

Saints and Masses this Week

Tuesday 26 May – St Philip Neri, Wednesday 27 May – Ord time wk8, Thursday 28 May – Ord time wk8, Friday 29 May – Ord time wk8, Saturday 30 May – Votive BVM1, Sunday 31 May – HOLY TRINITY

St Mary's Parish Fundraising Initiative The Jack Riley Gift Box comes with two 750 ml bottles of Prosecco from a local boutique winery, a waxed-cotton wine cooler bag, a gift card, and a booklet about Jack Riley's life. Each box costs \$55, with \$30 from every sale supporting St Mary's Parish. To order, please email John Bacash at info@jackriley.com or call 0411 615 202. Remote Sellers Liquor Licence 36309169. To pay, use BSB 083 004 and Account 850804443. We offer free delivery in Seymour, or you can arrange to pick up your order from the back of the church. Bank statements will confirm all transactions.

Parish Working With Children Check (WWCC) Thank you to all who have provided copies of their card. If you still need to update your card or obtain one, please see Fr Ashkar and he will do what needs to be done and no cost to you. If you have a WWCC card through another organisation, you do not need to get another, just allow us to get the details for our files.

2026 Collection/Observance Details

7 June	Propagation of Faith	Catholic Missions
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catholicmission.org.au/united In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship. You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival. Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to **catholicmission.org.au/united**

St. Francis of Assisi ♪ SHOWCASE ♪ For the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, COG Theatre is seeking more performers, technicians and administrators to help host a musical showcase celebrating the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Auditions, interviews and workshops to follow on 7 June. Contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com OR 0413 398 528 to get involved!

Corpus Christi Procession On Sunday 7 June 2026, the feast of Corpus Christi, parishes, communities, families and all people of good will are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in sharing the light of Christ at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession. The procession begins at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, moves through the streets of the Melbourne CBD, and concludes at Federation Square. The latest information, along with print and digital resources to help promote and invite your community, can be found at melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi. Communities are invited to bring their banners!

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Parish Secretary: Lorraine Nagle (Thurs)

MASS TIMES		ROSTERS THIS WEEK	
TUES – SAT	9am at St Mary's	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
SAT VIGIL	6pm at St Mary's	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SUNDAY	8:30am Tallarook 10am at St Mary's	M Winnell	J Devanney
MASS PREPARATION		COMMENTATORS/LECTORS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
C Smith	E Devanney	C Smith	S Hamilton O Hamilton
COUNTERS		COLLECTION SUPERVISORS	
C Smith	S Doyle	SATURDAY C. Spykers W. Spykers	SUNDAY C. Spykers

Thanksgiving Env - \$464.50

RECENTLY DECEASED We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH 24/5-30/5: Norman Devanny, Corrado Pertile, Margaret Graham, Philomena McDonald, Owen Lubeck, Colin Jarvis, Laslo Parisi, John Ruscoe, Jack Beovich.

ILLNESSES: We pray for: Anne King, Sonia Willett, Rimon Ashkar, John McMahon, Peter Matthews, Colin Cooper, Jeremy Stokes, Pete Dillon, and all who are suffering from the Corona Virus and all those unwell at the present time, who receive support from our prayers.

30/31 MAY 2026

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sat: M Winnell

Sun: E Devanney

LECTORS

Sat: C Spykers

Sun: M Flynn C Crowe

MASS PREPARATION

Sat: C Spykers

Sun: R Smart

COUNTERS: D Ring G Quillinan

VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103)

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

Or Alleluia!

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 (or a hymn) On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

VIGIL READINGS Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Or The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103)

RESPONSE: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. **Or** Alleluia.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

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 (or a hymn) They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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*Every day is a
Pentecost*



24 May 2026 Pentecost Year A

At Pentecost, Jesus' confused disciples were gathered and locked in a room. Fear and suspicion filled the air. There was more perspiration than inspiration! The disciples were afraid that they would suffer the same fate as their Master. They listened and waited for the mob to arrive. Yet, they hoped that no one would discover their hiding place.

In contrast, there's the powerful image of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not halted by locked doors or locked hearts. The Spirit is not excluded from the vulnerable parts of people's lives. When the Spirit came upon the disciples, it wasn't like a gentle breeze, but more like a cyclonic wind that lays flat everything in its path.

The Spirit fires the disheartened disciples with new energy, enthusiasm and authority. The divine wind swept them off their feet, and drove them out of hiding. The divine fire set them ablaze with zeal for God's Kingdom and empowered them for their mission. They go out into the world, open their lives to people, and fearlessly proclaim the gospel with its message of peace and forgiveness.

At first the crowd is confused, "because each one heard the disciples speaking in his own language". Something had happened to change the disciples' outlook and behaviour. The crowd's second reaction is amazement: "are not all these people who are speaking Galileans", yet everyone understood the disciples.

When that happened, there was communion, whereas before there had been misunderstanding and division. The disciples 'broke through' to people, and spoke a deeper and more personal language that's in all of us, and which so rarely gets spoken. It's a language in search of meaning and understanding. It's music in search of a melody. It's words in search of a story. It's a blank canvas in search of beauty and creativity. It's the language of the Holy Spirit.

The blaze that began at Pentecost has continued across the centuries; growing, spreading, scorching. At times, humanity has tried to avoid or escape it; tried to ignore the beauty and disturbance of the Spirit's power and energy. We've tried to tame or dilute it into a cosy, domesticated faith, rather than subject ourselves to the Spirit's transforming and purifying fire.

But, try as we might, the Spirit blows where it will. The Spirit cannot be captured or contained; it's not conservative or liberal, it's not 'us or them'. The Spirit is free. The Spirit is everywhere, and especially alive in us; sending us out into the world like the disciples and empowering us to bring peace and forgiveness wherever life takes us. Every day is a Pentecost.

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TODAY'S READINGS Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

NEXT WEEK (Trinity Sunday, Year A): Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; Psalm Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18