

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of Children and Adults is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults at Risk, and acknowledge its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those Children and Adults.



CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS A CRIME. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the Police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the Police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone (02) 9390 5813 or via email SafeguardingEnquiries@SydneyCatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest. The Archdiocese of Sydney has a legal obligation to report crimes to the Police.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCE

You must keep your personal details up to date so that you can be contacted about your Working with Children Check (WWCC). Go to <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/apply-wwcc/update-or-upgrade-your-wwcc-details> for more information. Please provide the Parish office with a copy of your WWCC. Thank you.

The Catholic Weekly

IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION

- Pro-life rally aims to help make NSW history
 - Archbishop invites Chapel exhibition visitors to "see anew"
 - Thousands pack cathedral for Our Lady of Fatima
 - Palliative care volunteers celebrated
 - Pope Leo: The spiritual value of reading.
- Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.



KIDS CORNER

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4

Choose the word that best matches the definition. Answers can be found in Acts 2:1-13 (NIV).



- To say words, to use the voice
A. wind B. sound C. speak D. fire
- Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
A. spirit B. language C. speak D. wind
- A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
A. speak B. spirit C. heaven D. holy
- Something that can be heard
A. wind B. sound C. language D. fire
- Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
A. holy B. heaven C. fire D. speak
- A destructive burning
A. holy B. spirit C. fire D. speak
- The place where God lives
A. fire B. wind C. heaven D. language
- Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
A. sound B. holy C. language D. wind

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF MAY

MONTH OF MARY

- SAT 23 MAY—St Desiderius of Langres
- SUN 24 MAY—PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- MON 25 MAY—St Bede the Venerable;
St Gregory VII, Pope;
St Mary Magdalen de Pazzi
- TUE 26 MAY—St Philip Neri
- WED 27 MAY—St Augustine of Canterbury
- THU 28 MAY—St Heliconis of Thessalonica
- FRI 29 MAY—St Paul VI
- SAT 30 MAY—St Joan of Arc
- SUN 31 MAY—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



FEAST DAYS OF JUNE

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- MON 1 JUN—St Justin
- TUE 2 JUN—Sts Marcellinus & Peter
- WED 3 JUN—St Charles Lwanga
- THU 4 JUN—St Aldegrin of Baume
- FRI 5 JUN—St Boniface
- SAT 6 JUN—St Norbert; St Champagnat
- SUN 7 JUN—THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**



2026
Tim Fischer
Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life

Guest Speaker
Dr. Mary Healy
Renowned International Speaker & Author

6:00 PM Wednesday,
June 17, 2026
Rosehill Gardens, Sydney

tfo.org.au

SISTINE CHAPEL
REVELATIONS
AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

Bookings at: <https://SistineChapelSydney.com.au>

MUSEI VATICANI

HEALING MASS

SUN 14 JUN, 6:00PM, ST JOSEPH BELMORE

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will celebrate a Healing Mass here in our church. Fr. Justin has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. We urge you to bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.



St Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
BELMORE

We are called to reach out to everyone with the Love of God.

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MASS TIMES:

Mon–Sat: 9:00am
Sat: 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8:00am & 10:00am
Youth Mass: 7:00pm
(First Friday of the Month)
Tongan Mass: 2:00pm
(Last Sunday of the Month)
Filipino Mass: 3:00pm
(First Sunday of the Month)
RECONCILIATION: Wed 6:00pm–6:45pm,
Sat 4:00pm–5:15pm
ADORATION & BENEDICTION:
Wed 6:00pm–7:00pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by
appointment, please contact the office.

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MAY—MONTH OF MARY

ST JOSEPH BELMORE NEWSLETTER

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

—MyCatholic.life

Today, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, the promised Gift of the Father and the Son to Jesus' disciples. After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days, offering them proof of His resurrection, teaching them, and reminding them of all He had revealed to them about His death and Resurrection to prepare them for the next step of their mission. During the ten days after Jesus' Ascension, the eleven Apostles gathered together in the upper room—most likely the place where they ate the first Eucharist—with Jesus' mother and many other disciples, totalling 120. As they met, they cast lots and chose Matthias as Judas' successor.

On the fiftieth day after Jesus' Resurrection, ten days after His Ascension, the 120 disciples were again gathered in the upper room when they experienced something beyond their imagination. From the sky, a noise like a strong driving wind filled the room. Tongues, as of fire, fell upon all gathered, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they were given the gift of tongues, which enabled them to speak in different languages to the diverse groups of people in Jerusalem.

The disciples went out into Jerusalem and boldly proclaimed the Gospel. Peter stood up and gave a stirring and powerful sermon that presented the whole mystery of salvation. He spoke of Jesus as the Saviour and of the need to repent and be baptized. "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day" (Acts 2:41). The new followers then devoted themselves to learning from the Apostles and to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit formed the Church and empowered each baptized member to fulfil a specific duty. Some preached, some cared for the poor, and some shed their blood for their faith. The newly converted and empowered disciples travelled far and wide to expand the newborn Church that grew rapidly as the new Body of Christ fulfilled its mission.

In the years and centuries ahead, the Holy Spirit continued to form the Church. The Apostles were inspired to write what is today the New Testament so that future believers would have firsthand accounts of the Gospel. The Apostles' and Saint Peter's successors helped form Sacred Tradition, the ongoing deepening revelation of the Word of God to address new questions.

