

Today	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 ; Jn 20:19-23
Next week	Dt 4:32-34. 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20.



Psalm Response: 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!

Servers		
23 May	Server	Alan Skofic
30 May	Server	Pat Wicks
Readers		
23 May	1st Reader	Christa Buckley
	2nd Reader	David Buckley
	Welcome/Intercessions: Paul Harris	
30 May	1st Reader	Mary Roberts
	2nd Reader	Claire Maguire
	Welcome/Intercessions: John Tweedie	

Counters	
23 May	Laurie Noyes
30 May	Diane Stewart
Church Care	
Phil and Pat Wicks	
Flowers	
May	Cate Mitchell

St Paul's Mt Victoria	
Readers:	1st Reader Maria Cora
	2nd Reader Diane Stewart

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

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B

23 MAY 2021

Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.

In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.

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Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

As a community bonded together through faith, we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day, in particular, those in our local community.

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past and present.

MASSES: No booking required for Sunday Mass. However you will still, need to sign on when you arrive and observe social distancing requirements.

MT VIC VIGIL MASS AT 5.30pm

MEGALONG MASS : Friday 21st May @4.00pm (Mass every 3rd Friday of month)

BLACKHEATH MASSES / SUNDAY 9:30AM / Tues 6.30pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Sat 9.00am

1st Friday Mass, Adoration & reflection 6.30pm

2nd Friday: Friday Fiesta Contemplative prayer and meal (booking is essential)

RECONCILIATION at 6.15pm Wed

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH MASSES

Saturday morning 9am St Canice's Church Katoomba

Vigil Mass 5pm St Bonaventure's Church Leura

Sunday 8am Mass St Francis Xavier's Church Wentworth Falls

Sunday 10am Mass St Canice's Church Katoomba

Sunday 5pm Mass St Bonaventure's Church Leura

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**Reflection on the Readings:
by Fr John:**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Today is a day of great celebration - of thanksgiving to God for God's many gifts, foremost among which is the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Pentecost is the crowning achievement of God's victory in Christ!

Jesus died and rose again

Jesus ascended into heaven

And now, the completion of the Easter-Event arrives with the Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

St Paul asks that we meditate on the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

And although we will fail at times to allow the Fruit of the Spirit to be seen in our lives, this should never discourage us.

What today's Feast asks of us is that we reflect on the need for the Spirit of God to be poured into our lives once again. Let's resolve this week to allow the words of Galatians to permeate our moments of prayer, so that the Spirit can transform us, enabling every word and action to be said and done with a view to allowing these gifts of the Spirit to become a reality more and more in our lives.

"Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit".

In both parishes (Upper Blue Mountains and Blackheath) this weekend there are celebrations after the morning masses... food and fraternity will see us rejoice in this great Feast of Pentecost.

My thanks to all who have organised these events.

May the Good Lord continue to bless you all, gracing you with the strength of the Spirit to continue faithful to the Gospel of Jesus in your lives.

Fr John

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 29/30 MAY:

Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood .

Next weekend 29/30 May, our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. Funds raised will support our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park to train young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta.

We invite you to become the extended formation community for these young men through your prayers and support of the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you

Please keep the following Children Pieta Dizon and Ditas Dizon in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on the 6th June 2021.

NOTE: The New phone No for AH Emergency and Priest-on-call has changed to 0490814284 The office Number has not changed 02 4787 8540

St Vinnie's Winter Appeal

The St. Vincent de Paul Society calls homelessness "the crisis in our backyard". At a local level we are working very hard to raise awareness and money to assist the growing numbers of children experiencing homelessness. We have our Sacred Heart Vinnies Winter Appeal, and a sleep-out and soup kitchen on 12/13 June. Join us? " For more information call Karen Hayward on M: 0419 123 744

Sacred heart Church Calendar

As many would know, Julie, Frances & I are endeavoring to produce a calendar to mark the 120th anniversary of the foundation of our Sacred Heart Church. We wondered if you might like to contribute any photos of Parish life through the years, e.g. school, First Communion, wedding photos. We are particularly interested in old photos of the churches, interiors & exteriors. All photos, with permission, would be copied & originals returned promptly. If photos could be given to Julie, Frances or myself as soon as possible as we are hoping for a spring release of the calendar. Many Thanks

Sacred Heart Parish Lunch 2021: Don't Miss out!! Everyone is well come!!

To celebrate our Parish Feast Day, we will be having lunch at the Blackheath Golf Club, on Sunday 6th June at 12pm.

Tickets are \$20 each and will need to be purchased and paid for by Sunday 31st May. For more information please see Marilyn or Diane on any Saturday night or Sunday after Mass.



SUNDAY MAY 23

"Long table" Picnic Brunch in our fabulous forest!

Bring along your own picnic/brunch for a gathering in the forest after morning Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Trestle tables and chairs will be set up. If the weather is inclement we will adjourn to the hall for an indoor picnic! Rug up for an enjoyable morning of good conversation and brunching!!



Working Bee Saturday

22 May 8am

Working bee Saturday 22 May from 8am. Come and work with our maintenance team and help maintain our beautiful grounds.

Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information, or just turn up on the day.



Rest in Peace!

23rd Frank Mackrell, 25th Lorenzo Fusina, 26th Thea Ellis, 27th Rosemary Davis (d 2009 - Mother of Michelle Davis)



PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: Barbara Grieves, Pat McCauley, Ray Wood, John & Marion Crowley, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Doug Ford, Alfred Milani

