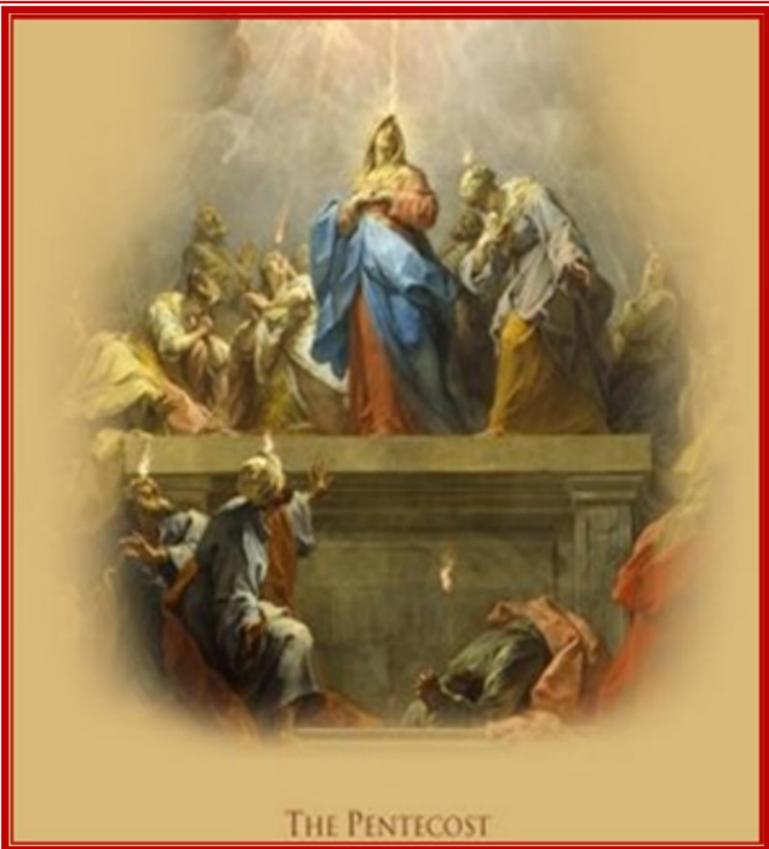


St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

Pentecost Sunday

4 / 5 June 2022

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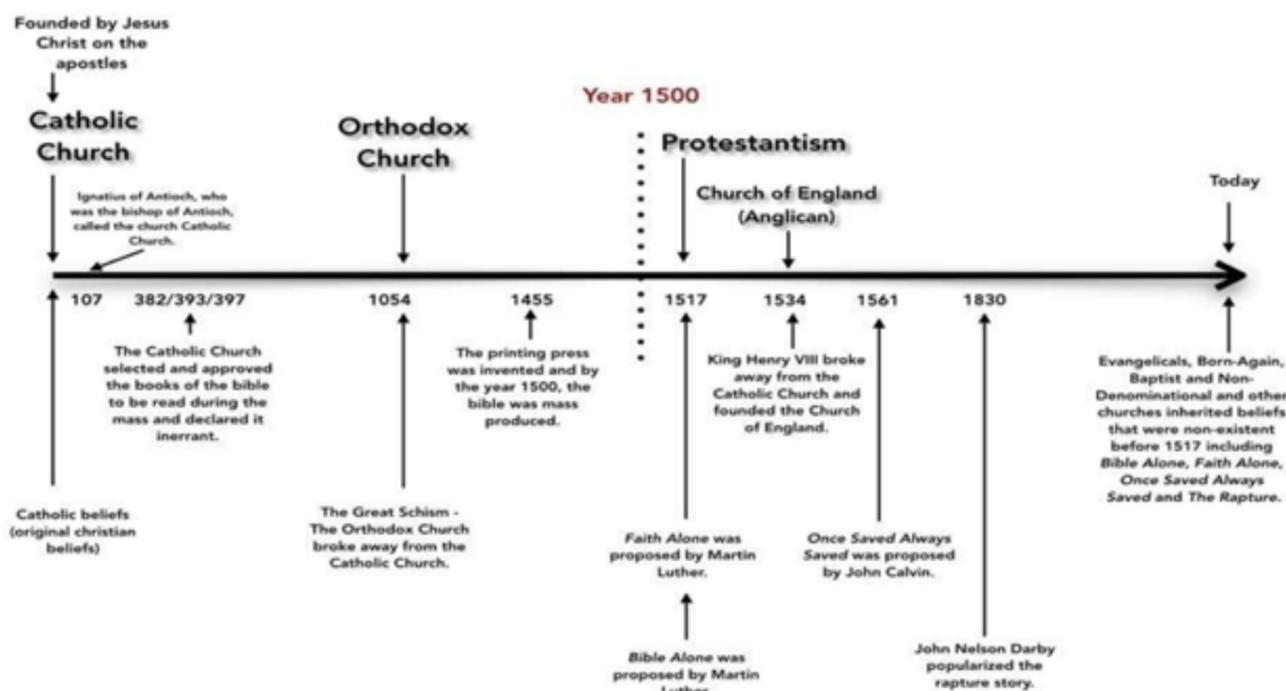


