Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.

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22-23 May, Feast of Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday 9.30am Curtin Tuesday 9.30am Curtin

Wednesday 9.30am Curtin – Liturgy of the Word and Communion

Thursday 5.30pm Curtin

Friday 9.30am Curtin (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)
Saturday Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin

Sunday 9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things

understands what is said, alleluia.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the

fire of your love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Patricia Brill, Maj. Gen. (ret'd) Peter Day, Patrick O'Flaherty, Ivi Ward, Peter Verbeek, Frank Boyle, George Salvestro, Indonesian submariners, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Trudy Dinn, Michael Petherbridge, Anton Cabral, Patricia McAllen, Andrew Peacock, John Flanagan, Ofelia Ancheta, Prince Philip, Richard Tarlinton, Hans Kung, Michael Horton, Bernice Wilton, Carla Zampatti, Tommy Raudonikas, victims of US shootings, Caterina Res, Fr Harold Baker MSC, Bill Coyle, Bruno Wolnicki, Phil Smith, Bryan Kennedy (brother of Fr Bill Kennedy), Nora Brown, Jill O'Connor, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Marilu Bottaro, Annie Jones, David jones, Barney Crowe, Cecil Wagstaff, John and Maria Nguyen, Angelina De Alemeida, Gerard Shiels, Bernie Carpenter, Cecil Wagstaff, Kath Rennie, Brian Lacey, Maria Reginato, Anna Vigone-Shaw, Veronica Beath, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, Keith McLaughlin, Richard Pugh, Joe Caruana, John Frawley, Jack Perry, Desmond Lilley, Patsy Edwards, Sylvia Cronin, George Pugh, Francesco Jacovetta.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jeannette Clarke, Lorraine Ryan, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Eleanor Dorman, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID.

WITHDRAWN OR OPEN IN THE SPIRIT?

Have you felt alone in a crowd? The disciples of Jesus did. The occasion was the celebration of Pentecost in Jerusalem following his ascension. Jews from all over had assembled seven weeks after the Passover for the Festival of Pentecost, giving thanks for the divine provision of the land and its' produce (Lev. 23:15-21). The crowds upbeat mood contrasted with the despondency of the followers of the absent Jesus. Locked away, they were fearful of suffering the same fate as he did. However, their mood completely changes with the powerful outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit; manifest in mighty wind and tongues of flame. The disciples are emboldened and preach to the multi-lingual crowd, all of whom understand them! This event initiates and symbolises the Church's mission: to proclaim and witness to the Father's love to the ends of the earth. We are agents of that ongoing mission. Of course, that presumes my openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Last Thursday's Prayer of the Church contained a petition that I commend to you with amendment: "Lord Jesus, ascended to the Father, in the night of our anxiety and the day of our over-confidence, may the Holy Spirit, the promised advocate, plead for us with the Father".

Trying to live in accord with the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Confirmation (Wonder and Awe, Reverence, Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom, Courage and Right Judgement, Ish 11:1-2), we hope to produce the fruits of the same (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, Gal 3:22). Walking by faith in times of desolation and consolation offers a powerful witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit. We pray for that openness in ourselves and for those young parishioners preparing to celebrate their Confirmation next month.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL have arranged for two guest speakers. (1) Joe Johnson will draw on a PowerPoint presentation to share his Antarctic Adventure, 'God's Untouched Land', 10am, Monday, 24 May, Parish Centre. (2) Alan Tongue, man of Christian faith, former Canberra Raiders player (2000-2011) and captain, creator of innovative programmes for teenagers and now NRL ambassador, 7.30pm, Wednesday, 23 June, Parish Centre. Refreshments will be served on both occasions. All welcome.

ECUMENICAL GATHERING, CHURCH BANNERS and LITURGICAL MUSIC: (1) Following the celebration of Pentecost (23 May), the Parish Liturgy Committee (PLC) is hosting a gathering of local representatives from neighbouring churches, 7.30pm, Tues 25 May, Parish Centre. (2) The PLC would like to hear from parishioners who may be able to assist with the creation of **new liturgically appropriate banners leading to the tabernacle**. Contact the Parish Office. (3) Finally, the PLC invites parishioners who could lead congregational singing and, or play a musical instrument to contact the Parish Office.

Marriage and Family Sunday: At next Sunday's 11am Cathedral Mass, Archbishop Christopher will launch the Archdiocesan 'Year of Amoris Laetitia' to promote the post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Marriage and the Family (2016). You are welcome to visit the 'Marriage and Family Expo', St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 1.00 -2.00pm, lunch provided. Register at http://bit.ly/mfsregistration or 0429 192 869.

Prayers for Clergy and for Vocations: Following last week's annual Clergy Assembly at St Clement's Galong, please pray for the clergy of the Archdiocese and for priestly vocations in our archdiocese. On the first Thursday of each month at the Archbishop's House, Commonwealth Ave., Parkes, commencing at 6pm, there is Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament followed by dinner for those considering a priestly vocation. Inquiries to Vocations Director, Fr Paul Nulley, 0422 038 565.

BOOK LAUNCH: 'Wrestling with the Church Hierarchy – Engaging with the Plenary Council and Beyond', John Warhurst, 6.00pm, Thurs 27 May, Parish Centre, hosted by Genevieve Jacobs. RSVP essential via the Parish Office.

ACT RIGHT TO LIFE invites you to the Parish Centre, 7-8.30pm, Sunday 23 May to hear Federal MP, George Christensen, speak to his proposed bill to save infants born alive after abortion. RSVP Bev Cains 0418718713, 345bevc@gmail.com. Alternative gathering at Holy Rosary Parish Centre Watson, Thursday 27 May, 6 to 7.30pm.

AWT invite you to inaugural St Mary Magdalene Dinner, 6.30pm, Friday 16 July, Southern Cross Club, Phillip. Guest speaker Sr Margaret Beirne RSC, scripture scholar and lecturer. Cost \$65 per head. Enquiries: Beth 0432 608 310. Bookings at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mary-magdalene-dinner-16-july-2021-tickets-153913775245

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, <u>mulvaney@netspeed.com.au</u> or 0437 876 487. **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20.

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LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 29-30 May, The Most Holy Trinity Sunday (Year B)							
5 th Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm				
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Anthony De Salis	Mark Murphy				
Servers							
Reader	H Gulan	M Wilcock	Annie Gordon-Crothers				
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Margaret Ryan					
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	k Moya Kennelly Lyn Bliss					
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra	Claire Frazer, Marie O'Donnel	Lyn Granlund				
	Kelaart	Juliana Maher					
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: J & B Ryan				
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required				
Collection Counters	31 May T Frawley, Volunteer required						
Wednesday Liturgy	26 May Leader of Prayer: E	Leader of Prayer: Emma Fairfax					