

PENTECOST

3 - 4 June 2017

Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."



**All who are thirsty,
come to me!**

From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Today we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost, recalling that magnificent day when the Holy Spirit came down upon the frightened disciples and gifted them with the power and strength of God, so that they were more than able to witness to the Person and Teachings of Jesus Christ to all the world.

It is from their willingness to do all that was required to proclaim the Divine Revelation of the Good News that we are able to live as Christian men and women today. And, as we pray for an abundant outpouring of that same Holy Spirit on us and our own times today, let us also ask the Father to gift us with a similar strength of character to imitate our ancestors in the Faith and proclaim the Truth about the Risen Saviour to the people of our own time, without fear or favour!

1. My thanks on behalf of you all to Jill Franco and the members of the Sacramental Team for their outstanding preparation for all those younger members of our Parish Community who received their First Eucharist last weekend.

To the Parents and Facilitators: a great job done. To all who helped behind the scenes and during our Liturgical Celebrations: thank you.

JUN PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR	
MON 5	Saint Boniface (M)
TUE 6	
WED 7	
THU 8	
FRI 9	7:30pm - BLAZE
SAT 10	7:00pm - Symbolon "The Bible"
SUN 11	12:00pm - Baptisms - Florence, Charlotte, Jeidan, Ellie, Lake, Alana

Let us pray that the children will continue full of joy in the Lord all the days of their lives!

2. This Friday (9/6) the next Blaze Youth Group for Years 7-10 will commence at 7:30pm in the School Hall. All welcome!

3. We will soon be commencing our preparation Programme for Confirmation (Yr 6). Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks...

God bless you all.

Fr. John

Parish News

LIVING LAUDATO SI':

The Ecological Challenge of Pope Francis,

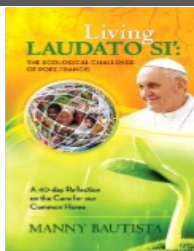
the book written by Manny Bautista was recently published. The book is a 40-day reflection on some of the important themes of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. It highlights the interconnectedness and interdependence of all creation and our integral relationship with the natural world. The book contains 40 short reflections and prayers, and provides us with concrete and practical ecological actions to respond to the call and invitation of the Holy Father to become carers of the Earth, our Common Home. The reflections are helpful in rediscovering our eco-vocation as carers of God's creation, rekindling a sense of intimacy and communion with the natural world, and facilitating the much-needed ecological conversion. The book is being endorsed by six Australians, including Bishop Peter Comensoli of the Diocese of Broken Bay and Professor Denis Edwards of ACU, one Filipino, and one American. Manny will visit our Parish on June 10th and 11th to promote his book after the weekend masses. You will have the opportunity to have your book signed by him.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The latest edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. Please collect your free copy at the front entrance.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new batch of Planned Giving envelopes from the church entrance. If you wish to change your pledge please contact the parish office. We would encourage you to change from the envelope system to either direct debit or credit card.

15 Day Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Duration: 15 day pilgrimage plus optional extension

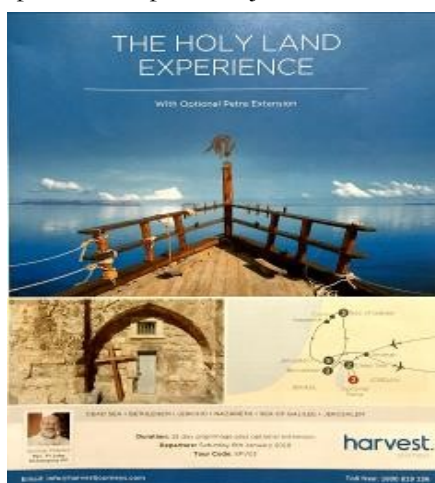
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Deposit for the Pilgrimage has been reduced from \$1000 to \$600 (thanks to Fr John's intervention.)

