



St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

PENTECOST SUNDAY — YEAR B

The Spirit at Work

For this Pentecost Sunday let me start with a true story about how strongly the Holy Spirit works for good outcomes in human situations. The story comes from Northern Ireland (with thanks to Paul O'Reilly SJ for its core).

Northern Ireland is a particularly beautiful scenic place. But until recently it was a nation at war between two groups of people, Catholics and Protestants, divided along ethnic, social, cultural and religious lines. But after more than 40 plus years of violence, murder, injury, pain and suffering, peace has at last come to places where people simply did not expect to see any outbreak of peace in their lifetimes.

How and why has peace been happening? Because the Holy Spirit of God has been at work. The long and drawn-out peace process has been the work of the Spirit. Slowly and tentatively step back – this peace process has gradually been replacing what people there have called 'the Troubles'.

It seems, looking back, that there was one decisive turning point when the – two steps forward and one cycle and spiral of violence came to a sudden full stop. It was when a bomb exploded on Remembrance Day, November 8th, 1987, in the small town of Enniskillen (population about 10,000 persons). 12 people were killed and 72 were injured. Among those killed was a young woman called Marie Wilson. It was her 21st birthday. Some birthday present! Her last dying words to her father, Gordon Wilson, the Methodist minister of the town, were these: 'Daddy, I love you very much.'

An hour after the blast the BBC interviewed him. The journalist asked how he felt

about the people who had just blown his daughter to bits on her birthday. Without a moment's hesitation Gordon answered: 'Of course I forgive them. I only hope that her Spirit may be with us and bring us to Peace.'

The interview was played on the news that night. It was a moment that touched the nation. Since that moment of faith and forgiveness the momentum towards peace has changed for the better the long, violent and tormented history of Northern Ireland.

That must surely be the work of the Spirit of Pentecost, the Spirit that Jesus let loose among us on the first Pentecost Sunday, the Spirit that breathes where it chooses, the Spirit that will never be snuffed out. That Spirit of God keeps on overcoming resistance and breaking down barriers.

Here in Australia, the Catholic Church has begun today the countdown to a very vital and promising event, scheduled to take place in 2020. It's called 'the Plenary Council'. It will be an assembly of the whole Catholic Church of Australia. It will engage the entire People of God, by means of its representatives. It will involve a comprehensive process of deeply listening to one another, of seeing, feeling, judging and acting together, and all this for the sake of a complete review, renewal and reform of the Church's mission, outreach, structures and workings. The Holy Spirit present to the gathered Council can shine a spotlight on everything to do with the Church - the good, the bad, the ugly and the beautiful.

Surely, this planned Plenary Council cannot succeed and will not succeed without the powerful presence and action of the Holy Spirit, who is the love of God at work within us and among us, the love that empowers us to listen to one another, understand one

another and work together for the good of the whole Church. It will be concerned with every group and every individual within the Church, and especially, one hopes, with the poorest, the last and the least, those particularly dear to the heart of Jesus.

That wise international Jesuit scholar, Gerald O'Collins, has said so well: 'What we **DO** with the Church depends on what we **THINK** about Jesus.' So, in short, the Plenary Council 2020 will focus most of all on discerning, discovering, and applying the dream of Jesus for his Church in Australia.

So let us pray today and every day, over and over again, to break down every barrier: 'Come Holy Spirit! Be for us the love of God at work, the love that "changes everything" and everyone. Create among us all a new, ongoing, and lasting Pentecost!'

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Plenary Council 2020—

Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question"

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Find out more about the Plenary Council in 2020 at the new website now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Tickets \$100. Funds raised help our charity to rescue bread and supply it free of charge to those in need (<http://giftofbread.org/>). We also have a Raffle with over \$40K in prizes - 1st prize, Toyota C-HR Koba 5 door SUV, 2nd prize, an exotic trip for two to India, & 3rd prize a year's membership to C-life Health Club. For tickets, please call 8222 6100.

Passionist Holy Spirit Province Communications

Called to spread the Good News, we do that by our good works and ministries, and by sharing the stories of our people in mission. Passionists, men & women, professed & lay, have stories to share. There are now three communications tools we commend to you:

Face Book: Province—*The Passionists: Holy Spirit Province*

PASPAC—*The Passionists: Asia-Pacific Configuration*

Web Page—www.passionists.com

"Thank You!"

To everyone who has contributed to the three Charitable Works Appeals in August and November 2017 and May 2018.

Thanks to your generosity, the parish has now **achieved its target in full for the 2017-2018 tax year.**

St Brigid's Seniors' Group

NEXT meeting: SUNDAY 27 May 2018 at 2.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

New members very welcome—just come along.

andanother "Thank You!"

To our Vietnamese parishioners, in particular Sony and Mrs Than, for organising the recent sale of delicious cakes, biscuits, cookies, AND to everyone who succumbed to temptation and purchased some! The generosity of you all has resulted in a total of \$3,072.00 being raised for our parish. *A fantastic effort!!!!*

Piety Store

Currently in stock: Communion, Confirmation and Birthday cards etc, plus Baptism candles, as well as a large variety of religious goods.

