

Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of Pentecost is a feast which celebrates the power of God to change the world. The apostles, left by themselves, were paralyzed by fear and uncertainty—until the power of the Spirit came upon them and filled them with all the gifts needed to convert hearts and change lives. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, we can do anything! This Feast is a reminder to us that we must let go of the need to control our lives and allow room for God. If we do that, we will achieve far more than we could ever hope for. Thanks be to God for His great kindness! Let us pray that, as a parish, we are always open to the power of the Spirit.

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, next weekend we welcome Sr. Pat Botriell SJA, a missionary sister, who is coming to share her experiences with us of how the power of God has worked in her life. Her talk is part of the Propagation of the Faith appeal next weekend and I ask you to come prepared to support this important annual appeal.

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.” - Fr. Sunny



In the solemn celebration of Pentecost we are invited to profess our faith in the presence and in the action of the Holy Spirit and to invoke his outpouring upon us, upon the Church and upon the whole world. Let us make our own, and with special intensity, the Church’s invocation: *“Veni, Sancte Spiritus!” (Come, Holy Spirit).*

It is such a simple and immediate invocation, but also extraordinarily profound, which came first of all from the heart of Christ. The Spirit, in fact, is the gift that Jesus asked and continually asks of His Father for his friends; the first and principal gift that he obtained for us through his Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.— *Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created
And You shall renew the face of the earth.*



Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Pentecost is the celebration of God’s gift of the Holy Spirit to the world. It is the birthday of our missionary Church. Next weekend, Catholic Mission’s **Propagation of the Faith Appeal** invites us to lovingly respond to this gift by connecting with and participating in the missionary work of our Church through prayer and generous donations so that the message of God’s love can be proclaimed and fulfilled throughout the world.



THE UNIQUE GOSPEL OF LUKE

In this Year of Luke, you are invited to a short course which will help you get to know “the everyday

person’s Gospel” and the Sunday readings which we will hear through the year. It will take you on a journey of discovery which compliments this Year of Grace.

WHERE: Infant Jesus Parish Centre

WHEN: Thursday evenings from 16th May to 20th June.

COST: \$40.00

Presented by Jan O’Connor from the Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation.

RSVP to Tracy Stevens at Maranatha on 9241 5221 or Angela/Anna at the Infant Jesus Parish Office on 9276 8500.



MAY— MONTH OF MARY

“Mary’s divine motherhood developed into universal motherhood. In a sense she is already the mother of us all because she gave Christ to the world. But that is not all. She was associated as well with her

Son in His work of redemption, in His epiphany, in His obedience, in His sufferings. And by her prayer she obtained for us the gift of sufferings. And by her prayer she obtained for us the gift of the Holy Spirit who brought the Church to life. Vatican II has developed the idea that in all this Mary is the archetype of the Church (Lumen Gentium art 63-65) The Church too, is our Mother, obtaining for us the gift of the Spirit, especially in baptism and confirmation.

From Mary the Church can learn how to remain closely united with the Lord in her mission, how to be the Mother of the faithful, how to praise the Lord, and how to serve the poor.” - Fr. Adrian F Meaney, MSC “Prayers and Spiritual Readings”



“I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.”

John 6:35

RCIA PROGRAMME - ENQUIRY NIGHT Thursday, 23rd May at 7pm

If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, wishes to join the Catholic Church or has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church, please encourage them to attend this enquiry night. People of all faiths (or none!) are welcome to come and learn the beliefs and practices of our Church. For Catholics, this programme is also a great way to discover much, much more about Catholicism than you ever thought possible; and companions on the journey are always welcome to walk with our new enquirers.

If you don’t know anyone and you can’t join the programme, then your prayer support is much needed. Please keep new enquirers in your prayers as they travel along new pathways of discovery.



PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

All those who requested receipts may collect them from the Sacristy after Mass. Please ask the acolyte to assist you.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

The current three year programme is rapidly drawing to an end.

It would be good if you could catch up on any missed contributions over the next eight weeks, which would allow us to reach our budgeting targets for the parish.

If you are unsure how you are going with your contributions, please phone the office and we will be happy to help.



No More Stamps Please.....

Unfortunately after many years of voluntary service our parishioner is moving away from the parish and will no longer be able to collect stamps. This means we can no longer offer this collection service so please do not leave any more stamps in the church foyer. Thank you to everyone who has contributed .

Important
DATE!