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel we hear of the twofold gift Jesus leaves the Apostles just before his ascension and Pentecost. Jesus enters the room where they were hiding and says 'Peace be with you'. This is his first gift. But notice that it does not come in isolation. Jesus offers them peace, shows them his wounds, then again offers them peace. He does this to teach them and us that peace is not simply comfort. It is not that kind of contentment we have when everything is going well. Instead, peace is a gift that comes through the Cross, through suffering and pain. Indeed we do not truly know peace until we have passed through this crucible, offering our sufferings in union with Christ's, relying on his divine aid. It is peace that enables us not to rest content, but in the midst of sufferings to gaze on the wounds of Jesus and be joyful, just as the Apostles were upon seeing his wounds.

Next Jesus breathed on them, bestowing on them the Holy Spirit. This is his second gift. In fact, it is a gift that mirrors the gift given in the first reading from today's Mass. But here, unlike the ability to proclaim the Gospel in various languages as in the first reading, the Holy Spirit is given for the forgiveness of sins: 'For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' But notice again that this power was given to the Apostles, and eventually their successors. We experience this whenever we go to confession. There we receive through the priest the forgiveness of our sins with the words of absolution, and we hear in them an echo of Jesus' words in today's Gospel:

'God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself *and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins*; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

Notice too that, through the words of the priest, Jesus offers us peace just as he offered it to the disciples: 'may God give you pardon and *peace*'. This twofold gift, therefore, is not simply a gift for the Apostles two thousand years ago. It is a gift for us today. It is waiting for us in our sufferings and in the sacrament of penance if only we seek it there.

Entrance Antiphon

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

Communion Antiphon

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

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

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

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to

hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 34

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

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

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



Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'the
Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended into
hell; on the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty; from
there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen.

Readings for Next Week

5 Mon Saint Boniface (M)

1st Reading Tobit 1:3; 2:1-8

Acts 26:19-23

Psalm Ps 149:1-6. 9

Gospel John 15:26-16:4

6 Tues Ninth week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Tobit 2:9-14

Psalm Ps 111:1-2. 7-9

Gospel Mark 12:13-17

7 Wed Ninth week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Tobit 3:1-11. 16-17

Psalm Ps 24:2-9

Gospel Mark 12:18-27

8 Thu Ninth week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1. 9-14;

8:4-9

Psalm Ps 127:1-5

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

9 Fri Ninth week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Tobit 11:5-17

Psalm Ps 145:2. 7-10

Gospel Mark 12:35-37

10 Sat Ninth week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Tobit 12:1. 5-15. 20

Psalm Tobit 13:2. 6-8

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

Full weekly readings can be found in the parish
website [http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-
reading/](http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-reading/)

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**If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive
communion in your home please contact the parish office.**

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Annie Bee Guek, Mata Nhuong Thi Duong, Jonathan Ramirez Yanson, Rufo Alday

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Trevor Cherry, Monica Cobarrubias

Sick:

Jan Mandla, Pat Daley, Karam Matte, Genevieve D'Silva, Greg Chapman, Sigrid Barredo, Ramon Rendon, Alfred Miler, Cay Espanta, Lucie Gallagher

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon, Vincenzo Zamora, Simon Stennett, Ana Marie Cobarrubias, Aurora Hite, Coutinho Family, Helen Zammit, Maryrose Portelli, Sharon Grima, Rose Franco, Vanessa Burke, Mitchell Duncan, Helen Festejo, Lisa Clements Nadee



Paying our debt together

The First Collection – for the diocese. The 1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

The Second Collection – for the parish. The 2nd Collection is used to meet our parish running costs (*rates, utilities, insurance, telecommunication, computers, photocopiers, stationery and postage, church and altar requisites, repairs and maintenance of the church, presbytery, office buildings and grounds*).

It is used to pay the team/staff salaries, superannuation and each priest's car expenses, loan interest and loan repayment.

It is also used to provide for our pastoral and ministry outreach activities from the parish.

Money received in the 2nd collection is banked into the parish "Church Account".