*“I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.*

John 14:18

Dear Parishioners, Happy Pentecost and Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church! In my address to the parents of the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, I stressed that our faith has “Apostolic” origins. That is to say, we trace our Tradition right back to Christ and the Apostles themselves. As you can see from the timeline below, the other Christian denominations broke away from the Catholic faith much later. For Anglicans, King Henry VIII was the founder. For Protestants, Martin Luther, a German theologian of the 16th century, was the founder. But for Catholics, our Church was founded upon the rock of St Peter, the first Pope, to whom Christ said: “You are Peter and on this

rock I build my Church...” (Matt 16:18) He was martyred in Rome which is why the Vatican is in Rome today. It is a wondrous thing to consider – that it was the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that gave those first apostles/bishops the courage to preach the Catholic faith to “all the nations”. If it was not for that gift 2000 years ago, we would not be here at Mass today. Let us pray for a new Pentecost here in Gymea. God bless!



In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Alice Elliott (mother of Barry), James (Bill) Lindwall, Laurence “Larry” McDonnell, Helen Rosario, Rita Bernadette Pickard, Ederina Fabian, Margaret Hammel, Anita Reid, Martin Tonitto, David Wright, Frank Murray, Biagio ‘Bill’ Parrino, Terry Halls, Arthur Ollenrenshaw, Suzanne Miller, John Keys, Michael Malvern, Rex Watson.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Gary Allibon, Cec & Mary Baz, Jim Borg, John Bradley, Joe Caputo, Jim (James) Casey, Paul Charman, Fred Cobcroft, Ken Connolly, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Kevin Fennell, Mary Garland, Fr. Peter Gillam, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Amy Humphries, Felicity Ketel, Lean Family, Kathy Little, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Aileen McDonnell, David Morrison, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Anna & Joe Natoli, Troy Quinliven (5th Anniversary), John Joe Sammut, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara, Betty White, Fr. Reg Wilson (1st Anniversary), The Holy Souls.

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially:

Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Jean Bell, Helen Bridges, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Hugh Casey, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Maree Hinton, Gloria Klein, Doug Maybon, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Ray O’Mara, Julia Quach, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION (GYMEA): Sunday, 19 June is the great Feast of Corpus Christi, the *Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. Following the 9.30am Mass, I invite ALL parishioners to join Fr Ronnie and I as we process with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance up GyMEA Bay Road. I would encourage you and your families, even if you attend another Mass, to come for the procession. (Aim to be in the Church forecourt at around 10.15am.) The procession will take approximately 30 minutes during which time we will say the rosary for a special intention. We will conclude with Benediction in the parish forecourt. This is a wonderful way to give public witness to our faith. Please invite your friends!



WALK WITH CHRIST (CITY): On the same day, 19 June, The Archdiocese of Sydney is restarting the annual "Walk With Christ" through the City. **The parish has been able to secure a slightly larger coach for 60 parishioners to attend. Thus far, we have 50 parishioners booked. There are only 10 spaces remaining. Please sign up on the clipboard at the entrance to the Church if you wish to join us.** The coach will arrive at St Cath's at 12:45pm for a 1pm departure. We will be dropped off at Martin Place where there is live entertainment from 1:30pm and the procession will then leave, led by the Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP, at 2:30pm. We will process, slowly, through the streets of Sydney until we arrive at St. Mary's Cathedral where there will be Benediction. The coach will then collect us on St. Mary's road, opposite St. Mary's Cathedral School (near the Domain) at approximately 4:30pm. We will carry the parish banner on behalf of all the other parishioners who cannot attend.

