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## VERITAS



# Pentecost

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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**Mass Times**

**Week Day**

Monday - NO Mass  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday  
5:30pm

**Weekend**

Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm  
Sunday - 10:00am & 5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday  
4pm - 4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

**ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday**

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All Welcome

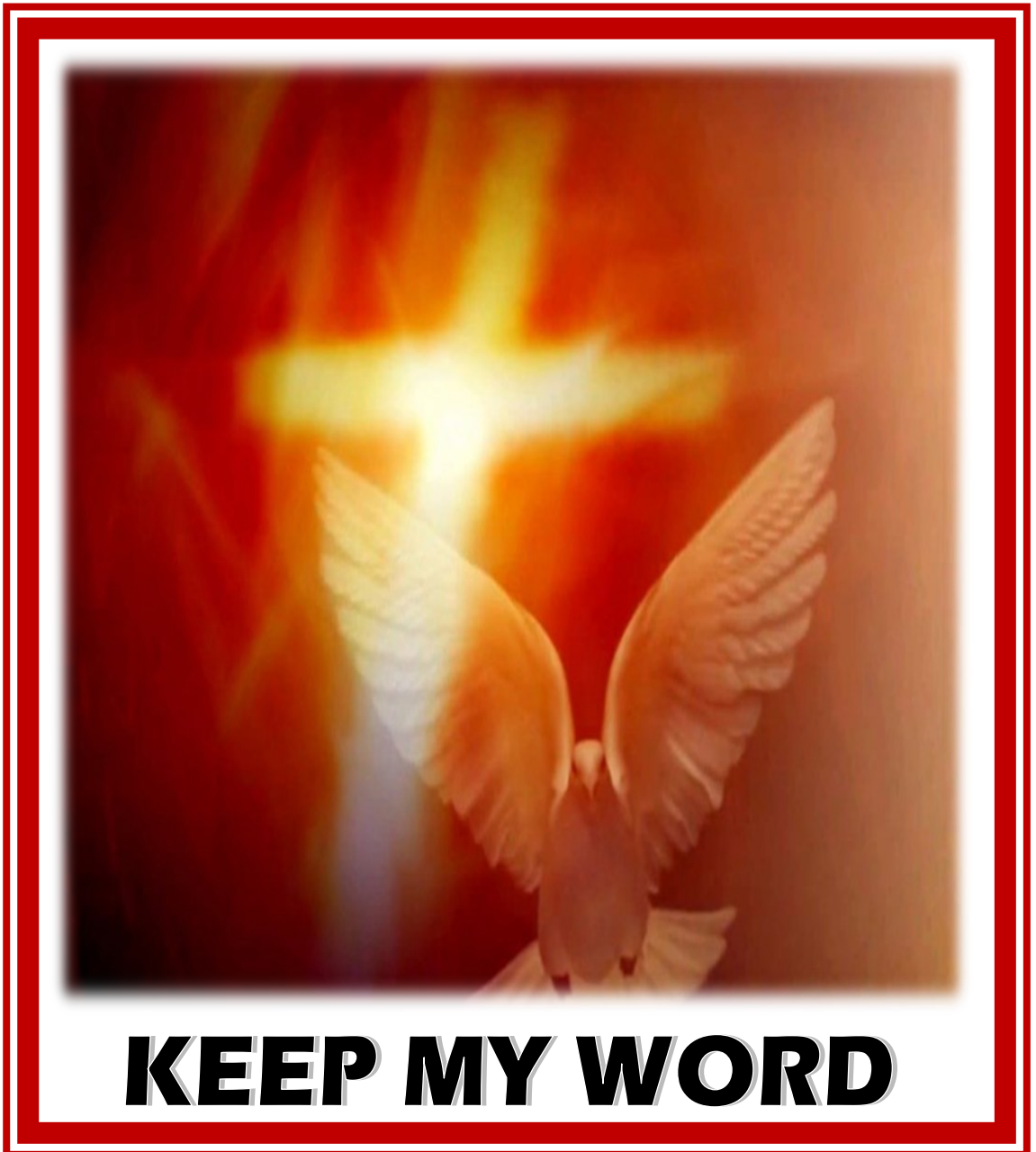
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## KEEP MY WORD



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Wisdom 1: 7

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

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

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

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.

