



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: [Acts 2:1-11](#)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Second Reading: [Gal 5:16-25](#)

The fruit of the Spirit.

Gospel: [John 15:26-27;16:12-15](#)

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

THE MISSIONARY CHURCH IS BORN.....

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.



Last Sunday when we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs and our waiting is over. Today with the whole church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the same powerful Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope.

Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house is filled with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are now transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the good news of the resurrection. They become new people with a new message. At that very moment the missionary church was born.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. Just as the first followers of Jesus proclaimed the good news about him, we too are called to do likewise today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, we too are called and invited to be changed by the Holy Spirit.

There is nothing gentle, mild or gentle about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. Oscar Romero, the Latin American Bishop who was murdered in 1978, and who is soon to be canonised said, *'The Spirit makes all things new; we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things... the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.'*

As we celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, *'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'*
Michael Moore OMI



[Readings and Commentaries](#)



On Pentecost celebration weekend, Fr Jack invites us to pray "that, already filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we may go out to proclaim that peace into a world that is in so much need of it." [Watch now.](#)

Recently Deceased

Michael Dunne, Stewart Robb Gray

Anniversary

Reginald D'Souza, Jill Beaton, Margaret Sharpe, Ged Cosgrove, Brian Collins

Sick

Antonio Ferrante, Deborah Austin, Lorraine Stevens, Carol Black, Baby Dion Eralino, Peter Hadley, Moira De Silva, Susan Black, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Philomena Jasoda, Margaret Sullivan, Bernie Knapp, Mary Davidson, Val Bonney, Peter Maher, Ryan Ferguson, Linda Pisano, Jane McMahan, Estelle Freney, Irene Dards, Toni Bennett, Beth Kloza, Kim Murphy

WCCM (Christian Meditation)

Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

YOUTH LED MASS—SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN



Our next **Youth led Mass** and **Pot Luck Dinner** will be held on Sunday 16th June. If you or someone you know would like to be involved please contact Isabelle Deegan if you are interested at deeganisabelle345@gmail.com

EVER YOUNG GROUP



Our group will be meeting Thursday 23rd May at 10:00am. We gather in the SPC church hall for morning tea. There is no age limit! Please contact Lyn Dudgeon if you have any enquiries on 33001951.

Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 21/05/2024	TUESDAY, Ordinary Time 7	9am –Mass	Mater Dei
Wednesday 22/05/2024	WEDNESDAY, Ordinary Time 7	9am - Mass	SPC
Thursday 23/05/2024	THURSDAY, Ordinary Time 7	9am—Mass	SPC
Friday 24/05/2024	OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS	9am– Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 25/05/2024	The Most Holy TRINITY	5.30pm – Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 26/05/2024		8.00am - Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

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THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Eucharist has commenced in the Parish on the weekends and will continue through till 26th May.

We are planning a combined celebration for the children who have received their First Communion during this time.

You are invited...

Sunday 9th June 9:30am Parish mass @Mater Dei

Followed by morning tea with the community and a special celebratory cake.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Please pray for the children who will be celebrating their Sacrament this weekend.

5.30pm MD

Cristina W

Oscar W

8am SPC

Georgia B

Aria C

Charlotte O

Alex D

9.30am MD

Henry D

Harry W

Oliver W

Daniella C

5pm SPC

Sophie M



COMBINED CHURCHES PENTECOST SERVICE

St Mark's Anglican Church, The Gap is looking forward to celebrating the Combined Churches of The Gap Pentecost Service with everyone this year. For more than 20 years, all the different Churches in The Gap take a turn in hosting a Combined Pentecost Service and inviting everyone from all the different Denominations. Our Church hosted this Service in 2020.

So all are invited to join this wonderful opportunity of coming together in Unity on May 19, at 5.30pm. There will be supper and a time of Fellowship after the service at St Mark's Anglican Church, 1075 Waterworks Rd, The Gap.

MATER DEI SCHOOL and ST VINCENT De PAUL MORNING TEA

Last Tuesday parishioners were invited to join the young people from Mater Dei school and the members of St Vincent De Paul Society for a morning tea and interaction with the pupils in their classrooms. It was a wonderful morning of sharing stories. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Veronica King and Trish Newman who organised the morning.