If you would like to be a part of the church's plan giving program, an **SJ23rd form** (white) is available at the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Mass cards available at the parish office

The Catholic Parish of St John XXIII



A Mass Offering



Parish Pastoral Corner

"...just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul."
— Pope St John XXIII

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ 10th anniversary of our Church Dedication - 4th June Sunday

We will be celebrating with a special mass and a Food Fiesta during the 10:30 mass. Come and join us. Bring a plate to share.

⇒ Looking for more members

Community Building group is looking for more members to be actively involved in church activities. For interested parties please contact Techie Sarlabus, via email techies@bigpond.com or just simply call 0438 201436

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Statue

We continue to ask for host families to pray the Rosary at home and request our Blessed Mother's intercessions. Tuesday nights beginning with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm, Rosary at 7.15pm, Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm with sung Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the novena mass.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto (after novena mass). Pick up the statue after the novena mass and return a week after, before the start of the novena mass. ***"A family that prays together, stays together: Fr Patrick Peyton"***

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Jun	6	13	20	27	
	Sebastian	Mojica	Matias M	Matias J	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	Tanganan	Shalini	Ivon	Available	
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Cabug-os	Gracias Flor	Pangilinan	Shalini
Sep	5	12	19	26	
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⇒ St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

As Winter approaches it is time to launch the St Vinnies Blankets Appeal. We are asking once more for your generosity in donating clean blankets or sleeping bags to be distributed to the homeless and those in need. Would you kindly place the blankets in the Church front foyer where there will be a place allocated. Deadline for donations is 31 May 2017. Thanking you in anticipation from the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

⇒ RCIA Program

Our RCIA program will be starting in June. If you know of anyone or you yourself are interested in finding out more about our RCIA program, please contact the parish office for further updates.

⇒ Looking for Korean Family

We are looking for any Korean families in our parish community who may be able to support a Korean family wishing to be baptised into our faith this coming Christmas.

⇒ SYMBOLON

The Faith Formation Committee invites everyone for a short, half hour video presentation on "The Catholic Faith Explained" following straight after every Mass.

This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each.

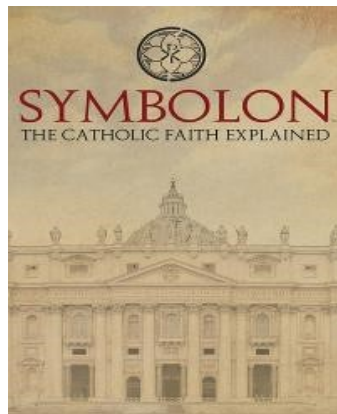
7:00pm Saturdays and Sundays at the Church

8:30am 10:00am 11:30am Sundays at St Mark's College Staffroom

3 & 4 Jun The Bible (33min)

10 & 11 Jun The Story of Salvation (34min)

17 & 18 Jun Who Is Jesus? (33min)



⇒ **Friday Evening Prayer Group** has now moved from the church kitchen to the Parish Office's Kitchen. Start time is at 6.30pm every Friday.

Why we do . . .

11 *for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with sighs too deep for words.*" The Holy Spirit, the artisan of God's works, is the master of prayer.

IN BRIEF

742 *"Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" (Gal 4:6).*

743 From the beginning to the end of time, whenever God sends his Son, he always sends his Spirit: their mission is conjoined and inseparable.

744 In the fullness of time the Holy Spirit completes in Mary all the preparations for Christ's coming among the People of God. By the action of the Holy Spirit in

her, the Father gives the world Emmanuel "God-with-us" (Mt 1:23).

745 The Son of God was consecrated as Christ (Messiah) by the anointing of the Holy Spirit at his Incarnation (*cf. Ps 2:6-7*).

746 By his Death and his Resurrection, Jesus is constituted in glory as Lord and Christ (*cf. Acts 2:36*). From his fullness, he poured out the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the Church.

747 The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

<http://www.catholic.org/lent/pentecost.php>

Why we do what we do.....

PENTECOST

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church! We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday? Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work

of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture. Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost.