The Holy Spirit also sanctifies every individual believer, especially through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord...They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations" (#1831). The Holy Spirit also instills twelve fruits: "The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: 'charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity'" (#1832). These graces are given in Baptism and perfected in Confirmation. Each baptized and confirmed member of Christ has the potential to fully realize these graces so as to grow in holiness and fulfil their divine mission.

Holy Spirit, come to me and bestow upon me Your seven-fold gifts, so that I can grow closer to Christ Jesus and act more faithfully as a member of His Body. Bear good fruit in my life and in the lives of others, so that the saving message of the Gospel will draw all people to Yourself for Your eternal praise and glory. Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—I love You, believe in You, and trust in You.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to find ways, centred on the love of God, to provide a welcoming Parish, a place of spiritual nourishment, and a home to a community that supports everyone and encourages them to contribute their gifts.

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READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

2:1—11

They were 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29—31, 34

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE 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.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light...

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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.



NEXT WEEK: 24 MAY 26—SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Exodus 34:4—6, 8—9

Responsorial Psalm: Dan 3:52—56

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 13:11—13

Gospel: JOHN 3:16—18

The Word of the Lord



PARISH / LOCAL NEWS

Volunteers Needed

CAN YOU HELP?

We need your help especially during our Sunday liturgies. If you’re able to, please send your details to the Parish Office via email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au stating which ministry you’d like to help—Collector, Lector, Choir, Eucharistic Minister etc. Thank you for your support and God bless you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—REMINDER



During Holy Hour (Adoration & Benediction) from 6:00pm to 7:00pm every Wednesday evening. Father will also be available for confession. All Welcome.



Exposition of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Every Sunday after 8:00am Mass

Please join us as we prepare for Eucharistic 2028



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

DATE	EVENT
Sat 30 May – 5:30pm	Commitment Mass Please bring your child's commitment card with you
Sat 30 May – after Vigil Mass	Session One (all hourly sessions, held in the Hall)
Sat 13 Jun – after Vigil Mass	Session Two
Sat 20 Jun – after Vigil Mass	Session Three
Sat 27 Jun – after Vigil Mass	Session Four
Sat 25 Jul – 9:00am – 12:00pm	Reflection / Rehearsal
SUN 2 AUG – 12:30PM	CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

NOTE: It is a requirement for all candidates along with at least one parent / guardian attend and participate in ALL sessions, except the Parent Information Evening.

Prayer Requests
& Special Intentions

Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer requests and intentions. Email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au Phone: +61 2 9759 1280 May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



DEATH ANNIVERSARY—MAY

1st—James Tyler; Muriel Crockett; Terry Walsh; Patricia M. Cosgrove. 2nd—Helen Elia; Rufina Mortillero. 3rd—Alexander Duncan; Jim Bradley. 5th—John Whelan; Mario Lucie De Douza; 6th—Tony Michael; Walter B Stuckey; Maria Mizzi. 7th—Theresa Eid; 9th—Dorris Morgan; Placida Yap. 10th—Myra Folwell; 11th—Nicholina Mangano; Elizabeth Cividin; G. McDonald; 12th—Nicola Ricco; 14th—Ron Macdonald; 15th—Ann Vuong Tran; Ida Williams; 16th—Valarie Sarah Byrnes; Dominic Camillieri; 17th—Mary Hennessy; Venetta Daniel; Maria Camellotti; 19th—Sister Mary; Tony Calleja; Jack Salmon; 21st—Catherine O'Connor; Lorenza Estepa; Jack Martin; 22nd—Jessica V Eade; 23rd—Rino Lazaric; Joseph Elia; Kalmat Zouki; 24th—John Patrick Weston; Francesca Cantore; 25th—Alfred K Keeble; Jason Shori; Joseph Merciega; 26th—Frederico Valli; Patricia Badaovi; Anne Sheedy; Col Mullen; 27th—James M McKeown; Marie Ritchie; Helen Farah; 28th—Chung Yit Hing (Anna); 29th—Francesca Defina; Michael Kayrooz; 30th—Giovanna Di Giambattista; Colm Mullen; 31st—Guisseppa Attard.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Our church is cleaned by volunteers

Please place any rubbish you have into the bins at the entrances, or take them home with you. Please contact the office on 9759 1280 or email admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au if you can help. Thank you for keeping our church clean.



NOTICE
NO FOOD OR DRINKS
ALLOWED IN CHURCH



Children's Liturgy

ST JOSEPH BELMORE PARISH HALL
Every Sunday during 10:00am Mass, in the Hall. All children and parents welcome. Children under 3yrs MUST be accompanied by an adult (parent/guardian). Sharing the Gospel in a child-friendly way.



MAY – The Month of Mary

During the month of May, we will pray the Rosary. Please join us every night at 6:00pm and after the Saturday Vigil Mass, as we ask Our Blessed Mother for her intercession. Our Lady of the Rosary. pray for us.



2026 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE
Mass attendance counts will be conducted at each of our Masses from this weekend for four weeks. Please remain until the end of Mass to get our count correct. Thank you.



Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

Eucharistic Procession &
Holy Mass

9:30am. Sunday 7 June

St Joseph Parish Belmore

MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners who are sick. Our Elderly Parishioners. Parishioners celebrating their birthdays. Suzan & Rizkalla Toubia REPOSE OF SOULS Souls of our dearly departed family members. Mrs Patricia Cosgrove.