastoral Team can make contact, establish what they may need: a visit, Communion or just a chat. No further action is taken without their permission.

Second Collection – Sharing our Gifts. "Your support enables us to provide liturgies and pastoral support to **15,000** people across our Catholic Parish. Thank you."

Meetings this Week

Tues 7 June	6.30pm	F.E Family Faith Night - St Anne's
Wed 8 June	6.30pm	F.E Family Faith Night - St Anne's
Thur 9 June	11.00am	Child Safeguarding Committee

Change of weekday Mass times

To adapt to the closure of Gap Road rail crossing from **30 May**, we shall celebrate weekday Masses at **9.30am** to cope with the increased traffic in Macedon Street and Riddell Road.