731 On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.

732 On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated. We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.

The Holy Spirit - God's gift

733 "God is Love" 124 and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Why we do . . .

734 Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit 126 in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

735 He, then, gives us the "pledge" or "first fruits" of our inheritance: the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as "God [has] loved us." This love (the "charity" of *1 Cor 13*) is the source of the new life in Christ, made possible because we have received "power" from the Holy Spirit.

736 By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "*the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*" "*We live by the Spirit*"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "*walk by the Spirit.*"

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.

The Holy Spirit and the Church

737 The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes

present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "*bear much fruit.*"

738 Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, ... and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, I think that in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity.

739 Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body.

740 These "*mighty works of God,*" offered to believers in the sacraments of the Church, bear their fruit in the new life in Christ, according to the Spirit.

741 "*The Spirit helps us in our weakness;*"

Youth Corner

IGNITE - Enkindling the fire of faith

Young adults from 16 - 35 years of age meets every 4th Sunday of the month after the 6:00pm mass. Meet new people, enjoy some food and develop your relationship with God and those around us through prayer, reflection and good discussions with insightful guest speakers.

Next session: 25 June 2017

Topic: Becoming A Church of Missionary Disciples

Guest Speaker: Daniel Ang, Director of the Office for Evangelization, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

BLAZE

If you're in Years 7 to 10, come and join us. Meets every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Brochures at the foyer for more information or just drop them a line youth@john23rd.com

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays
Praise & Worship

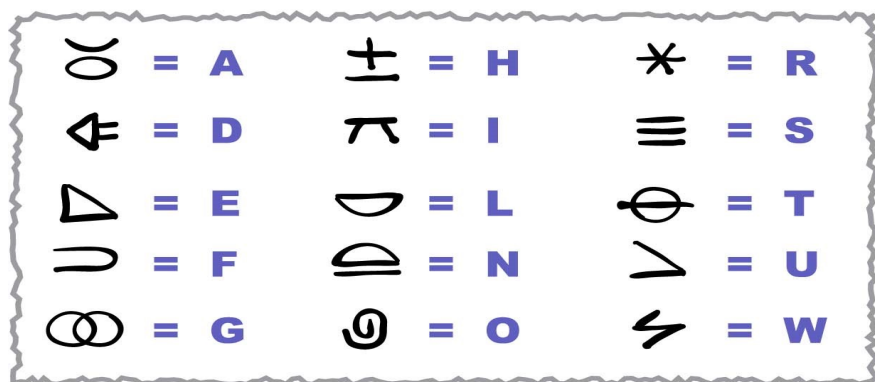
Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

YFC (Youth for Christ)

When: 3rd Sundays of the month

Decipher

Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.



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Diocesan News

3-4 June - LIFTED Leadership Seminar 2017 Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a weekend of formation, training and sharing for aspiring and active leaders from parishes and schools between the ages of Year 11 and 30 years of age – “*Develop, Grow, Inspire for Mission*” at the funky Atura Hotel, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect. The program begins at 10am on Saturday and includes a conference dinner with Bishop Vincent. It continues on Sunday and concludes with a Parish Mass in the evening. There is a heavily discounted registration cost of \$50 for all meals but we are limited to 70 participants. Register through James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

10 June - Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women A Silent retreat day for vocation discernment to marriage & family life, single life or consecrated life. Commences with an input. The day can be used as a general recollection day. Cost \$30 includes morning, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Saturday 10th June 9:30am - 4pm. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918258908407700/>

9-11 June - A weekend for Engaged Couples Time for Us to Prepare our Hearts for Marriage - A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9-11 June. These weekends aim to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful “YES” to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. Investment: \$200pp. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/236581350078661/>

11 June - Nigerian Mass in Igbo Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478472 or stellanwosu@msn.com

16-18 June - Time for Us Weekend for Families Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more detail or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/>

20-21 June - St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017. Tuesday, 20th June 2017, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm. Wednesday, 21st June 2017, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm.

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