

## Parish Sacramental Programme for 2021

Dear parents and carers please put the following dates in your diaries for upcoming Sacraments at our Parish for 2021.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*Children from Year 3 and above who have made their First Reconciliation.*

**Enrolment Night:** Thursday 3rd June, 2021 at 6.30pm in St Mel's School Hall.

**Wednesday Evening Lessons:** 6-7pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

9th June, 16th June, 23rd June, 14th July

**Family Workshop:** 21st July, 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

**Rehearsal :** 28th July, at 6pm in the Church followed by Mass at 7pm.

**Reconciliation:** 31st July at 10am in the Church.

**First Holy Communion:** Sunday 1st August 2021 *(for students in Public Schools only)*

### CONFIRMATION

*Children from Year 6 and above who have been Baptised in the Roman Catholic Rite and have received their First Holy Communion.*

**Wednesday Evening Lessons:** 6-7pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

28th July, 4th August, 11th August, 18th August

**Family Workshop:** 25th August, 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

**Reconciliation:** 28th August at 10am in the Church.

**Confirmation:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 at 3.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

*Children in Year 3 and above who are Baptised Catholic.*

**Enrolment Night:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 6.30pm in St Mel's School Hall

**Sunday Lessons:** 10<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

**First Reconciliation:** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 7pm at St Mel's Church.

**For further information please contact Diane Daher at the Parish Office on 9787 1582**

### Monday 31st May, 2021

#### Mass at 9am

Monday the 31st May, 2021 is a special day for Fr Anthony as it is his anniversary of his priestly ordination. Fr Anthony will celebrate this special day with a thanksgiving Mass at 9am.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate this milestone occasion with Fr. Anthony.

### Annual Walk With Christ Corpus Christi

The Parish Communities of St John the Beloved, St Charbel's Monastery, together with St Jerome's and Reverend Fr Joseph Gedeon cordially invite our parish community to join their Annual Walk With Christ Corpus Christi on Thursday 3rd June, 2021.

Please gather at St Jerome's Church Punchbowl at 6.30pm for Divine Mercy Chaplet, then join the procession to St Charbel's Church Punchbowl from 7pm. The procession concludes with Adoration and Benediction at St Charbel's Forecourt. Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 8pm.

### Seminarians Corner

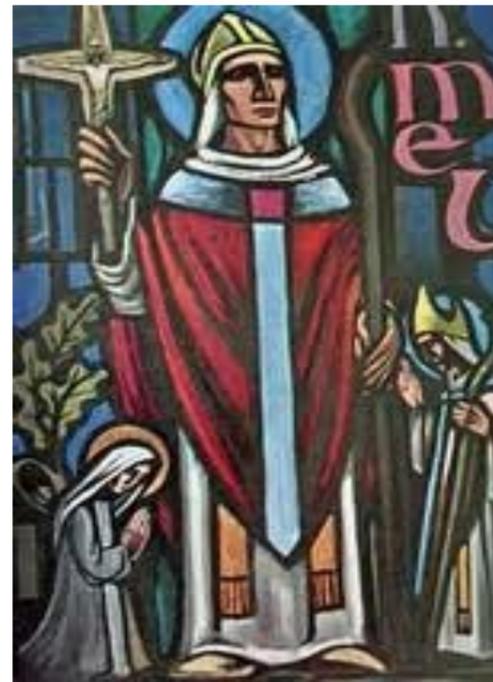
By Adrian

#### *The Greatest Playmaker of All Time*

In sport, my favourite player to watch is the 'playmaker'. A playmaker is one who specialises in setting-up opportunities for the team to score a goal. The presence of a playmaker is essential in a team: without him/her, the team will struggle to create plays to win the game. Unfortunately, however, the role of a playmaker is often underappreciated. Since many fans only watch the highlights of a match, many will miss the significant contributions that these playmakers make for their team.

As Christians, we too have 'goals' that we celebrate in our lives. This can be things such as celebrating the anniversary of our baptism, marriage or making our First Communion. These occasions are perfect opportunities to acknowledge the 'playmakers' in our lives: our parents, our parish community, and most significantly, the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit is our primary helper. The Holy Spirit teaches us everything (Jn14:26), He enables us to call Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3) and to acknowledge God as our Father (Rm 8:15). Without the Holy Spirit, it will be very hard –or dare I say impossible– for us to achieve our spiritual goals.

This Pentecost is a perfect time to acknowledge the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When was the last time we prayed to the Holy Spirit? When was the last time we thanked Him? My friends, let us take some time today to get to know this Greatest Playmaker of All Time. With His help, I pray that we will be able to serve God and others even more.



