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PENTECOST SUNDAY - 24th May 2026

*St Brigid's Parish, Marrickville, acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of the land on which it is built;
the Gadigal people of the Eora nation.*

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Youth Group

Jenny Ryan-Cook

Dearest Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the birth of the church. When we think of Pentecost, we often imagine a dramatic scene: a rushing wind, tongues of fire, the disciples speaking in different languages, and the birth of a bold, fearless Church. That is the Pentecost we know from the Acts of the Apostles.

But John gives us another image of Pentecost.

It is much quieter. Much more intimate.

Much closer to real life. The disciples are behind locked doors, afraid, confused, and wounded. Into that room, Jesus comes. He does not scold them for being frightened. He does not shame them for running away. He simply stands among them and says, "Peace be with you." Then he shows them his hands and his side. He shows them his wounds. That is a deeply touching image. The risen Jesus does not hide his wounds. He does not pretend the cross never happened. His wounds remain, but they are no longer signs of defeat. They have become signs of love, mercy, and healing.

Perhaps that is where Pentecost begins: not with people who have everything together, but with people who are afraid, fragile, and unsure. The Holy Spirit comes not because the disciples are strong, but because they are ready to receive peace. Jesus breathes on them, and that breath gives them courage to open the doors and go out.

Our world, too, has many wounds. We see them in families carrying silent pain, in people struggling with anxiety and loneliness, in those burdened by financial pressure, sickness, grief, broken relationships, and uncertainty about the future. We see wounds in our wider world: violence, division, prejudice, poverty, and the exhaustion of people who feel they have carried too much for too long.

And we carry our own wounds as well. Some are visible. Many are hidden. There are hurts we speak about, and hurts we bury deep inside. There are wounds we have received, and sometimes, if we are honest, wounds we have caused.

Pentecost does not deny any of this. The Spirit does not come to create a perfect community with no pain. The Spirit comes to wounded people and gives them the courage to become bearers of peace.

That is the beautiful challenge of this feast. Jesus says, "Peace be with you," not as a polite greeting, but as a mission. The peace of Christ is not just something we receive; it is something we are sent to share. It is the peace that listens instead of judging. The peace that forgives instead of holding on forever. The peace that notices another person's pain instead of looking away. The peace that allows others to breathe again.



This Pentecost, perhaps we can ask ourselves: where are the locked doors in my life? What fear keeps me closed in? What wound still needs the breath of Christ? And whose life might be touched if I became a little more patient, a little more gentle, a little more forgiving, a little more courageous?

The Spirit still comes. Pentecost reminds us that the Church is born not from perfect people, but from wounded people who have received peace and are willing to pass it on. May the Holy Spirit breathe into our hearts, our homes, our parish, and our wounded world. And may we become, in our own small ways, people who help others breathe again.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 DEMPSEY AWARD WINNERS

Last Wednesday, I was informed by the Archdiocese that two members of our parish community, Jenny Oesman and Tony Hayek, have been named among the 2026 Dempsey Award recipients. This recognition is a beautiful acknowledgement of their generous service, quiet dedication, and faithful contribution to the life of our parish and the wider Church. They represent the many parishioners who give so generously and faithfully, often quietly, without being noticed or formally acknowledged. Their recognition is, in many ways, the spirit of service that is alive in our whole parish community. The awards will be presented on Sunday, 28 June, at the 10.30 am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. As our parish church is currently undergoing renovations, we will organise a special celebration after the renovations are completed, so that we can properly acknowledge Jenny and Tony as a parish community. We warmly congratulate them both and thank them sincerely for the many ways they continue to serve and enrich our parish.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations are now open for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC is an important part of parish life. It assists the parish priest in listening to the needs of the community, discerning pastoral priorities, encouraging participation, and helping the parish remain faithful to its mission of worship, service, outreach, and community building.

Please take a moment to check the brochure at the back of the hall for the criteria and nomination details. We invite parishioners to prayerfully consider whether they, or someone they know, may be called to serve the parish in this way.

Your voice, gifts, and commitment can help our parish continue to grow as a welcoming, faith-filled, and mission-focused community. (Membership Criteria and Nomination forms are available at the back of the hall and on parish website) Send the form to pp@stbrigid.org.au

COME TO THE TABLE.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: SESSION 4

Join us for the final evening of our Adult Faith Formation series on **Monday, 25th May at 7:00 pm in the School Hall, presented by Mary Leask.**

This week, we will reflect on the Scripture where the Eucharist was first shared, with a special focus on what happens after the meal.

We will hear from guest speakers from our own parish community, who will share how they understand Jesus' words: "Go and do the same." They will speak not only about what they do in service, but also why they do it.

We will conclude by returning to our song from Week 1 and reflecting on the next phrase:

"We remember, we celebrate, we believe, and we...?"

All are warmly welcome to join us for this final session.

ATTENTION

As the maintenance works are underway, the church will remain closed, but Parish life, prayer, and the celebration of the sacraments will continue. **During the renovation period, the PARISH HALL will serve as the space for weekday Masses (Monday -Saturday) and as a prayer space throughout the week, with the tabernacle set up for quiet prayer and reflection. The PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL will serve as the space for weekend Masses (Vigil and Sunday).**



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BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS

This weekend, at the 10.30 am Mass, three adults from our parish, Alison, Michelle, and Billy, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Cathedral. We congratulate them warmly and pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will strengthen them in faith, hope, and love as they continue their journey with Christ. Please keep Alison, Michelle, Billy, and all the Confirmation candidates from the archdiocese in your prayers during this special time.

