



Pentecost Sunday, Year A | 24 May 2026

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING | Acts 2:1-11

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 103

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

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL | John 20:19-23

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

This Week

9:30am Mass – Mon 25 May - **Our Lady, Help of Christians [Solemnity]**

** 8am Mass – Tues 26 May - **St Philip Neri [Memorial]**

** 4pm Mass – Wed 27 May - *St Augustine of Canterbury [Optional]*

** 8am Mass – Thur 28 May (& 2pm at IRT)

9:30am Mass – Fri 29 May - *St Paul VI [Optional]*

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 7:30am; 9am;

10:30am & 5pm

Weekday Masses

** Note changes to Mass times this week. **

Adoration

Friday 10am - 11am

Reconciliation

Saturday 11am-12pm (with Adoration)

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Trinity Sunday, Year A

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

A Mighty Wind

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised.

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth.

And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles.

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle.

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

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In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Dharawal people as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respect to all Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples today.

Pentecost Continues today

Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the Church,” but it is more than a historical moment—it is an ongoing reality. The same Spirit who descended upon the disciples continues to work within us today, calling us into deeper relationship and outward mission.

In the Acts of the Apostles, people from many nations hear the Good News in their own language. This reminds us that God meets people where they are. The Gospel is not meant to erase our differences but to transform them into channels of grace.

St Paul’s image of the Church as one body with many parts challenges us to recognise and use our gifts. Each of us has a role to play. The Spirit equips us not for personal recognition, but for service to others.

In the Gospel, the risen Jesus brings peace to fearful disciples and sends them out. This pattern remains true: we receive peace so that we can become instruments of peace.

Pentecost invites us to reflect: where is the Spirit leading me? How am I being called to share faith, build community, or serve others?

Our parish mission—to know, follow, and share Jesus—finds its strength in the Spirit. We are not alone in this mission. God himself empowers us.

This week, consider one small step: reach out to someone, offer a word of encouragement, or spend time in prayer. The Spirit works through ordinary actions with extraordinary love.

Holy Communion Program

Workshops continue this weekend (Saturday or Sunday from 3:30pm - 4:45pm) for both candidates and parents, and conclude this weekend. Saturday 30 May at 10am will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation for **candidates and parents.**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

Phillip W, Sean Logan, Joan Samuel, Maria Noida Carmona, Helen Barnes, Ronald Elliott, Jack Wheeler, Roslin, Gina Marie Bellon, John Moore, David Jones, Nathan Taylor, Cathy Hurst, John Wagner, Alan Johnson, Allan Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Antonio De Oliveira, Sybil Dawson, David Harty, Philip Donnelly, Tim O’Carrigan.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Dulcie, Margaret, Harold & Mary Sutton, Yunus Zeed, Cristeta Rodigero & Remedios Fernandez, Coranation Retis, Rita Hyland, Des McAuliffe (Snr), Catherine Heafey, Mary Nicol.

SOP Winter Blanket Appeal

St John’s Campbelltown St Vincent de Paul Conference continues the **Winter Blanket Appeal** this weekend. All donations of blankets, quilts and doonas can be left at the back of the church, in front of the piety stall. Donation envelopes will also be available. **Thank you for your generous gifts.**

Formation Pathway: Small Group Community

Many people quietly wonder, “If I didn’t turn up today, would anyone even notice?” Following on from last month’s formation on *Meaningful Community*, this session will explore how small-group community helps people move from simply attending parish life to being known, supported, formed, and drawn deeper into faith.

We will look at why smaller communities matter in parish renewal and explore practical models including Faith Circles, Connect Groups, and faith and life sharing groups.

Tues 2 June, Campbelltown

Wed 3 June, Wollongong and Zoom
7–9pm. Register: dow.sh/fpjune2026

Renewed & Sent

Invite from Bp Brian Mascord

Join delegates from across Australia and many other countries. “We have the greatest news the world has ever known: Jesus Christ is alive, he loves us, and he sends us. At the **Parish Renewal Summit (1-3 Oct)**, my hope is that we will be reminded of this truth, renewed in our own discipleship, and encouraged to share this hope with others. I warmly encourage you to be part of this gathering as we seek together the renewal of our parishes and the mission of the Church.”

renewedandsent.com.au

Prayer Intentions

Rosters

Sunday 31 May

Acolyte / Server

Vigil Michael Norris / Brian Thompson
7:30 Tom Hunter
9 Pauloleono Aukusitino
10:30 Gavan Hill, Andrei Valderrama
5 Dominic Fonoti

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Alexandra Wojcik, Marie Cassar
7:30 Florence Mascarenhas, Ian Star
9 John Hill, Amelia Jimenez
10:30 Maria Aliifa’alogo, Imelda Landrigan
5 Jismin Jio, Hazel Vargas

