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Sunday Masses: 9:00am and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Daily Mass: **Mon:** 7:30am; **Tue - Sat:** 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: **Fri:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Confessions: **Fri:** 6:00pm – 6:45pm; **Sat:** 9:30am - 10:00am

Holy Rosary: Daily before Mass

Please note Tuesday 10:00am Mass, 24 May will be at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians in honour of Her feast day

Feast Days – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C/2)

Tues 31 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 1 Jun	Saint Justin
Fri 3 Jun	Charles Lwanga & Companions

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Catorina Mandelli, Camilla Pascoe, Fr. Bill Milsted, Bro. Max Scully, fsc, Maria de Los Angeles ('Angelines') Agudo, Nerisa Williams, Josephine Finneran, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un, Dan Southee, Matic (baby).

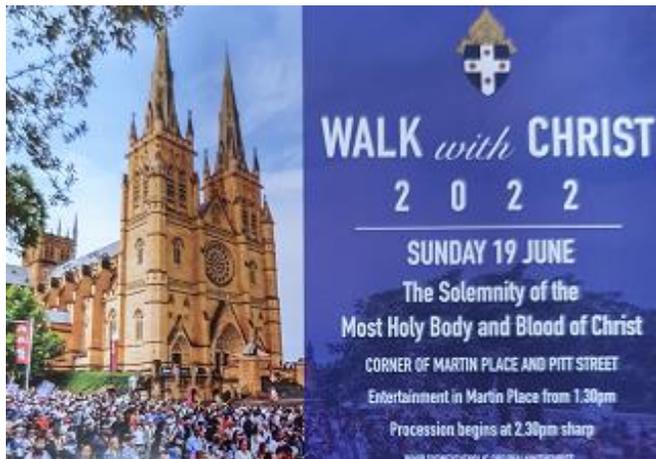
Our deceased: Jean Lorna large (nee Warman), Gerard Watkins, Anthony Brien (Robert's carer), Peter Sweeney (31/3), Archbishop Michael Meier (3/4), Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (22/3/2020) Indhira's mum), Robert Azzopardi (Pauline's nephew), Grace Maralyn Molyneux (13/3), Lina Mangion (26/2), Moira Welch, Bennett Alexander Schwartz, Sebastian Gomes, Neville Stapleton, Damien Carroll ((31/1), Julian Ciappara (28/1), Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood, Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy and June Veronica Hailwood, Philomena Smith (11/3),.

Our house bound elderly: Shirley Kennedy, Anna Maria, Myra Krcma

Partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognised, served, honoured and loved by us.

Pope Francis

Catechesis on the Mass 2018



Faith and Reason

12 May 2022

Priests of the
Archdiocese of Sydney

Brothers in Christ,

The WALK WITH CHRIST Returns: Sunday 19 June 2022

I am most pleased to invite you and your parishioners to the first Walk with Christ Pilgrimage in two years, which we had postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we invite all the faithful in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession through the streets of Sydney.

The walk will take place on Sunday 19th June commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place.

In preparation for the event, packages containing promotional material will be distributed at the upcoming May 19th clergy conference. If you would like to receive a package but will not be attending the conference, please contact Kathy Campbell at Kathy_campbell@sydneycatholic.org to arrange for a package to be mailed to you.

The Archdiocese is able to assist parishes by providing bus transportation to the city. To request this, please email www@sydneycatholic.org by 1st June.

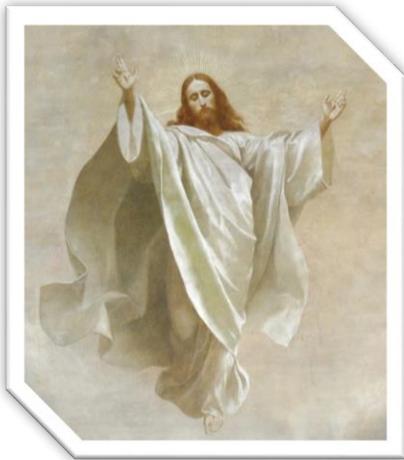
I look forward to celebrating this most solemn event with you and your parish community.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Richard Umbers
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

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Reflection on the Ascension of the Lord – Fr Chris Eaton, Ignite Youth, 16 May, 2021



It so hard to say goodbye to someone you love. However, saying goodbye can actually strengthen your relationship. Saying goodbye can make you reflect on the relationship and cherish the memories that you have shared with that person. You remember the good times you've had together. You come to realise how much you value the other person. Saying goodbye challenges you not to take them for granted. There can a deep pain in your heart. But that pain expresses the love, you have for that person. Imagine the experience of the disciples. They are losing their master and friend, the one who loved them until the end.