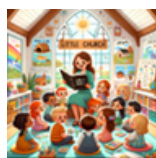
LITURGY CORNER: PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Good liturgy does not simply happen by chance. Every celebration of worship needs prayerful preparation, quiet organisation and the generous service of many people. In our parish, the Liturgy Committee assists the priest in preparing and supporting the liturgical life of the community, especially for Sundays, feast days, seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, and special celebrations.

The committee helps ensure that our celebrations are faithful to the Church's liturgy, while also being meaningful, welcoming and prayerful for our parish community. This includes thinking about music, readings, the Prayer of the Faithful, the liturgical space, rosters, and the many practical details that help people pray well together.

But good liturgy is not only the work of a committee. It is the shared responsibility of the whole parish. There are many ways parishioners can be involved: as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, PowerPoint presenters, collectors, altar servers, musicians, singers, welcomers, sacristans, and those who help prepare the church or assist behind the scenes.

Each ministry, whether visible or hidden, contributes to the beauty and prayerfulness of our worship. When we serve in the liturgy, we are not simply "doing a job"; we are helping the parish community encounter God. When liturgy is celebrated well, it deepens our faith, builds up the Body of Christ, and gives glory to God.



ST BRIGID'S LITTLE CHURCH

Little Church is the Children's Liturgy of the Word, when the Gospel is explained to the children and there are activities that allow them to engage a better understanding of the message of the Gospel. Please contact the parish office or see Sr Elenita if you can help for 30 minutes.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A young member (female) of our parish community is currently looking for suitable accommodation in the local area. If you know of a room, granny flat, shared accommodation, or rental opportunity available nearby, please contact the Parish Office. Any assistance or leads would be greatly appreciated. Contact: parish@stbrigid.org.au

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Those Recently Deceased: Caterina Rando

Anniversary of Death for: Janette Tarabay, Janet Schembui, Carmelo Schembui, Bruno Nadile, Margaret Barker, Thelma Lowe, Renae Governor, Aileen Bennett, Brian Turner, Rosalia Bacchetto, Amy Alice Cloran, Anna Hoang Thi Ngan.

Those Carrying Severe Illness:

Agnes Sonju Wong, Alfred Schiavo, Amalene & Gerard George, Antonios Gebrael, Belinda Camacho, Catherine Vella, Colin Constantinou, Damia Roumie, Damien Luck, Elizabeth Pizzuto, George Baraket, Georgina Kaldis, Huyen Nguyen, Jennifer Alam, John Love, Laurice Sassine, Leonardo, Lidia Obeid, Llyan McAusland, Margaret Barrett, Mary Angela Thomas, Michael Chrissimos, Michael Natoloczny, Pauline Zerbo, Paul Murphy, Penelope Lincoln, Peter Martin, Richard Hudson, Rosie Pazman, Rudi Presern, Sofi, Tim Jude Thomas, Tina Schino, Wendy Joukhador.

Other Intentions:

Leila Walsh, Joseph Bianchini, Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb, Josephine Farah, Serafin De Sousa, Stavenis Family

MASS TEXTS: PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Response: Psalm

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

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised making one body.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit

PARISH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2026

Sun 24		Pentacost
	7pm	Youth
Mon 25	7pm	Holy Communion Session #4
Tues 26	7pm	PPC Meeting
Thu 28	7pm	Fundraising committee
Sun 31		Holy Trinity

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary, then Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am, followed by Mass at 9am and Rosary.

SATURDAY: Mass at 8am followed by Holy Rosary. Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4.15pm.

Mass at 5pm (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese).

SUNDAY: Mass at 8am | 10.30am (bilingual) | 4pm (Vietnamese) | 6pm.

MINISTRY OF CARE & SUPPORT TO THE AGED AND INFIRMED:

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes and in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members. Please contact the Parish Office to organise Communion to be taken to those who are home-bound.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after 6.45am and 9am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

DAILY MORNING MASSES

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6.45 9.00	Vinh N Mary T	Jim Y Liz
Tue 6.45 9.00	Albert N Mary T	Viet Viet
Wed 6.45 9.00	Albert N Liz	Paul C Buddy
Thu 6.45 9.00	Paul C Thom Thao	Michael P Joanna
Fri 6.45 9.00	Vinh N Tony C	Patricia Leila W
Sat 8.00	Jim	Judy

WEEKLY ROSTER

MASS TIMES		Commentators (C) & Lectors (L1 & L2)		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
		23-24 May	30-31 May	23-24 May	30-31 May	23-24 May	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Michael H Chihn Q Jim Y	Gabrielle B Kalelia F Laura N	Vinh N Gabrielle B Kalelia F George K	Vinh N Paul C Michael P Elizabeth B	Vinh N Ben, Augustine	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	Heather K Joanna V Stephen O	Mary L Marco G Jason G	Joanna V John S Rebecca B	Mary L Dennis M Joanna V	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Aiden K PeterJ Italian	Lina M Diana P Italian	Anthony N John M Tony C Diana P	Anthony N Angie C Albert N Bernadette Y	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Landon O Charisse E Kevin B	Arthur K Charlie E Joyce O	Arthur K Rex H Lina E	Lenore D Charlie E Arthur K	Tony H, Janna H Charlene E Celina E Alexis H	Arthur K Jackie K

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on safeguardingenquires@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.