

PENTECOST SUNDAY: A High Holy Day of our Faith...

As you know, **Pentecost comes from the Greek word for 50.**

Its origins lie in the Old Testament, or First Testament as it is now sometimes referred to:

50 days after the Exodus from Egypt the Law was given to Moses on Mt Sinai.

Later, in the time of the Temple in Jerusalem, an omer (measure) of barley was offered in the Temple on the second day of Passover. 49 days later, two loaves made not from barley, but from wheat were offered in the Temple to signal the start of the wheat harvest. This coincided with the giving of the Law on Sinai 49 days after leaving Egypt.

Barley was the food of animals and it signified the life of the Hebrews in Egypt in slavery.

The Exodus was an **unearned gift from God** and the wheaten loaves of bread offered 49 days into their journey to freedom represent the food of humans. **They signified spiritual growth and preparation to receive the Law (Torah) of God on Sinai.** The event of the Christian Pentecost is recorded in Acts of the Apostles-the First Reading today. In Luke -Acts Pentecost is said to be **the birth of the Church.** Jesus, about to ascend to the Father, told the 11 to remain in Jerusalem until he sends the Holy Spirit whom he had promised.

Those 9 days from Ascension to Pentecost form the origin of the Catholic pious practice of the Novena.

Further context: We have passed from the ashes of Ash Wednesday through the renewal of our Baptismal Promises at Easter, our great Covenant Renewal as Catholics, and now, 90 days later, we open our lives more consciously again to the indwelling, gifting, fruitful Spirit. At the conclusion of Mass you will be invited to come forward to the priests who will place their hands on your head and make the sign of the Cross on your foreheads with the words: 'You have received the Holy Spirit, bring forth the fruits of the Spirit in your life.'

Our Response to the Holy Spirit will be seen in the 12 fruits of the Spirit:

Love: seen in unselfish devotion to God's will for us in the care of our neighbour, especially the poor.

Joy: true happiness comes not from reliance on money and possessions (important as these are for our well being) but from being in a right relationship with God and neighbour.

Peace: freedom from worrying about trivial things because of the inner peace we experience through our union with God in Christ.

Patience: treating others with thoughtfulness, forbearance and tolerance.

Kindness: treat others as we would like to be treated – as Christ would have them treated.

Goodness: by living lives of justice, fairness and doing what is right.

Faithfulness: living our commitments to God, family, friends, Church, workplace, country...

Gentleness: acting calmly and avoid actions that lead to anger and prejudice

Self-control: think of the consequences for ourselves and others, especially before we speak or act.

Modesty: not being boastful, dressing and presenting ourselves appropriately for the occasion.

Chastity: the virtue of loving others with a pure heart.

Generosity: sharing our gifts, time and possessions with others, especially the poor and needy.

Let us pray for a heightened awareness of the Gifts, and the presence of mind to live them fruitfully.

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3/4th June, 2017

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1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Entrance Antiphon: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103 - Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love, Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Monday: Midday Mass

Tuesday: 6:30am Mass, 11am (Holy Hour), Midday Mass.

Wednesday: 6:30am Mass, Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday), 5:40pm Mass, 6pm (Holy Hour)

Saturday: 11am (Reconciliation), Midday Mass, 5pm (Reconciliation), 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm. 10.30pm

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass. 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays. Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.



*Accessible Seats - Rows
5,6,7 and cross aisles.
Front 6 seats either side
of centre aisle.*

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Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Dr. Helen Borg, Yi Ming Lu, Gerard Lohan, Suzanne Rowley, Alice Joan Maher, Robert Flahive, Keith Deacon, Alan Sargent, Teri Codner, Soledad B Cruz, Kim Benson.

Anniversaries and Deceased: Ilda Costa, Frank Corry, Len Jarman, Maria Franco, Stasia, Richard and Zygmunt Natkaniec, Zbyszek Wiejak. Serafima Radionova, Lucy Hedman, Stanislaw Jurkowski, Antonio Bayot, Dolores Corry, Genoveva and Francisco Martins, Maria Zaugg.

Special Intentions: Mary Hughes, Margaret Connor, Harry Smith, Catherine Meister, Madge Kolbaba, Michael and Majorie Burke, Antoinette, John and Anthony Joseph

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Noah Lombardo, Maeve McCabe.

MSC Lay Associates Next meeting will be held this Sunday 4th June at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich for lunch.