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.

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

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - 1 Corinthians 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

Cont...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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - John 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when  
hymns are sung.**

### Communion Antiphon - Acts 2: 4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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## 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



Cont...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.



## ADOPTION AS CHILDREN OF GOD



A few years ago some friends of mine, who have been married for over eight years, realised for medical reasons they cannot have children. This saddened them, it was a very great cross, as I am sure it is for many who find themselves in this situation. Nevertheless, they ventured to adopt some children from South Korea.

This process was long and emotionally draining but finally they were able to bring their children home. In this story we see the work of the Holy Spirit and our adoption too.

The Holy Spirit's work is to make us adopted children of God. It is by the spirit's power that as St Paul mentions in his epistle to the Romans we receive this adoption, he remarks:

<sup>15</sup> the spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. <sup>16</sup> and by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>17</sup> the Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Just as the Holy Spirit facilitated God the Son's incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and thus God the Son became Son of God and son of man, so too do we by virtue of our baptism now share in the same sonship. At baptism each of us received the Holy Spirit and that Spirit drew us into God's household.

It is to be remembered that we are not children of God by nature, only one is a child of God by nature - God the Son who became enfleshed and became man for us - Jesus Christ. We on the other hand are adopted children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit adopted us at baptism so that we might share in the inheritance Christ won for us in his death and resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from death, so too the prize he won is associated with us as we are his co-heirs being children of the same Father. Yet our sonship whilst being adoptive is no less real, no less important, not some kind of second class sonship. In reality this sonship we receive through the Holy Spirit is spontaneous, free and loving. Couples, like my friends, adopt because they lack children of their own... but God the Father finds infinite pleasure and delight in his only begotten Son. He possesses a Son so lovable...so loving that the result of this mutual love...is personal love-the Holy Spirit, and yet God the Father still chooses us.

In order that the inexhaustible love between the Father and the Son might come to us, God willed to communicate that same Spirit of love to us as a pledge of our true adoption so that we may enjoy not only the fruits of the resurrection but the very life of God himself.

A French Dominican of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Jacques-Marie-Louis Monsabre put it like this. "all the tenderness of the human heart is impotent to transform the nature of an

Cont....adopted son who, to his credit or discredit, preserves in his veins the blood of his [biological parents]. Nothing can be changed through adoption; the most that can be granted to the adopted son is a title with its accompanying rights. But God goes beyond that. He works in the very core of our substance and he re-engenders us supernaturally, communicating his own nature to us...we are called his children because we are truly that; we have been named and so we are. For as St Augustine says if we are made children of God we are made Gods too."

The fallout of the Holy Spirit's work is to draw us to the household of God to be his children and by being children heirs to the wealth which is the divine life. Each of us as children of the Father are called to this inheritance, to drink at the wellspring of divinity and to thus become partakers of the divine nature.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.  
Fr Mannes OP

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council  
Criteria for nominees

- A healthy, vibrant, and deep, prayer life.
- A skill set which will contribute to the well being, renewal, and mission of the parish.
- A desire to promote a mission oriented community not just a maintenance one ( knowledge of Divine Renovation will be an advantage).

Thank you, you all continue to be in my thoughts and Prayers.

