



## St Mel's Parish

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**St Mel's Catholic Primary School:** 9789 3800

### PARISH MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil:** 5pm  
**Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am  
**Weekdays:** 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.  
**Wednesday:** 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 8pm.

### SACRAMENTS

**Confession:** 4pm to 4:50pm Saturday.  
**Baptisms:** By arrangement. Please download an application form from the parish website or call the Parish Office.  
**Weddings:** By arrangement with at least three months' notice.  
**Care for the sick:** Please call presbytery or contact Fr Peter Joseph.

### DEVOTIONS

**Rosary:** Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after the 9am Mass.  
**Adoration:** After Wednesday 7pm Mass (7:30-8:00pm)  
**First Friday Adoration:** Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and Rosary; ends at 10am.

### SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	St Justin (martyr)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Saints Marcellinus and Peter (martyrs)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	St Ephrem (deacon, Doctor of the Church)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	St Barnabas (Apostle)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	St Anthony of Padua (priest and Franciscan friar)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	St Aloysius Gonzaga (Jesuit religious)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	St John Fisher (Bishop), St Thomas More (martyrs), St Paulinus of Nola
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sunday 13 in Ordinary Time
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	St Cyril of Alexandria (Bishop)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	St Irenaeus (Bishop, martyr)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Saints Peter and Paul (Apostles)

## Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**First Reading** *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

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.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 103*

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

1. 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)
2. 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)
3. 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** *St Paul to the Romans 8:8-17*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory. *The word of the Lord.*

**Sequence for Pentecost - a 12<sup>th</sup> century hymn**

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| 1. Holy Spirit, Lord of light,<br>From the clear celestial height<br>Thy pure beaming radiance give.         | 5. Light immortal, light divine,<br>Visit Thou these hearts of thine,<br>And our inmost being fill:         | 9. Thou, on us who evermore<br>Thee confess and Thee adore,<br>With Thy sevenfold gifts descend:    |
| 2. Come, Thou Father of the poor,<br>Come with treasures which endure;<br>Come, Thou light of all that live! | 6. If Thou take Thy grace away,<br>Nothing pure in man will stay;<br>All his good is turned to ill.         | 10. Give us comfort when we die;<br>Give us life with Thee on high;<br>Give us joys that never end. |
| 3. Thou, of all consolers best,<br>Thou, the soul's delightful guest,<br>Dost refreshing peace bestow;       | 7. Heal our wounds, our strength renew;<br>On our dryness pour Thy dew;<br>Wash the stains of guilt away:   |   |
| 4. Thou in toil art comfort sweet;<br>Pleasant coolness in the heat;<br>Solace in the midst of woe.          | 8. Bend the stubborn heart and will;<br>Melt the frozen, warm the chill;<br>Guide the steps that go astray. |   |

**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*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Communion Antiphon:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

## **We remember in our Masses**

**Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish:** Kalim Morad

**Recently deceased:** Maria Turija, Damon Charles Miller, Minda Derro, Jerald Elias, Armando Andaya.

**We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed:**

Peter & Remy Karam, Balbadeh Kaream, Tony Karam, Raya & Youseff Karam, Jamil Moussa, Asorl Abboud, Tony & Barbara Aboud, Shaheen family members, Assad Jabour Hanna, Riham Abou Serhal,

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Kenny Yu, Mantoura Hadid, Marie Moses, Nora Moses, Merchard and Anne George, Dinh Tien Sung, Mary Skinner, Maria Di Coio, Nancy McAppion, Thomas McAppion, Dinh Tien Sung, Elias Adoni, Rosa Dao, Giuseppe Tilocca, Rosa Hoang, Jamil Moses, Fersan Farhart, Frank Stanton,

Ramez and Rada Constantine, Danilo Tuico, Fahim, Jeanette Elias, Elias Makhoulf, Nakad families, Mitch Daniel, Huggette Moses, Teofisto and Maura Mandanas.

**May they rest in peace.**

### **Prayers for the sick**

If you have any names of seriously sick people you want listed in the bulletin, please send their names to the parish office. When you have a Mass offered for the sick, on the envelope you can tick the “Yes” box for inclusion in the bulletin. Of course, email the parish office when the sick person has recovered! After some time we will remove all the names that have built up, and ask you to send their names again if still needed.