## St Mel's Parish

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Feast Day: 6th February

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Anthony Mifsud

**Parish Secretary:** Diane Daher

**Parish Office Opening hours:** 9.30am-3pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Monday & Wednesday office is closed.

**St Mel's Catholic Primary School:**

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### PARISH MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil:** 5pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am

**Weekdays:** 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, (8.30am Rosary)

**Wednesday:** 7pm followed by adoration.

### SACRAMENTS:

**Reconciliation:** 4pm to 4.30pm Saturday.

**Baptisms:** By arrangement, please call Parish Office or download an application from the Parish website at :www.stmelscampsie.org.au

**Weddings:** By arrangement with six months notice

**Care for the Sick:** Please call the presbytery.

### DEVOTIONS:

**Rosary:** 8.30am every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Adoration:** After Wednesday 7pm Mass.

**First Friday Adoration:** Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and the Rosary.

**Italian Prayer Group:** Tuesday. 10am - Lower Parish Hall. *(currently cancelled until further notice)*

### SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

**Monday 3rd May:** St Philip and St James (apostles)

**Friday 14th May:** St Matthias (apostle)

**Sunday 16th May:** The Ascension of The Lord (Solemnity)

**Sunday 23rd May:** Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)

**Monday 24th May:** Our Lady Help Of Christians

**Wednesday 26th May:** St Philip Neri (priest)

**FIRST READING** Acts 2:1-11**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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.'

**WORD OF THE LORD.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

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

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13**A reading from the letter of St Paul to The Corinthians**

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.

**WORD OF THE LORD.****SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,

From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,

Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;

Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;

Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 28:19. 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 20:19-23**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

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.'

**GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

**We remember in our Masses**

**Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish:** Frederick Schinkel, Elizabeth & Les Rapmund, John Ignatius Hendricks, Y.P Ching, Therese Shmely, Iris Eagleson, Dyan Rivai, Jerome Evan Carrillo, Joan Karam, Elena Lorenzo, George Mattar, Nicholas Galvez Sr, Michelle & Toufic El-Dib, John Duigan, Helena Knox, Cong Hen Khong, Peter Xu, Flordeliza Gonzales, Joshua & Francesco Frascella, Lisa Santo, John Heirlehy, Mary Maney, Chahid Hanna, Betty Williams, Mark & Merle Batterson, Ramon Alonzo, Rosalie Ferraren, David Sheumack, Claude & Jeanette Chidiac, Madeline Abouzeid, **Lord, we pray for our recently deceased especially:** Gordan Stewart, Amin Nehmeh, Benedict Nguy, Angelica Torri, Margo Tannous, Claire Algie, Hanna Nakhle Gebrael, Kwik Bun Wie, **We also pray for all the Souls of the faithful departed:** Isidro Lisboa, Tony Karam, Youseff Merhib & Family, members of the Kfarsghab community, Jessinia A.Infante, Vitorina Jesus Santos, Luciana Acosta, Peter & Saidie Barkett, Romeo Magnom Felicidad Soliveres, Berhane Ogbazghi, Victor Schinkel, Quintino Ferreira, Michael, Mary, Mary Sanki, Mariano Gunzon, Geoge Azzi, George Melhem, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sam Ok Chung, Hans Smit, Saide El-Sissi, Maria Di Coio, Luisa Di Leo, Berhane Ognazghi, Leslie Rozario, Sarkis Chaker Karam, Maroun & Mazelle Coorey, Louisie Rosberg, Boulos Farah, Merchaard, Anne & Gloria George, Julia Coorey, Nora Moses, Marie Moess, Antoin Bakhos Sakr, Rolando Madrona, Seiuli Lino, Jose & Maria Odete Da Silva, Maria Carmo Alexandre Silva, **Lord Hear Us.**

**Year of St Joseph  
2020-2021**

To perpetuate the entrustment of the Church to St. Joseph, Pope Francis has established a Year of St. Joseph from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions - who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph by way of the following:

- Recite a legitimate prayer or act of piety in honour of St. Joseph especially on 19 March, 1 May, on the 19th of every month, and on every Wednesday, the day dedicated to the Saint.
- Pray the Holy Rosary in the home, or as an engaged couple, so that the atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family, will reside in Christian families also.
- Contemplate the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes, or participate in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- Entrust their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and invoke the intercession of the Worker of Nazareth so that those seeking work can find employment befitting human dignity

**Prayer to St Joseph**

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.**

**Amen.**