



St. Therese Catholic Church Padstow

19th – 20th May 2018

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Sunday Masses: Vigil 6.30PM, Sun 8.00AM, 9.30AM

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8.30M, Fridays, & Saturdays at 9.00AM, Wednesdays at 7.30PM.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 5PM. Baptisms & Marriages: By appointment.

We Pray For Our Sick: Jenny Francis, Tracey Jackson, Marie Mc Loughlin, Patricia Lopez, Joshua Durrant, Mary Sortwell, Matthew Morrissey, Romanos Nehme, Debe Beaini, and all our sick; may the Grace of the Lord be with them. Lord hear us.

We Pray For Our Dead: Gerry Bourne, Emmanuel Sammut, Vincent Tran, Maria Do, Salima, Elias, & Norm Nehme, Giovanni Pruscino, Jennifer & Ryley Delmage, Gina & Giuseppe Fortunato, Nora G. Castro, Marija Goreta, Lucia Marinelli, Raymond Willis and especially for those for whom Masses are being offered. We pray; Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Pentecost Sunday.

From Fr. Stephen.

Both the Jews and the Christians now celebrate Pentecost. Along with the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost was one of the major feasts of the Jews. During these three great Jewish festivals, every male Jew living within

twenty miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to go to Jerusalem and participate in the feast. The word Pentecost literally means "Fiftieth," because the feast was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. Another name for the Jewish Pentecost was "The Feast of Weeks." It was originally a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest.

The Christian Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For the Christians it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost celebrates this descent of the Holy Spirit into men and women. Today's readings remind us that this Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present; furthermore the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. The Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share His gifts with others.

This event of the descent of the Holy Spirit also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, resulting in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost is thus the official birthday of the Church.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: We will have a special Mass in honor of our Lady on Thursday 24th May at 9AM. The whole school will be coming along.

FIRST HOLY COMUNION PROGRAM: We pray for the children who will be receiving the Lord for the first time in Holy Eucharist on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on the 3rd June. It may be a good idea to come to a different time Mass on this Sunday if at all possible to free up space for the First Communion Children and their guests.

THANS: On behalf of us all, I like to thank George from the Alma Road Florist for his generous gift of flowers for our church every weekend. I am sure that the Lord will reward him.

Miscellaneous.

JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN PANAMA FOR THE 34TH WORLD YOUTH DAY IN JANUARY 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd

One of our secondary school students Alex Comarmond will be joining the festival. We would like to offer him financial support. If you can assist would you please make a donation in an envelope mark it World Youth Day and I will pass it on. I thank you for your generosity.

WALK WITH CHRIST – 3 June 2018. All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. Please look for the Books of Life in your

parish to write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.



ROSTERS for 25 th – 27 th May 2018			
READERS	6.30PM MASS	8.00AM MASS	9.30AM MASS
1 st Reader	J Badra	C Graff	A Tate
2 nd Reader	B Prior	C Nandan	M Vssiljevski
ACOLYTES	Anthony	George	Frank
ALTAR SERVERS	K Yazbeck	T Forrester P Forrester	P Abouraad K Abouraad
MUSIC	Amanda		Irene
NURSING HOMES	John Ryan	CLEANERS	C Dunlop
SUNDAY SCHOOL	M Gentilomo & D Abouraad		
COUNTERS	J & K Ryan V Webb El-Zeini		
BANKERS	John	ROSARY	E Saoud
ALTAR SOCIETY	Group E: J Mc Lachlan, J Rogers, M Yates		