The Disciples would have experienced an emotional rollercoaster in the weeks leading up to the ascension. Jesus was taken away from them, condemned as a criminal. Imagine the grief and loss, the shame and guilt the disciples would have felt. Then three days later, he is raised from the dead. The overwhelming joy they now experience, Jesus had returned to them. They are not alone anymore; we have Jesus on our side. We are unstoppable.

But just when they least expected it, he is leaving them again. "This is crazy", they must have thought, "I can't believe this is happening." How do they deal with this now? What does all this mean? There are so many questions. How are we going to survive without him? They would have relied on Jesus for everything, and now he is leaving them. As he ascends into heaven. They stand there looking up at the sky wondering why this is happening. "I can't believe he is leaving us." Then some angels ask them, why are you men of Galilee standing here looking up into the sky? You will not find Jesus there. He will be with you on the road. Go and make disciples of all nations.

The disciples were ordinary people from Galilee and Jesus trusted them with his own mission. How extraordinary is that? I'm guessing you're an ordinary person just like the disciples. Jesus trusts you to continue his mission. He has commissioned you to go out into the world and proclaim the good news by your life. But you don't have to do this in your own strength. You have the power of the Holy Spirit working in you. You are not alone Jesus is closer to you now more than ever.

+ Come Holy Spirit pour out your presence into our lives, set us on fire to bring your love to others in the ordinary events of our lives. Amen

How the Virgin Mary was a beacon of hope, Philip Kosloski, May 22, 2019 (Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network)



On **May 31** the Church celebrates the **feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a day that recounts the meeting of Mary, pregnant with Jesus and her cousin Elizabeth, pregnant with St. John the Baptist. Elizabeth relates the joy she experiences when she encounters Mary and how, “when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy” (Luke 1:44).

Elizabeth then goes on to say to the Virgin Mary, “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord” (Luke 1:45). In this way, Elizabeth confirms the faith of Mary and how her hope was fulfilled through the hand of God.

It is this hope of the Virgin Mary that should inspire us to trust in God, no matter how outlandish his propositions may appear to us at first glance.

We should take a moment to search our own hearts and how our hope compares to that of the Virgin Mary.

Do I believe in the ultimate triumph of good over evil?

Am I a bearer of hope to others, showing them the hope found in Jesus Christ?

What prevents me from being a beacon of hope and unity in the world?

May the Virgin Mary teach us how to have hope in God, trusting that he desires to fill us with his eternal life.

Ave Maria.

Saint Justin, Martyr (Feast day 1 June)

Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies.

As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers.



Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogy of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate.

For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

Reflection - As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us.

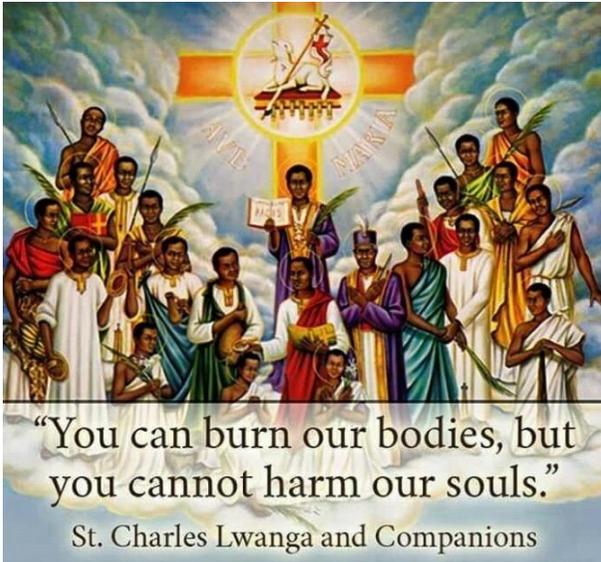
Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should also be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe.

St. Charles Lwanga and companions (Feast day June 3)

[The Society of Missionaries](#) attracted many converts in Uganda. The converts soon became teachers of the faith also. Uganda was ruled by King Mwanga who was violent and a pedophile. The Christians who lived and taught at King Mwanga's court tried to protect the pages from the King. The leader of the 200 Christians was Joseph Mkassa. He confronted the King after a Protestant missionary and his companions were killed. Mwanga ordered his execution. Before he was beheaded and burned on Nov. 15, 1885 Joseph forgave Mwanga, but asked for repentance.