Readers

Vigil Angel Estepa, Jolene Gonzales
7:30 Mary Ellen Bland, John Lloyd
9 Diana Hill, Flor Artus
10:30 Norma McNally, Broone Periera
5 Sofia De Zilva, Sean Donovan

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George
9 Glynn Family
10:30 Joe Talamaivao
5 Filipino Choir

Condolences

We express our sincere condolences to the De Oliveira family on the passing of Antonio, who was called home to God on Sunday. Details for Antonio’s Funeral Mass will be advised soon. Please keep Filomena and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord comfort all who mourn and grant Antonio eternal rest.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Clergy Inservice this week

Weekday Mass times will be as follows this week:
Monday 9:30am
Tuesday 8am
Wednesday 4pm (Bishop Brian)
Thursday 8am & 2pm IRT
Friday 9:30am

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass

10am Sat 4 July in the Parish Hall
10am Sat 12 September (*new date*)
Prayer Ministry
11:30am Sunday 14 June



Screenings of 'House of David'

Join us in the Parish Hall Meeting Room – Sunday Nights at 6.30pm during May

Come along and join your parish community for special screenings of 'House of David'. The story of David is a cornerstone of our faith journey. As shepherd, king, and poet, David's life speaks to God's love, mercy, and promise. His story helps us explore courage, repentance, and trust in God—values that remain vital for Christians today.

All are welcome! Bring your friends and family for an inspiring evening as we reflect on David's legacy and its meaning for our lives. Tea and bikkies will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Corpus Christi Retreat – Sunday 7 June

As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, join with people from across the Diocese for a retreat to deepen your love of the Eucharist. St Joachim Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow from 11am–3:30pm (Following 10am Mass / Lunch provided) Open to adults (ages 14–17 with parent / guardian).

For more information or to register go to dow.sh/corpuschristi26

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile, and civilians urgently need humanitarian support. More than 2,000 people have been killed and over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide, including more than 390,000 children. Our partners Caritas Lebanon continue to deliver emergency food, water, shelter and health support across the country, maintaining humanitarian convoys to hard-to-reach areas in southern Lebanon.

Stand with the people of Lebanon today. Learn more or make a donation today at caritas.org.au/lebanon

A new beginning

Until the end of the Easter season, we will begin every Mass a minute early with a prayer to gather our hearts and prepare us to encounter the Lord and one another through sharing the Word and Breaking of Bread.

Opening Prayer (we will pray together):

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Parish Luncheon

As a way of developing community, we will gather for lunch on the Second Friday of each month in the Parish Hall, after the morning Mass and adoration. There will be a time for prayer together, using the ancient practice of Lectio Divina.

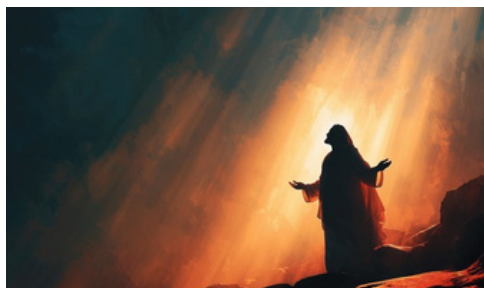
We will then share lunch together.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Friday 12 June, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Soup Night

As a way of developing community, we will have a soup night after the Vigil Mass on the third Saturday, starting on 18 July.



Mission Mindset Retreat

What does it mean to be on mission? To live this out in our everyday lives? We are all called to mission, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. We're blessed to have experts in mission: NET Ministries join us as they lead a time of retreat and reflection to orient us towards mission in the everyday.

The retreat will include times of prayer and silence, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, fellowship and activities. Details:

When: Fri 5 June 5pm–Sat 6 June 3pm

Where: St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park

Cost: \$150 (includes lodging for the night + all meals)

For who: Young Adults 18-35 and Year 11-12 students (\$45 Saturday only from 9am) Spots are very limited. Register here:

dow.sh/missionmindset

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

The Spirit gives each person gifts for service. Listen to God's call and use your gifts generously in the Church and world.

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, vocations@dow.org.au

Ephphatha: Be Opened!

Calling young men (18-35 years old)

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is always calling us to life, and life to the full—the challenge for us is to be open to listening for his quiet voice in our lives. How can we become more open to the voice of the Good Shepherd in the big and small decisions of life? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life, and how do you live your baptismal vocation more fully as a single young man?

We take this opportunity to invite all unmarried young men aged 18-35 who are open to discerning God's call in their lives to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&R, one-to-one chats and Adoration.

Register NOW!

St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong

Saturday 13 June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch

Cost: Free, but registration is essential – dow.sh/Ephphatha

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