To Do:

Our Parish Events

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Margaret Wesson, Carmela Porcaro, Angelo Papalia;

Anniversaries: Lina Prestianni, Lloyd D'Cruz, Tony Copeland, Oronte Tognari, Marie Lee Syn Fung, Thomas Liew, Frank Rossi;

Deceased: Suresh Abeywardane, Biagia Borromei, Nunziata Cinotta;

The Sick of the Parish: Lisa Delaney, Nick D'Amico, Tom Doyle and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"May Your Spirit bring light to our darkness;
Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy,
And doubt into hope."*

TEACHERS AND FRIENDS MISSION OUTREACH AND SOCIAL CLUB

Student placement tests for the primary level English lessons begin Saturday, 25th May in the Parish Centre at 10am. Bookings are essential. Group lessons will begin in the near future and will be advertised in the parish Bulletin. The aim of education is to instil CONFIDENCE - with the motto "I can do it! Yes I can. I'm a winner. I have a plan."

Proposed lesson time slots - Saturdays 9.30am-10.15am, 10.30am-11.15am, and 11.30am-12.15pm. Lesson content and repetitive lesson plans include - Speed reading, writing, spelling, word building, comprehension and grammar.

A teacher and two women, willing to be trained ad teacher aids -(age open) are needed and will receive a moderate remuneration. Friends as supportive volunteers are welcome. On behalf of the Mission Partners Morley - Thank you.

Proceeds will be used to build a Women's' Refuge in Attoor, Kanyakumari, Southern India. margaretbox7@bigpond.com or 9272 8263.



COLUMBARIUM NEWS

Small floral posies for the columbarium plaque flower holders are now available from the church piety stall as well as the parish office for the small cost of only \$5.00. Posies which become too weathered will be removed by members of the committee, so it might be timely to visit and check if your flowers need replacing or renewing.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASSES

All parents who wish to enrol their child for Confirmation at Infant Jesus Church this year please mark your diary to attend ONE of these enrolment Masses:-

Sat 8 June at 6.30pm OR

Sun 9 June at 9.30am OR

Sun 9 June at 6.00pm

Entertainment Books Now Available at Personal Advocacy Service

A sample book is available in the church foyer (and parish centre on the weekdays) for your perusal. You only have to use your Entertainment Book a few times and it would have paid for itself. For only \$65, it's great value for money and filled chock-a-block with offers from Woolworths, Coles, local fast food joints, family & fine dining restaurants, cafe & bistro outlets, cinemas, chemists, arts, sports and attractions venues - the list goes on and on. A typical family can save hundreds of dollars each year with the book. Please contact Pearl Chin or Michelle Gunning on 9275 5388 or email admin@paswa.org.au for more information or to order your copy. The funds raised enables PAS to support people with intellectual disabilities in the many small parish groups in our Archdiocese.



PILGRIM STATUE:

This week in the home of Mr and Mrs R & B Picardo.
9 Haymarket Place, Alexander Heights. Tel: 9247 5250.

Calendar of Saints

- 20 May:** St. Bernadine of Siena, Friar (1444 AD)
- 21 May:** St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Martyrs (1928 AD)
- 22 May:** St. Rita of Cascia, Nun (1457 AD)
- 24 May:** FEAST OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS
- 25 May:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest (735 AD)
St. Gregory VII, Pope (1085 AD)
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Nun (1607 AD)



ROSARIES FOR TIMOR LESTE

Two parishioners, travelling to Timor Leste in a few weeks, would like to take with them some rosaries, to be given to the poorer communities who do not have much in the way of faith resources. If you would like to donate rosaries for this cause please hand them to the hospitality ministers when you come to weekend Mass, or drop them off at the office. They may be new or preloved, as long as they are not broken. A range of rosaries is available from the Parish piety stall.

School Chaplaincy Appeal - Thanks So Much

The Chaplaincy appeal of last weekend was very successful, due to the faith and generosity of our parish community. A very impressive \$2,400 was raised. Thanks so much to everyone!

*-Jean Prendegast and Con O'Connell,
IJ Parish Representatives on Chaplaincy.*

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

everyone welcome.....

An ecumenical service will be celebrated at:
St. Augustine's Anglican Church
Cnr Roberts and Murraby Streets, Bayswater
Sunday, 26th May 2013 at 6.30pm

For further details contact: Pastor Kim Kuchel
on 9276 7668

ENQUIRY DAY FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

There will be an enquiry Day for those who would like to find out more about vocation to the Priesthood on **Saturday 25 May 2013, 5pm - 7pm** followed by supper at St. Charles Seminary in Guildford WA.

Enq: Fr. Jean-Noel Marie on 9223 1372.

Our Liturgical Life

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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