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St Mary's Parish



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Kylie Skinner
8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal
Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday to Thursday 9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church

2:30pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly
7.00pm at Parish Centre.
Baptism must be booked prior to attending

FEAST OF PENTECOST—YEAR A

FIRST READING:

Acts 2.1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

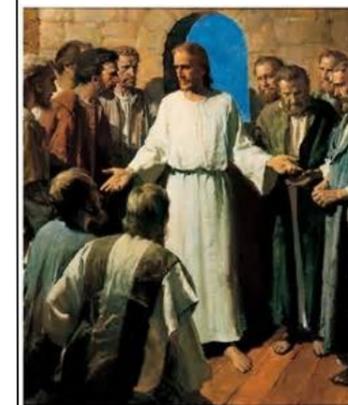
SECOND READING:

Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 12.3b-7, 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his

side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Kevin Featherstone, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Peter Driscoll, who died recently and for Sr. Bernadette Heath rsj, Maria Kirkwood, Maurie Kirwan, Salvatrice Pecora, Leslie Cross, Joseph Cutajar, Malcolm McAuslan, Tess Mullens, Walter Small, Joseph Cantarella, Thomas Statton, Alice Giels, Neil Fitzpatrick, Russell Dixon, Arthur Leslie, David Wilson, Carmel Close, Patricia Dorgan, Kath Charles, Vera Anderson, Helena Nahas, Bernie Diamond, Anthony Herley, Baily Blake, John Steinthal, Elsie Winifred Martin whose anniversaries are at this time.



Tuesday 2nd June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 3rd June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 4th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

I have had many people texting me (0400 524 363) in relation to availability for Sunday Mass, as we have moved to the next stage from 10 to 20. Accordingly, due to the numbers desiring worship, for the immediate future I will endeavour to keep the Sunday 4:30pm Mass along with the normal three other weekend Masses.

In regards to Saturday night Mass being at 5:30pm, there has been discussion at our recent Parish Council Meetings (via Zoom) and it has been decided to move to 6.00pm (instead of the former 6:30pm) during daylight saving time in October. Then throughout all February 2021 a survey will be conducted as to whether parishioners prefer either a permanent 5:30pm Mass on Saturday night or a 6.00pm Mass rather than changing back and forth.

No doubt many are still wondering whether the Confirmations will take place in late July and early August! After discussions with our school religious education coordinator and the local bishop, it has been decided, (unless we get different instructions from the Government) to diminish the numbers present at these three Confirmation Celebrations to safeguard the possible spread of infection. Consequently, the only invitees will be the teachers, plus three others as a maximum, which would include the child being confirmed. It should still allow for a meaningful celebration and at least we won't have that minority of invitees who often talk at the wrong time through the ceremony, as they don't fully understand the respect needed at such a meaningful event. In talking about Ceremonies, due to the current circumstances it was difficult to get two appropriate weekends for the celebration of children's First Eucharist this year. Accordingly, as we can't have our Communion in two weeks time as planned earlier this year, it has been decided to settle on the weekends of Dec 6/7th and December 13/14th.

I am still operating the YouTube site: fathergreg.online to provide the opportunity to experience Mass online, and also for a sermon/reflection – just to give you some variety in your spiritual life.

PENTECOST - SERMON/REFLECTION—YEAR A



Jesus promised his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to them at Jerusalem, and urged them to wait patiently for the Spirit's coming. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday this weekend, let us be reminded that Jesus promised his disciples that the Holy Spirit would also lead them to greater truth.

I understand that the prompting of the Holy Spirit comes in many forms. One particular lovely touch of the Spirit came to me personally 18 years ago and I am sure if we could all only share our own stories, we would find the Spirit has been rather busy in all our lives. Back in 2002 I went for my bi-monthly session with my Jesuit Spiritual Director. Afterwards as I found myself in the Camberwell area, I decided not only to buy some necessary books for the parish at the Paulist's bookshop, but also to go directly over the road to visit my old grade 3 religious teacher from St, John's West Footscray, the Josephite (Sr.) Edmund Murphy at her Sisters of St Joseph nursing home.

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Unlike the teachers before her, in prep, grade 1 and 2, (Sr.) Edmund was an incredibly wonderful teacher, as well as being full of beautiful personality and a true disciple of Jesus Christ to boot. I had met her for the first time in 1956 when she was a young religious sister teaching grade 3. She was my first genuine teacher and certainly brought out the best in me and many others. When I came into that nursing home establishment I wanted to say to her how much she had helped my confidence as a young boy. However, I just couldn't get the words out as she kept on saying things like: "It is great to see you Greg."

Even in (Sr.) Edmund's old age, her openness to the Holy Spirit was very evident. For example, she told me there was another religious sister at the nursing home who knew me and I needed to meet! I didn't understand the rush but was taken down the passage way. Then I was taken into (Sr.) Molly's room and (Sr.) Edmund introduced me as "Greg Trythall" to a person whom I could never remember meeting!

(Sr.) Molly told me that she had looked after me at St. Joseph's Baby's Home in Broadmeadows over 50 years ago. The details of this chapter of my life had never until that time been properly revealed. I knew that when I was only a baby my mother was put into the Heatherton Sanatorium for a year as she contracted a bad case of tuberculosis (TB) – more serious than COVID-19. However, due to my father trying to look after a young child and work, she said my father was barely coping. A few relatives had taken me in for a while. (Sr.) Molly said she had real concerns, "Your mother and father were both unwell, and every time I tucked you in, I came back later and found that you had cast aside all the bedclothes. It was bad enough with your parents being unwell, but I felt responsible for you not to get sick as well!" Molly told me that her remedy was to put me in a baby's sleeping bag and that kept me bundled up so tight that I could not throw any bedclothes aside. Naturally, I felt glad that the Holy Spirit had led me fortuitously to Camberwell that afternoon to meet Molly. I expressed my heartfelt thanks to her and as an older lady, I am sure she would have appreciated that all her work did not go in vain. It was further humbling to hear that when my mother recovered she had visited her a few times at her new Josephite home base in Surrey Hills and thanked her.



Thank God I was somehow open to the Spirit at the time to cross the road from the Paulist's bookshop in Camberwell, as I not only met two truly wonderful human beings, but it deepened even further my awareness of how thankful one should be for the support of fellow travellers on the road of life.

In a typically humbling finale with (Sr.) Edmund, she said a few times in her beautiful Irish accent, "a thousand blessings for coming to see me Greg." I was thinking again, 'I am the one who should be thankful to her not vice versa!' May we on this Pentecost Sunday be always thankful when the Spirit brings us continued blessings. Let us be open to that Spirit.

Yours 'in Christ'
Fr Greg 29/5/2020

