

Universal Prayer

24 May 2026 (Pentecost)

Presider: Father, you pour out your Spirit upon your people.
Hear the prayers we bring before you today.

1. For Pope Leo, our bishops, clergy and all God's people: that Pentecost will renew the Church in courage, humility, holiness and missionary love.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
2. For peace in our world, especially where war, terrorism and political violence continue to destroy lives: that leaders may choose justice, dialogue and the protection of the innocent.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
3. For young people in the midst of life decisions: that the Holy Spirit may guide their choices and reveal their gifts.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
4. For unity among Christians: that the Spirit of Truth may heal the wounds of division and gather all Christians into one flock under one shepherd.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
5. *For the intention that our neighbour shared with us at the start of Mass today.*
[pause] May the Lord hold them and sustain them in love.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
6. For the faithful departed: that they may share in the fullness of eternal life.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.

Presider: God our Father, you poured the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples.
Hear our prayers, renew our hearts, and send us as witnesses of your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the end of Mass, before the final blessing:

Before we go, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to those who arrived early today and each week during Easter. Those quiet moments before Mass are precious — they're when we leave the noise of the week at the door and gather ourselves as one community before the Lord. When we begin together, we pray better together. Thank you so much.

Community Greeter | 24 May 2026

Welcome everyone to St John's, as we gather on the lands of the Dharawal people.

- My name is _____
- Our celebrant is Fr John | Fr Richard
- **Welcome to Pentecost!** Today the Holy Spirit shatters our locked doors, breathing new life and unity into our diverse community.

We welcome **every guest** today, especially if you are new.

We are so glad that you are here with us!

How we arrive matters—it shapes how we listen, how we pray, how we respond. Let us stand and prepare ourselves as one body, as we pray together:

STAY & LEAD THIS PRAYER!

Opening Prayer

**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.**

This is followed by a prayer that is led by the priest...

Turn to one person you don't know, greet them, ask their name, and ask them to share one prayer intention that you will hold during Mass today.

Penitential Act [Priest]

Before we celebrate in the love of the God who is always calling and inviting us, let us pause and acknowledge our need for healing and life. *[All pause for silent prayer.]*

Lord Jesus, you are breath in our weariness. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring peace into our fear and division. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you send us with mercy for the world. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to the life of the age to come. Amen.