CONFIRMATIONS NEXT SATURDAY: Next Saturday at two Masses, 11am and 2:30pm, Bishop Richard Umbers will confirm 70 candidates from our parish. These children are the first to have gone through our new parish-based Sacramental Program. Please keep them in their prayers.

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT (CWL): To formally inaugurate the CWL in this parish and to begin to think/plan about the year ahead, the members (and women interested in joining) are invited to a **wine and cheese social/discussion** hosted by Fr Greg at the presbytery on **Friday, 10 June at 6:30 pm**. The evening will commence with a short-time of prayer in the church, asking Our Lady's intercession on this new group in our parish. Please meet in the Church.

Please **RSVP to Fr Greg directly by this Wednesday either by ringing the parish office or via email: gregory.morgan1987@sydneycatholic.org**

NEXT "LECTURE" SERIES: Fr Greg will be giving a three-part series of talks for the Archdiocese titled "**Simple Suggestions to Spiritual Obstacles: Rekindling our Prayer Life after "Pandemic Procrastination"**". These talks will be delivered at St Cath's on three consecutive Thursdays (**21 & 28 July, and 4 August**) from 7.30 pm to 8.45 pm; but people across the Archdiocese will join us via Zoom.

Please mark the dates in your diary. The working titles for these three talks are as follows:

- **Lecture One, 21 July:** *Silence – The Antidote to Spiritual Blindness & the Pathway to Truth*
- **Lecture Two, 28 July:** *Self-Knowledge – The Antidote to Spiritual Deception & the Pathway to Prudence*
- **Lecture Three, 4 August:** *Self-Sacrifice - The Antidote to Spiritual Acedia & the Pathway to Joy*

The original lecture series on '**Reclaiming the Power of Language**' will likely be held in the city at a date TBC.

To Register please go to: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: For Cleaning of the Church, pews and carpet, etc. and also to assist the Altar Society ladies preparing the Sanctuary - both groups work to a monthly roster with 5th Sundays doubling up. This is a wonderful way to make a positive contribution to our parish and to meet a small group of wonderful parishioners. Please speak to Fr Greg or contact the Parish Office.

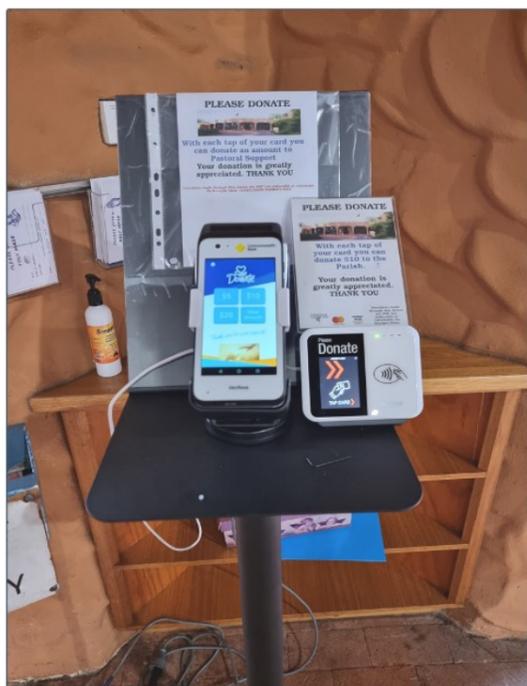
REQUIEM MASSES: There will be two Requiem Masses held this week for two longstanding parishioners of this parish.: **Alice Elliot – 11am Monday, 6th June**

James (Bill) Lindwall – 11am Thursday, 9th June

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: will be held **Saturday, 18 June (the third Saturday of each month)**. It is a great opportunity for men to catch up over a hot breakfast before hearing an inspirational talk on a topic of our Catholic Faith! Last month, we heard a talk on The 4 Last Things. This month's topic is to be confirmed.

NEW TAP & GO MACHINES: You may have noticed the new “Tap & Go” terminals as you enter the Church.