### **The Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the lower hall. The Legion meets for 60 minutes max., leaving time for members to attend the 7:00pm Mass. The meeting opens with the Rosary, and then follow reports on work done, prayers, reflection, and assignment of works to be done in the week coming. New members are welcome: simply come to the meeting to learn how it works. Auxiliary (praying) members are also welcome to be enrolled: contact Fr Joseph who will put you in contact with the Legion president.

### **Some points to note about Holy Communion**

Holy Communion may be received on the tongue again.

If you receive Holy Communion on the hand, place the Host in your mouth *immediately*. Do not walk away from the priest or acolyte with the Host still in your hands.

Masks are no longer required in church.

If you are wearing a mask, and want to receive Holy Communion on the hand, please remove the mask *before* receiving Holy Communion.

If instead you want a *blessing* for yourself or your child at Holy Communion, go to the priest for this—not the acolyte. An acolyte cannot give blessings.

### **Clapping in church**

Please do not clap at the end of Mass. Singing at Mass is not a *performance* to be applauded by an audience. It is an act of *divine worship* – which means worship directed *to God*. By clapping at the end of a hymn, you are turning a prayer to God into a performance aimed at an audience.

### **Mobile phones in church**

Please turn off your phone before entering church. And of course never answer your phone in church.

### **Holy Water**

There is Holy Water in the fonts at the entrances to the church. If you want a small container of Holy Water to take home, ask Fr Joseph or an acolyte in the sacristy before or after Mass.

### **The Eucharistic Walk with Christ – Sunday 19th June**

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we are all invite to unite and to honour the Real Presence by attending the Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession through the streets of Sydney. The walk will take place on Sunday 19th June commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place. Our parish will have a group leaving with Fr Joseph from Campsie Station to take the train together to the City.

## **Didaskō Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation**

The Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, *Didaskō* seeks to respond to Christ's Great Commission to "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev. Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland. Cost: \$25 per course. **Bishop Umbers** will present the first *Didaskō* course on **Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm – 8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism." Register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/). For more information, contact Helen Wagner at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org).

## **The World Apostolate of Fatima**

We invite you to join us at St. Mel's Parish for night prayer and reparation to intercede for peace in the world and the welfare of Australia. The evening starts with 9pm Mass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and concludes at 1.30am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June the Feast of the Immaculate Heart.

## **The World Meeting of Families**

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from **Friday 24 to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with **His Grace at St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass**, after which families participate in the 'Festival of Families' beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children.

More information and resources for this event are available at [www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/)

## **Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper *The Catholic Weekly***

In this week's edition:

- Double-barrelled challenge. Children, vapes, phones, parents.
- Parliament's decision. Tudehope on Euthanasia.
- Stylish, elegant, classy. Meet MATHILDE the new Australian women's magazine
- New Movie: Persecuted priest who became a saint
- Movie review: *Dr Strange*
- The brilliance of Shūsakū Endō

## **REFLECTION**

Below are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These Gifts are the primary effects of Pentecost for each and every one of us. Use them as an examination of your life and let God show you where you need to grow more deeply in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

### **The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**Wisdom:** With this gift the Christian is given a special grace to "ponder divine realities" in his/her speculative reason. We are able to see the big picture and know how best to be an instrument of peace and harmony in our world.

**Understanding:** This is the ability to have a supernatural assurance of the matters of faith. Life makes sense. We can make sense of the deeper parts of revelation, make sense of suffering and understand those things that tempt us to doubt. With this gift we come to see how everything in life can work for good in accordance with God's plan.

**Counsel:** With this gift the Christian sees him/herself as a link in a chain which makes up the entire Church. God uses each one of us to help and support one another on our journey. We know what to say and how to act so as to do our part to build up one another.

**Fortitude:** Simply put, it is a firmness of mind and spirit to do good and avoid evil. It's a sort of Christian courage. The Gospel will call all of us to a radical life of love. Fortitude gives us the strength we need to follow through.

**Knowledge:** With this gift the Christian knows, more in the practical intellect, what God's will is in this or that situation. We know how to live, how to discern God's will and what decision to make in our daily life. It also enables us to learn from our past mistakes.

**Piety:** This gift enables us to first reverence and love God, but also to see the dignity of one another and reverence each other as children of God.

**Fear of the Lord:** With this gift the Christian becomes keenly aware of anything that may hurt his/her relationship with God. There is a holy "fear" of hurting this relationship and grace is given to avoid these things at all cost.