St. Charles, who was 18 when he converted, became the new leader of the Christian group. For six months the persecution lessened. Then, however, King Mwanga became angry and killed another student of Christianity with a spear. He ordered the royal compound sealed so no one could escape. Charles baptized four [catechumens](#)

(students) that night. The next day the king ordered the 15 boys and men to be executed because they refused to give up being Christians. They were ordered to walk 37 miles to be executed in Namugongo. Three died on the journey. After seven days in prison, they were burned to death. Thirteen Catholics and eleven Protestant's died.



The Catholic faith was practiced in secret without clergy. After the death of King Mwanga, there were 500 Christians and 1000 catecheumans waiting to receive the sacraments again.

The 22 Catholic Martyrs of Uganda were canonized.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

We ought to pray and invoke the Holy Spirit, for each of us greatly needs His protection and His help. The more a man is deficient in wisdom, weak in strength, borne down with trouble, prone to sin, so ought he the more fly to Him Who is the never ceasing Fount of Light, Strength, Consolation and Holiness.” – Pope Leo XIII

Note: The following novena was written by the Holy Ghost Fathers over 100 years ago and was reprinted several times. It is prayed for the nine days prior to Pentecost.

Forward

The novena in honour of the Holy Ghost is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the directions of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Ghost on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

The Church grants the following indulgence: “Partial indulgence to those who participate in a public novena before the feast of Christmas or Pentecost, or the Immaculate Conception.” (*The Enchiridion of Indulgences*, Issued by the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, 1968, #34)

Though this novena can be prayed any time of year, it is traditionally prayed from the Friday after Ascension Thursday (when the Ascension is not transferred to the following Sunday) until the Saturday before Pentecost.

The next traditional time for the novena to begin is May 27, 2022, and concludes on June 4, 2022.

- [Day One](#) – Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter (May 27, 2022)
- [Day Two](#) – Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter (May 28, 2022)
- [Day Three](#) – Sunday of the Seventh Week of Easter (May 29, 2022) (In many dioceses the Solemnity of the Ascension is transferred to today)
- [Day Four](#) – Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter (May 30, 2022)
- [Day Five](#) – Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter (May 31, 2022)
- [Day Six](#) – Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter (June 1, 2022)
- [Day Seven](#) – Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter (June 2, 2022)
- [Day Eight](#) – Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter (June 3, 2022)
- [Day Nine](#) – Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter (June 4, 2022)

Act of Consecration to the Holy Ghost



On my knees / before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses / I offer myself, soul and body / to Thee O Eternal Spirit of God. / I adore the brightness of Thy purity / the unerring keenness of Thy justice / and the might of Thy love. Thou art the Strength / and Light of my soul. / In Thee I live and move and am. / I desire never to grieve Thee by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against Thee. / Mercifully guard my every thought / and grant that I may always watch for Thy light / and

listen to Thy voice / and follow Thy gracious inspirations. / I cling to Thee / and give myself to Thee / and ask Thee / by Thy compassion / to watch over me in my weakness. / Holding the pierced feet of Jesus / and looking at His five Wounds / and trusting in His Precious Blood / and adoring His opened side and stricken Heart / I implore Thee / Adorable Spirit / Helper of my infirmity, / so to keep me in Thy grace / that I may never sin against Thee. / Give me grace / O Holy Ghost, / Spirit of the Father and of the Son / to say to Thee always and everywhere / "Speak, Lord / for Thy servant heareth."

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost

O Lord Jesus Christ / Who, before ascending into heaven / did promise to send the Holy Ghost / to finish Thy work / in the souls of Thine Apostles and Disciples / deign to grant the same Holy

Spirit to me / that He may perfect in my soul / the work of Thy grace and Thy love. / Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom / that I may despise the perishable things of this world / and aspire only after the things / that are eternal, / the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, / the Spirit of Counsel / that I may choose / the surest way of pleasing God / and gaining heaven, / the Spirit of Fortitude / that I may bear my cross with Thee / and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, / the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself / and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, / the Spirit of Piety / that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, / the Spirit of Fear of the Lord / that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may dread in any way to displease Him. / Mark me, dear Lord, / with the sign of Thy true disciples / and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. / Amen.



This is the link for the Novena of the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost Sunday:<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/>

Hardcopies are available on request.

The parish has been blessed in being granted our first choice of Pentecost Sunday for the ten children who will be confirmed by Bishop Danny Meagher next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.