In a (post-)pandemic world, less people are carrying cash. The machine to the left goes to the “First Collection”, which covers the upkeep of the parish clergy, house keeping expenses, and cleaning costs. At the recent clergy conference, it was mentioned by the Vicar General that over 80% of parishes in Sydney do not have enough income in the First Collection to cover such expenses. Thus, it is the surplus of the 20% that make up for the short-fall. I would like to hope that our parish, given its tradition of generosity, might be able to alleviate some of that burden. The terminal to the right goes to the “Second Collection”, which supports maintenance/refurbishment costs, insurance, and staff salaries, and charitable/catechetical works of the parish. Thank you for being such a generous parish!

ALTAR SERVERS: A number of parishioners have commented on how wonderful it is to see children serving at Mass again. Fr Ronnie has very graciously trained the first group but we would always welcome some more volunteers. If your child has made their First Holy Communion, perhaps you might discuss with them whether they would like to serve at Mass, regularly or on occasions. Please approach for Fr Ronnie or myself (Fr Greg) if interested.

NEW PARISH “APOLOGETICS” GROUP: Our first meeting of our new apologetics series was hosted last **Wednesday evening**, on the topic “**Christ and the Eucharist**” and will run for another 9 weeks. The Wednesday evening group begins at 7 pm with a video presentation followed by time for discussion and will finish around 8 pm. All are most welcome. A special invitation is extended to our RCIA candidates.

SAVE THE DATE: Our inaugural, though henceforth annual, “Labouré Lecture and Parish Dinner” will take place on **Friday, 25 November**. A distinguished guest speaker will be invited. Details to follow but please save the date in your calendars now.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Don’t forget to get your copy today! Only \$2!!

STATE SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED: If you have 30 minutes to spare on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please consider assisting catechists in state school class rooms in bringing the Church to the state school children.

ADORATION: Remember, our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every day Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30 am - 9:10 am.

LEGION OF MARY: Our Parish is blessed to have a longstanding Legion of Mary group, which meets every Thursday morning after the 9.15 am Mass. We are always on the look out for new members. Please get involved (or just come and see!) and do pray for our Legion members too! They do such wonderful works in honour of Our Blessed Mother - email them (*address on back page*) for more information....

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Friendship Club Meet on the third Friday of the month at Gynea Bowling Club from 10 am. New members always welcome - email them (*address on back page*) for more information....

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP: Did you know we have a wonderful group of faith-filled parishioners who gather each Thurs evening at 6pm in our church, to say the Rosary & pray & reflect on Our Lady’s messages to the world. Email them (*address on back page*) for more information or simply come to a Meeting. Why not join them, everyone is welcome!

CONFESSIONS: A reminder that confessions are available **before & after every weekday Mass** (including Saturdays) Please approach Fr Ronnie or myself if you wish to receive this Sacrament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Bernie Brennan and Peter Cozzie who have each been awarded the Papal Honour **Crucis Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice**, for their work in supporting the Church and the poor in Fiji over many years.

FROM THE CATECHISM: 731 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. **732** 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.

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MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday 9.15 am
Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Mondays - Saturdays
 Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)
On Saturdays 4:30 pm - 4:55 pm

ADORATION TIMES

Tuesdays - Saturdays
 8:30 am - 9:10 am
*(Fridays and Saturdays:
 9:00 am Benediction)*



11 / 12 June 2022

The Most Holy Trinity - Year C

	Saturday Vigil 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday Evening 5.00pm
Acolytes & Ministers of Holy Communion:	Graham Ward Emma Honey Matthew Delasey	Phil Boland Sam Keir Doreen Vernon	Jim Gothard Barbara Foster Michele Anthony Peter Cobcroft	David Gormley Amelia Paras Margaret Reid
1st Reader & Psalm:	Margaret Morris	Doreen Vernon	Clare Cowley CHOIR	Ronald Paras
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Bernie Parkin	James Clancy	Michele Anthony	Margaret Reid



The Altar Society: Group 2:

Doreen Vernon, Ava T Mahne & Aurora Hall.

Altar Servers:

Audio-Visual Operators: Pauline / Mark Natalie Hugh Faye & James
 GPC SENIOR CHOIR Jenni & Dolly

The Clean Team: Group B: Paras Family



May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect us all.