HOME ROSARY



This week's rosary will be said at the home of Gordon on Monday 20th May.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Please check out our [Parish Webpage](#) and [Facebook Page](#) for regular updates.





In his letter to Parish Priests on May 2, Pope Francis encouraged us all saying: "...a synodal Church needs its parish priests. Without priests, we will never be able to learn how to walk together and to set out on the path of synodality..."

FAQs: What is SYNOD24?

SYNOD24 is about discerning action plans that will help the Archdiocese implement the areas of focus (Decrees) that came out of the Plenary Council. A brief explanation of each area of focus (Decree) can be found here: <https://aobsynod2024.com/plenary-council-resources/>

SYNOD24 will be held on two days in September and two days in October where approximately 150 people representing the diversity of the Archdiocese will discuss, debate and vote on the proposed practical and measurable actions plans. Synod Members must attend **all four** days. More information on SYNOD24 can be found here: <https://aobsynod2024.com/what-is-synod24/>

Plenary Council Decree 7 requires **all dioceses and eparchies** to have a synod by the end of 2025. SYNOD24 is our response to this requirement. You can download all Plenary Council Decrees here: <https://aobsynod2024.com/plenary-council-resources/>

SYNOD24 honours the significant level of broad consultation, listening and discerning that has taken place over the course of the Plenary Council journey (since 2018) and is the next step of this process. Consultations over March, April and May have been focused on voices that had not been heard previously, voices of those on the margins, experts and experienced practitioners. This is to ensure the action plans are practical and measurable, that they reflect the needs of our Archdiocese, and that they truly reflect the responses submitted throughout the Plenary Council process. To remind yourself of the Plenary Council journey since 2018 head here: <https://aobsynod2024.com/what-is-synod24/>

SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life *makes all things new*.

We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,
grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready *to be* the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and
silence of those within, and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be *in service* of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the *hands and feet* of the hope, joy
and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ,
Amen.



PARISH COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP UPDATE

There is a group of parishioners who have been meeting to discuss ways of encouraging a deeper sense of community and family involvement in the parish. Thank you to those parishioners who have responded to the call out so far and gotten back to us with their thoughts. Definitely some ideas for us to explore! One of the first simple things we are planning to undertake is to instigate a Welcoming Sunday once a month on the First Sunday of the Month. We are all familiar with, and good at turning and greeting each other at the beginning of Mass but this will be an opportunity to further extend this and step out of our normal comfort zone and friendship groups and be more intentional about meeting or talking with someone who may be a new face at church or someone you always smile at but have never actually had a conversation with. On the first Sunday of each month at both churches we are also going to have "stick on" name tags at the door of the church for people to write their names on to make it easier to say hi to people and have a conversation with someone who you may have seen for ages but never really knew their name. Let's enjoy and look forward to meeting new faces and ensuring our communities are a welcoming place for all!

For any more information or suggestions please contact Luke Garske luke.garske@connect.qut.edu.au or Michelle Mead themeads@gmail.com

SYNODALITY AND THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

Location: St Ignatius Church, 30
Kensington Terrace, Toowong

Date: Friday, 24 May 2024

Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm



All Welcome In anticipation of the October Synod on Synodality, join us for a special event featuring key theologians. The evening's discussions will focus on synodal processes both locally and globally.

Guest Speakers: **Fr Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J.** Dean, Jesuit School of Theology, California. Author and key speaker in the October Synod, Fr Orobator is a former provincial superior of the Jesuits in Eastern Africa **Fr Orm Rush** Priest from Townsville Diocese, author of *The Vision of Vatican II*. **Associate Professor Maeve Heaney** Director, Xavier Centre for Theological Formation, ACU, author of *Suspended God*.

Additional Details: Fr Orobator's insights can be further explored through his podcast at

[Synodality Embracing Tension Podcast.](#)

A vocation view: PENTECOST SUNDAY - B

Be guided by the Holy Spirit because with the Spirit comes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those searching for meaning in life.

As the Spirit is our life, let the Spirit direct us.

Please pray for Vocations.