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## LIVING AS ONE IS POSSIBLE

The following is an extract from a homily by Fr Richard Conrad OP:

*'Pentecost is the result of Good Friday and Easter; it makes visible, audible, on the public stage, what was achieved 50 days earlier.*

*The Jewish feast of Pentecost celebrated the harvest and the gift of the Law. For us it celebrates the gathering in of the harvest Jesus produced by dying, and the gift of the New Law...*

*Further, in today's Gospel we hear that the Spirit enables us to forgive sins, to be a community of reconciliation -- though we also hear a warning: if we fail to forgive, we get in the way of the forgiveness of which we should be channels.*

*In the Spirit's power, we live as one -- and we go out as heralds of the truth, as ministers of forgiveness. "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit." At Pentecost, the Spirit began to impel the Church on her universal mission.'*

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## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST?

There are three "mega-festivals" commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that even liturgical Christians may not be as familiar with the third, the festival of Pentecost. God the Father's wonderful Christmas gift of His one and only Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin, death, and the devil would be of no benefit to us if the Holy Spirit did not give us the gift of saving faith. Through the Word and

Cont....and trust in Christ as our Savior. This precious gift of faith in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason Pentecost is the third "mega-festival" of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

## VOCATIONS DINNER

### Vocations Dinner at Fr Josh's Presbytery in Queanbeyan.

Thursday 1 June at 6pm. (optional Mass at 5.30pm) For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY

*Behold, I make all things new.* (Rev. 21:5)

A women's Eucharistic Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Saturday 24th June - 10.00am - 4.00pm St John Vianney School, Waramanga  
Registration : <https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>  
Questions: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)  
[Nashvilledominican.org](http://Nashvilledominican.org) - @dominicansistersaustralia

## PARISH GARDEN UPKEEP

### Wanted Volunteer(s) for Parish Garden Upkeep.

Parish is looking for Parishioner who are keen gardeners in the upkeep of its gardens. Current areas requiring this service are Roses around Parish office and Stage 1 of St Dominic's Garden adjacent to Parish Centre carpark. Stages 2 A/B of St Dominic's Garden will not come into line until spring or early summer 2023. These areas are either been established or under construction. If you can spare 1 or 2 hours per month for the upkeep of Parish gardens, please see Jacquie Cortese at the Parish office for further details.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Siobhan Tanzer for her cooking skills and help with the Mother's Day afternoon tea.. Children and parents who attended had a great time and plenty of cake creations were packaged up for Mum's.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

An open seminar on the theory and practice of innovative social enterprise. Tuesday 30 May, 6.00-8.30pm Australian Centre for Christianity & culture 15 Blackall St, Barton.

### ONLY LOVE IS REAL

A 'Kitchen Table Conversation' for anyone wanting to develop new forms of Catholic Mission & social enterprise in 21st century Australia. Wednesday 31 May. Free-bookonline - [holycrosshackett.org.au/loveisreal](http://holycrosshackett.org.au/loveisreal)

## DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

**Parish details** to contribute to the Planned Giving.  
Bank details – Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
BSB: 062786 - A/C : 000013341 - Reference: Name

**Priests details** to contribute to the First Collection.  
Details – Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson  
BSB: 083 347 Account number: 97 310 5044  
Reference: Your Name - Donation

**DONATIONS TO ST DOMINICS GARDEN  
CAN BE MADE USING THE  
PARISH BANKING DETAILS  
BANK DETAILS - REFERENCE GARDEN**

## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Graeme Clarke, Dan Quigley, Sam Oliva, Reid Wood

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Joseph Grizic, Josephine Catanzariti

## BAPTISM

### *Adam James Williams*

will be baptised this weekend.  
May his life be filled with God's peace,  
and his heart with God's love...  
on this Baptism day and always.



**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.  
**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.  
**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 10.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.  
**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)  
**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office.  
**HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE** The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) for further information.  
**VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35**  
On recess at the moment. It will restart in early June with the Eucharist in Scripture.

## ROSTER May

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauchi  
Reader - L. Dowling / K. Markcrow  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - Hugh  
Reader - J. Cooke / H. Pham  
Computer - J. Cortese  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick  
Reader - T. de Luca / M. Brotohusodo  
Computer - B. Joseph

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts  
of your faithful,  
and enkindle us  
with the fire of your love.

