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**WEEKEND MASES**

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am,

**WEEKDAY MASS TIME:**

Mon 6.45am Tues 7.30pm

Wed 9.00am Thurs 6.45am

Fri 9.00am Sat 9.00am

**HOLY HOUR:**

Saturday 8.00-9.00am

**RECONCILIATION:** 10 mins before Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

**BAPTISMS:** at 9.30am Mass

**BAPTISM Prep** Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> June 7pm

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

**ANOINTING MASS: next: 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**NOVENA OUR LADY**

**DIVINE MERCY** Tues. 6.30pm

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**Sat: 9 am:** +Michael J. Rebola; **Vigil 5pm:** for the int. of one's Mother; **Sun: 8am:** Souls in Purgatory; **9.30am:** +Jaroslav Kollar; **Mon:** +Souls in Purgatory; **Tues:** +For Souls in Purgatory; **Wed:** for the int. of Jo; **Thurs:** for the FOSS; **Fri:** for the brother's conversion

**Pope Francis** introduced a new liturgical celebration of "The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church" to be celebrated through the Church annually on the Monday after Pentecost with the rank of an obligatory Memorial. The first occurrence of this new Memorial throughout the Church will be this year on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**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 2020 at the new website now online:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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

O God, bless and 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.

**Pentecost derives** its origin from the tradition of the Jews. It originally stems from a Jewish Festival called the "Feast of Weeks," the *Shavu'ot*. The Feast of Weeks, deriving from the Greek word *Pentekostos*, meaning "fifty," occurs fifty days after the Passover, just as we celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter. The *Shavu'ot* bears special significance for Catholics if examined on three levels: agricultural, in light of the exodus account, and in light of the New Testament. On the agricultural level, the *Shavu'ot* commemorated God's providence for his people. It celebrated the harvest of the wheat, which was the last grain harvest. The people of Israel would reap their "first fruits," bringing them to the Temple to be blessed. The significance of the *Shavu'ot* now acquires a new dimension. Instead of celebrating the first fruits of the earth, Pentecost Sunday commemorates the first fruits in the harvest of souls. No longer are the faithful bound by Mosaic Law and required to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in order to offer the sacrifice of grain in the Temple. The new law of Christ demands something greater. It necessitates that we offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gift of Faith by proclaiming the Good News. For this reason, Pentecost is referred to as "the birthday of the Church," for on that day the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the gifts they needed to proclaim the new covenant of Christ and so continue Christ's mission of bringing man to the Father.

**The Australian Catholic Bishops** have decided to call a Plenary Council to be held in two sessions, commencing in 2020. The next three years will be vital in assisting the bishops as the Church prepares to listen to the Holy Spirit through open listening and dialogue sessions with the nationwide Church. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has called together a Working Group to oversee the preparatory contribution of the Archdiocese for the Plenary Council. The Working Group is co-chaired by the Most Rev Terence Brady, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, and Prof. Sandra Lynch, of the Institute for Ethics and Society at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Miss Silvana Scarfe, of the Life, Marriage & Family Centre, will be providing Executive Support to the group. As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Plenary Council Facilitation Team will launch resources to assist each parish, congregation, agency, organisation, family, school and individual on the path to open dialogue and listening as we prepare to enter this phase of the journey to Plenary Council in 2020. To coincide with this launch, the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, has prepared a message (copies on table at back of Church) to be distributed throughout the parishes of the Archdiocese.

**Charitable Works Fund Appeal:**

Your 100% tax deductible contributions to this appeal are most appreciated. Our quota is \$11,700. Please remember what the Lord said that there is more joy in giving than receiving (Acts 20:35).

**Sacrament of Confirmation** at St. Joseph's Como will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The candidates for this Sacrament come from our Parish and States Schools. Over 90 candidates are on the journey of preparations for the reception on the sacrament. Please pray for them and their families that it will be the Event for all of them and our Parish.

**Our sick:** Josefa Dabu, Terry Quaily, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmilo, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel and friends from the Chesalon Home & house bounds.

<http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com.au/>

**READING MINISTRY:**

[HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG](http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG)

<https://www.compellingtruth.org>

**Online Bible Correspondence Courses:**

<http://www.ibtministries.org>

EWTN-Kids (internet catechism)

Catholic News Service,

Catholica; Zenith News; Fish Eaters

<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>

[www.catalystforrenewal.org.au](http://www.catalystforrenewal.org.au)