To find out more call 1300 133 544 or Follow us at [@vocationbrisbane](https://www.vocationbrisbane.com.au) or scan the QR code



Corpus Christi Procession only 2 weeks away! (Sunday 2nd June)

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, the Catholic Church honours the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink" (John 6:55). Processing with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets is a tradition that is embraced all over the world and continues today. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we will bear witness to our faith **on 2nd June 2024**, as we gather with over 5000 Catholics to walk with Jesus through the streets of Brisbane City, as we pray, sing, praise and honour Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Come along with your family, community and parish groups. For transport and other information, please call 0412 802 122 or visit the Corpus Christi website at <https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com> **All are welcome!**



We invite you to join Australian Marist Solidarity for this unique event which will raise much needed funds for our partners throughout Asia and the Pacific.

Connect with your Marist friends and enjoy a drink as we raise funds to support programs like the Chetana Tribal Boys Hostel, which provides safe accommodation for ethnic minorities from remote areas in India.

With the support of Marist College Ashgrove and the Old Boys Association, and powered by the Funding Network, we can't wait to make a significant contribution to the lives of young people in need across our region.

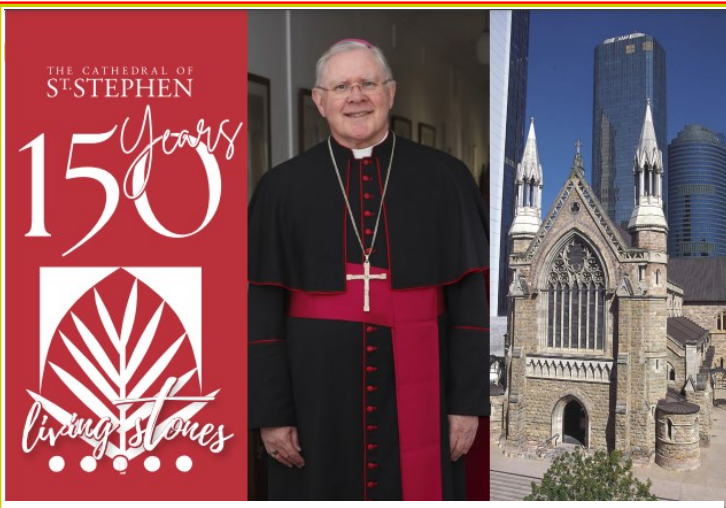
"Please join us for this evening to reconnect with your Marist friends and help us raise important funds for young people in need".

- Norman Chan, Acting Board Chair AMS

Details: Date: 25th June **Time:** 5.45pm-8pm

Venue: The Tower, Marist College Ashgrove

Register: [Click here](#), 3354 0600 ams@marists.org.au



150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen and the Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Mark Coleridge

FRIDAY 17 MAY

12.30 pm Mass for the Sesquicentenary

6.00 pm Ecumenical Celebration of the Sesquicentenary
(Refreshments will follow)

SATURDAY 18 MAY

11.30 am Mass for the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of the Archbishop

6:00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 19 MAY

10:30am Pentecost Mass

FR TERRY ON HOLIDAY

26 May 2024 is the last day of duty for Fr Terry who will take his holiday until the end of June 2024. During this time, Fr Ray Chapman, SM, will do supply work in the parish, doing 2 weekday Masses (**SPC Wednesday 9 am and MD Friday 9 am**), and 3 weekend masses (**MD Saturday 5:30 pm, SPC Sunday 8 am, MD 9:30 am**). **Fr Stephen Byrnes will be doing all the Sunday 5 pm masses for June.** Please note that during this period there will be **NO** Tuesday and Thursday Weekday Masses in the parish.

GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

His Eminence

Cardinal Giorgio Marengo I.M.C.

Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission in Action as we hear Cardinal Giorgio Marengo share how we can help support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Cardinal Marengo, who first went to Mongolia in 2003, is a strong believer in interfaith dialogue. It is through the grace of God he continues his ministry in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Donations are welcome and will support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Monday 24th June 2024

Time:
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Venue:
Hanly Room - St Francis Rush Centre
196 Charlotte St, Brisbane



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