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### Mass Times

**Monday-Friday**  
**9am & 11am**  
**By booking only due to covid-19 regulations.**  
**Follow link below in PARISH NEWS**

**Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Sacramental Enquiries, please contact the Parish office.**

*We are committed to the safety and well-being of children.*



## MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*31<sup>st</sup> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



**Easy online thanksgiving payments can now be made via this link:**

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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 **Pentecost Sunday – Year A**

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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### Welcome back everyone to the celebration of masses at St Finbar's

**Under the new covid-19 regulations, we are able to have 20 people participate at each mass plus the necessary minister/sacristan as of 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

At the generosity of Fr Stephen, we will have 2 masses each weekday, i.e. 9am & 11am.

**You will be required to register with your full name, phone number and email (if available) in order to attend either of these 2 daily masses.** Please remember that a number of other parishioners will want to participate in these masses so please consider others when booking your day selections.

Important to note that there will only be one entry to the church which will be via one front doorway. Upon entry you will need to wait to have your booking checked and hands sanitized in order for St Finbar's to adhere to the covid-19 guidelines. Seats will be designated and have a sticker indicating where you must be seated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

God bless,  
Fr Ian Ranson



### PARISH NEWS

**Please follow this link to book your mass attendance days**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJROB>

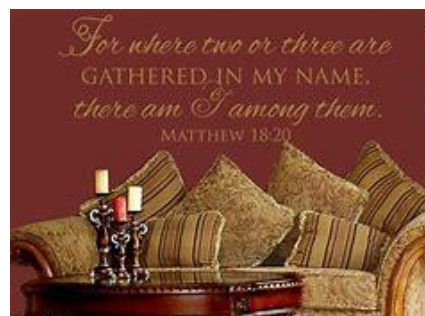
**SUNDAY MASSES  
WILL COMMENCE  
7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**We remember those who have died recently**

*Hugh Bloink*

**Those whose anniversaries occur around this time**

*Jim Legge, Bill Keyte, Pat Callea, Antonio Galtieri, Rosina Portelli, Ann Hebel, Italia Calia, Joan Gleisner, Adriene O'Meara, Don Yates*



**HOW TO  
CONTINUE  
MASS AT HOME  
DURING  
COVID-19  
RESTRICTIONS**

Follow this  
link for  
weekday  
& weekend  
masses

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

### **Live telecast of Mass on TV and online**

We are happy to share that during this time of physical isolation, the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised free to air on Ch 44 and live streamed on our YouTube channel and website.

### Mass For You At Home

Channel 10 – 6am Sunday morning  
or on demand via

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

St. Alphonsus Liguori, recited this prayer:

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.***

**Amen.**



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## **Historical Context**

### **Pentecost**

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.