Palms Australia

If you are an experienced professional who is interested in a life changing volunteer opportunity this could be for you. Contact Christine on 9560 5333 for more information

Young Adults

The group meets first and third Thursdays of the month, If you are new to the Parish you will be welcomed – an easy-going group and a great place to make friends. Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Seminar on Fathering: Robert Falzon of Men Alive

Some facts to cogitate on: "Men who have a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life. Premature deaths, substance abuse and law-breaking for fathers tends to decline when they are involved more in their children's life. The % of fatherless youth in a neighbourhood is one of the best predictors of crime rates for that area." 7.30pm Tues 13 June, Parish Hall; 21 Twentieth Ave, Hoxton Park.

Coming up

- **Monday 5th June :** St. Boniface
- **Tuesday 6th June:** St Marcellin Champagnat
- **Thursday 8th June:** 7pm **READERS' INSERVICE** Church.
- **Friday 9th June:** St Ephrem
- **Saturday 10th June** 9:30am **READERS' INSERVICE** in Church. Mass of Our Lady
- **Sunday 11th June:** Confirmation OLSH 7pm

Readers' Inservice

These are aimed particularly at "NEW READERS" - those who HAVE NOT ATTENDED AN INSERVICE IN THE PAST (which means three years or so back!) Maureen will email all readers.

WHEN: THURSDAY 8 June 7.00pm in the Church; OR SATURDAY 10 June, 9.30am. Please email Maureen to let her know which in-service you will attend. They are held in the church and lead by Fr Peter. They go for about 30 minutes. You are not expected to read at these meetings. We are blessed with a fine group of Readers. THANKS. Peter Hearn MSC

New Books from Fr Greg McEnnally MSC:

"A Traveler in China" \$35; "China - Behind the Mask" \$20 - plus shipping. Available by contacting Fr Greg who lives at the Kensington Monastery. 0451 793 883

EMHC'S NOT ON EMAIL: copies of the new roster can be collected now from the Sacristy.

READERS NOT ON EMAIL: The next roster goes from 24/25 June-26/27 August. If you are unavailable during any of that time, please let Maureen know by this Wednesday, 7th June.

SURVEYS: Below are three possible surveys for you to check out. The first one is very important – directed at youth and young adults...

National Youth Survey: Young people between the ages of 16-29 are invited to join an International Survey on their views about life, faith and their experience of Church through an online survey. This is part of a national consultation process that will inform an international conversation in Rome next year. "The Australian bishops see the potential of young people; they seek to listen to young people and they recognize that sometimes young people struggle to find their sense of place and purpose." Young people are encouraged to tell their friends about the survey or share the link with their networks. It will run for four weeks. CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES IS MIDNIGHT SUNDAY JULY @ 2017. Link: <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

Research on Australian Church in 2030

Thomas More Society forum:

www.stthomasmore.org.au/index.php/forum

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL –

WHEN: 7 – 9 DECEMBER 2017.

WHERE: SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

WHAT IS NEEDED: Adults to be Welcomers; Way Finders, marshals, Ushers, Help Desk, Program and Stage Management Support....

www.acf.org.au or acyf@sydneycatholic.org

So far there have been over 10,000 registrations. I imagine that most of these are from the local Catholic High Schools: eg. Marcellin will send their Year 9 for one day... OLSH RANDWICK YOUNG ADULTS – this is a perfect opportunity for you to volunteer if you are unable to get to the actual day programs owing to work commitments. Please let me or Fr Tru know when you volunteer .

Catholic Weekly: \$2 Articles: Chinese Catholic Community Eastwood; Pope on workers-entrepreneurs; article on papal awards for service to the church with photo of Carlie Rohanna, pianist for our 10.00am first Sunday Masses; articles on Church in China, India, Euthanasia policy in Catholic psychiatric hospitals in Belgium; Pope on lazy, comfortable, Church; Medjugorje – complicated; Catholic Social teaching essential in era of loss of confidence in parliamentary democracy and the concentration of wealth in the hands of the one percent minority...

Dr Helen Borg, long time Randwick Parishioner died at John Paul II, Heathcote, Thursday night. Thanks to the OLSH visitators who kept in touch with her over the past four years. No funeral details available as

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Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "Mary is the hope of those who no longer hope; the safe harbour for those who have suffered shipwreck." Notre Dame du Sacré Coeur

OLSH YOUTH GROUP:

For Year 5/6 and up. All welcome
Contact youtholsh@gmail.com

New Parishioners (Hand to a Priest or Acolyte after Mass)

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___