Why not stop by for a browse

Walk With Christ—3 June 2018

Gather at the corner of Pitt St & Martin Place at 2.30pm, follow the Blessed Sacrament to forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration & Benediction from c. 3.30-4.30pm. This will mark the 200th Anniversary of the forced removal in 1818 by the Government of the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn whose last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament in a faithful Catholic's home where it remained for the next two years as the centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony.

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am-11.30am
Presentation: 2nd Sunday 9am/ 10.30am
Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon

Marriages

Saturday: 10am—3.00pm
Preferably 6 months notice
Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments Sr Elena
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Sr Elenita
Cultural Committee Chair
Ecumenical & Interfaith Co-chairs
John McGrath, Pat Bowthorpe FMM
Family Groups Contact
Adrienne Harverson
Finance C'tee Chair Mary Leask
Justice & Peace Network Chair
Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr Erick, Sr Elena
Men's Club Co-chairs: Arthur Kassis,
John Skinner, Mick Ward
Pastoral Council Co-chairs Peter Jennings,
Arthur Kassis
Youth Ministry: John Nguyen & Oliver Bautista

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (21/5): Jim's Team
Next Week (28/5): Lea's Team

13/5/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,915
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,738
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 2,714
Credit Cards: \$ 1,024

6/5/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,935
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,946

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God bless & unite all your people in
Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of
the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one
another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on
the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you
are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled
future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

AMEN

*Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.*

*St Mary MacKillop,
pray for us.*

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Antonio Greco; Thi Khoi Nguyen; Erminia Di Meo; Anna Castrogiovanni; George Morabito; Maria Ferreira

Anniversaries: L:eslie Mole; Gioan Nguyen Duy Mao; Joseph O'Brien; Kathleen Fountain; Ann Marie Forkin; Alan James; Ilias Oesman; Clare Flanagan; Rita Nicholas; Anna Mat Thi Nguyen; Franciscus Kurniawan; Anton Arulanandam; Janette Tarabay; Janet Schembri; Carmelo Schembri; Renae Goevrnor; Thelma Lowe; Margaret Barker.

Carrying Severe Illness: Lesina Lufe; Frank Caruana; Maureen Thorne; Stella Pace; Maria Tropea; Lena Buck; Maria Pergola; Celine Steele; Fr Jim Elmore CP. Lily Sterling

Mass Texts: Pentecost (Yr B)

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
Response: Send forth your spirit O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25
Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Trinity (Yr B)

First Reading: Deut 4: 32-34. 39-40
Response: Happy the people the Lord has
chosen as his own.
Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Mass at 6.45am followed by adoration until 8.45am.
Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am.
Wednesday: Eucharistic adoration 6-7.00pm
Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only
Saturday: Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am; Marriages 10-3 pm;
Reconciliation 4-4.45 pm; Mass:5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual);
4.30pm (Vietnamese); and 6pm.

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Mass is celebrated monthly in all the Nursing Homes in Marrickville.

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after Masses on First Fridays, and at the 10am Italian mass on 1st Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr Erick CP and Fr Thomas CP

*as you celebrate your
Second Anniversary of Ordination*

*Sunday 10 June 2018
at 10.30am Mass*

*followed by morning tea on the lawns.
ALL WELCOME!*

Please bring a plate of finger food



Calendar

MAY

19/20 Feast of Pentecost
P/School Mass Year 3: 9.00am
Baptisms: 12 noon
Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm
Confirmation Prep (3): 7pm in Hall
Our Lady Help of Christians

26/27 Most Holy Trinity
Presentation of Confirmation candidates at ALL masses
Baptisms: 12 noon
Seniors' Group: 2.00pm: Parish Centre
Youth Group: 7-8.30pm: Hall
Confirmation Prep (final): 7pm in Hall

JUNE

1 Youth Evangelisation Day: Casimir

2/3 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
4 Southern Cross Meeting: 2pm in Hall
8 Feast of the Sacred Heart
Confirmation Reflection Day

9/10 Sunday 10 in Ordinary Time
2nd Anniversary of Fr Erick CP and Fr Thomas CP : 10.30am Mass & morning g tea

11 Public Holiday: 9am Mass only

Sunday Mass Ministries: Pentecost and Trinity Year B

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

	19/20 May	26/27 May	19/20 May	26/27 May	19/20 May	26/27 May
5 pm Sat	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	William Metlej Liz Buchel Jim Yeo Margaret Dos Santos	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Maree Doyle Marg Barrett	Pat O'Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	Maria Mansour Susie Houssarini Mary Entriken	Mary Entriken John Freeman	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL: YEAR 3	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Jennie Oesman Sue Ling Christine Day		
10.30 am Sun	Maria Barlow Italian Reader George Harb	Mely Siasat Italian Reader Kate Johnston	Terry Reyes Lope Reyes Maria Necesito Maria Barlow Geoffrey Lean		Geoffrey Lean	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
6 pm Sun	Michael McGrath Jacquei Hicks	YOUTH	Pei-Pei Coa Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	YOUTH	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek