

Mary Immaculate Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
10th May 2026

Prayers to the Holy Spirit- in preparation for Pentecost

IN two weeks' time, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit leads us to fully experience the power of the Crucified and Risen Christ. The Holy Spirit recreates us to become the Church, the Sacrament of Christ in order that we may Evangelize the world. Before we can become true evangelists, we must firstly allow ourselves to BE evangelized.

As we prepare to receive the Holy Spirit of Pentecost, I invite you to prepare your hearts by taking a prayer each day from the list below, offering yourself as a means by which others will experience the power of God love.

1. **Dear Father**, in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I ask you to stir up within me the fullness of Your Holy Spirit. Help me to grow in my relationship with the Third Person of Your Holy Trinity and to live in His power and use His gifts.
2. **Lord Jesus**, You promised, "The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26). Help me to remember that I don't know everything, and that this is okay, because the Holy Spirit understands it all. Fill me with the Holy Spirit and His understanding of everything that is happening in my life.
3. **Holy Spirit**, Jesus asked the Father to give me the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17). Help me to recognize You in the scriptures. Open my mind to understand Your truths, and open my heart to accept Your truths in faith even before I gain right understanding.
4. **Holy Spirit**, Jesus said, "The one who receives the seed that falls on good soil hears the word and understands it. He produces an abundant crop" (Matt. 13:23). Be the gardener of my life. Nourish the seeds of heaven that You have already placed within me and make it grow so that Your love, Your ways, and Your kingdom will always grow within me and produce much good fruit for others.
5. **Spirit of wisdom and understanding**, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.
6. **Holy Spirit**, Jesus said, "Do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say" (Luke 12:11-12). Help me to trust in You always. Help me to remember that with You, nothing is impossible, and that You work everything according to what is good and right and timely, even if it doesn't seem so to me.
7. **Holy Spirit**, Jesus said, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and everything else you need will be given to you as well" (Matt. 6:33). Help me to let go of all my earthly attachments. First help me to recognize what I am attached to that is not of You, and then hold my hand as I walk away from the things of the world. Give me the determination and the strength to let go so that I have no other gods before me. I want only You.
8. **Holy Spirit**, You are the Comforter. Help me to let go of the losses in my life. Heal my heart. And help me to face my sinfulness and to feel genuine sorrow for the damage ~ both intentional and unintentional ~ that I have inflicted on others and in so doing have inflicted on Jesus. Comfort me as I mourn my need for forgiveness, and give me Your spirit of rejoicing over this new growth in me.
9. **Holy Spirit**, Jesus freely chose to suffer and die for me because of His tremendous love for me. I have pains in my life ~ hurts, wounds, sufferings, trials, difficulties ~ and I want to run from them. Strengthen me to follow in Jesus' footsteps so that I can walk my road to Calvary without fearing evil, and lead me into my new life of victory and resurrection.
10. **Holy Spirit**, Jesus said that He would not leave us orphans, but would send You to us (John 14:18). How often I have wept or complained because it seemed like You were not with me in my sorrows and sufferings! Help me to recognize Your presence in ALL situations. Help me to turn to You and find You, for You never leave me nor abandon me. You care even more about me and my problems than I do. You are working a plan for my benefit, to make good come from everything that happens to me. Help me to discover Your presence in every moment of my life.
11. **Holy Spirit**, by the cross of Jesus we are healed! By His resurrection we live in the new life of total, unconditional love. Help me to share that healing love with all those around me. Jesus commanded, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Help me to declare with power the Good News of Jesus Christ. Send me to where You can use my gifts and talents to make a difference.

12. **Holy Spirit**, You gave Yourself to the Virgin Mary and she said “yes” to becoming the mother of the Messiah. Help me to say “yes!” to whatever it is You are calling me to do. I want to serve the Father and make Jesus’ love more evident in the world around me.

13. **Holy Spirit**, I have my own expectations about what I should and should not do. I now surrender to You my ideas, my limitations, my preferences, and my goals. Fill me, Holy Spirit, with all Your supernatural gifts! Empower me to accept and grow in the supernatural life as much as the early disciples did. I want to be useful to You. I want to go where You lead me. Holy Spirit, send me forth gifted and empowered to make a difference spreading the Good News of God’s forgiving love.

14. **Prayer of Saint Augustine (Holy Spirit Prayer)**. "Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy."

Sunday 17th May Schoenstatt Annual Marian Pilgrimage Day

Program includes Reconciliation; Mass with Bishop Tony Percy; Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Please bring your Pilgrim Mother Shrines along. Drinks & food will be available for purchase. This is an outdoor event - **bring your own chairs**.

Address: 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa **Contact:** Sr. M. Rita 0493 026 628 **Web:** www.schoenstatt.org.au

22nd MAY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 6.30AM – 8.00AM

Speaker: Ben Galea, Chief Operating Officer for the International Eucharistic Congress.

Topic: Historic Eucharistic Congress 2028 at Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong

Join other men for a morning of breakfast, prayer and inspiring input.

Be inspired and strengthened as you connect with others seeking to live as authentic disciples on mission.

Cost is just \$20. **Book here** dow.sh/MPB26 by Tuesday 19 May

13th June "Ephphatha: Be Opened!" - Calling young men 18-35 years old

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is always calling us to life, and life to the full – the challenge for us is to be open to listening for his quiet voice in our lives. Becoming more open to the voice of the Good Shepherd in the big and small decisions of life – Marriage; Priesthood; Religious life?

“Good Shepherd Sunday” is also “the World Day of Prayer for Vocations”.

We take this opportunity to invite all unmarried young men aged 18-35 who are open to discerning God’s call in their lives to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&A, one to one chats and Adoration. Register as soon as you can!

Where: St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street West Wollongong

When: Saturday 13th June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch

Cost: Free, but registration is essential – go to dow.sh/Ephphatha

14 June 2026 OneSydney | Together in Christ - A Historic Celebration as One

Sydney Opera House (Concert Hall) You are invited to be part of an ecumenical evening of prayer and unity. Christians from all denominations will gather as one on Australia’s most iconic stage — the Sydney Opera House. The programme includes Dr Mary Healy, Matt Maher, Fr Rob Galea, and many more. Scan the QR code for information and to register



19-21 June Marriage Enrichment Weekend



Join us on at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW –

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419

nswbookings@wwme.org.au

27th June Praying Icons with Julian of Norwich - (Day Retreat)

Join us for a contemplative day exploring the rich intersection of iconography and Julian of Norwich’s Revelations of Divine Love.

Retreat Cost: \$60 (*Limited space available*)

Jamberoo Abbey Retreats Go to our website for more information and how to register.

We would like to enable as many people to attend our retreats. If you require assistance with the registration cost, please don’t hesitate to contact us at onlineretreat@jamberoobbey.org.au.

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Introductory 40 Hour Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others?

An Introductory 40 Hour Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online via Zoom and would be suitable for kind and caring people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities, attendees at school or people in the parish.

Applications are currently being taken for this 40-hour course commencing on Thursday, 18 June 2026, comprising 6 sessions ending on 23 July 2026. Times are 9.30 am to 4 pm. Dates are June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23.

For more information about this course and future courses please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES. - Tuesday, May 12th in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

To parents / caregivers of the children making their First Communion in June.

Please note that the sessions for Parents will commence on **Tuesday, May 12th in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm**

As this is an extremely important Sacrament, in our Catholic lives, these sessions are compulsory.

If you have not yet enrolled your child, or if your child missed out last year, the cut-off date is the 12th May. Either check out the parish webpage mipeaglevale.org OR come on the 12th May

If anyone offer so much as a cup of water to one of the least of my followers will not lose their reward



The ALPHA team is seeking your generous support once again to help us provide for the participants.

If you can help, please sign up at the back of the Church ... OR Message Jessica on 0403 146 889



WEEK 5: Soft taco tortillas, Chicken tenders, shredded cooked meat & coleslaw

... Matt 10:42

HELP NEEDED.

Can you spare some time to help our team of gardeners, mow the lawns around the Church?

Please contact the Parish office 4626 3055.

21 May to 8 July 2026 Scripture Course: Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

Thursdays 6:45 pm - 9pm, in the Parish Hall - Register after the Weekend Masses

This is not your usual "watch a video and share" setup. This is something deeper.

It's not just about information, it's also about discipleship. We'll journey through the Gospel of Luke together with daily readings and personal reflection.

It's about living out the Word in real, practical ways. Ready to move beyond routine and take your faith to the next level?

23rd May Saturday After the 5:30pm Vigil

In honour of the month of May we will gather to pray the Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass - Bring a Candle



6th & 7th June

The Feast of Corpus Christi The International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

- The display will be in the Parish Hall all weekend - Audio and Visual display
- On Sunday there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament
- Time of private Adoration and prayer. - Benediction
- Youth Mass

If you would like to volunteer to help with the day please sign the clipboard after Mass



24th July - Parish Bush Dance

CLAIM THE DATE: Friday 24th July 7.00pm
BY POPULAR DEMAND. - CEILIDH BUSH DANCE



THANKYOU: The Filipino and Friends Parish Community Association would like to thank everyone for their valued support of the movie fundraiser, The Devil Wears Prada, part two held on Wednesday May 6th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR-

THE SICK: Rhonda McKelvey, Irwin Emmanuel, Phillip Whitehouse, Willow Morrison, Lisa Farnhill, Adrian Banks, Christine Debski, Ana Villagonzalo, Pinky and Evelyn Arenas, Lachlan Abood, Charbel Aziz, Margaret Roberts.

THE DECEASED: Please pray for **FR. JOHN PICKERING** who died on Thursday, and the repose of the souls of **Vukica Sucic, deceased relatives of Rinkin and McCosker families, Albert Banks, Jo Mendoza, and June Benson** whose anniversaries occur at this time and all Holy Souls. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Pope Leo's monthly intention for MAY: That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



It is with a heavy heart that I advise that Fr John Pickering OFM passed away peacefully during the evening of 6 May 2026. Fr John has been living at St Mary's Residential Aged Care home in Berkeley where his health has been declining over recent months. Fr John Pickering OFM has been the Chaplain to the Spanish Community, in the Wollongong Diocese since 1983 and his devotion to the Community has been paramount during this time.

Funeral arrangements: Thursday 14 May 2026 at 11.00am
St Francis Xavier Cathedral
Burial afterwards at Lakeside Memorial Gardens

MASS INTENTIONS 9th -16th May. 2026

Sat Vigil 7:30pm	The anniversary of death of Vukica Sucic
SUN 8.30am	For the deceased family and friends of Teresa
10.00am	The People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
5:30pm	For the living and deceased members of the McCosker family
Mon. 9.00am	For the soul of Albert Banks (birthday anniversary)
Tues. 9.00am	
Wed. 7:30 PM	For Brent Howard on his birthday
Thur. 9:00am	For the soul of Jo Mendoza
Fri. 9:00am	For repose of the Soul of June Benson (anniversary)
Sat. 9:30am	For Emeli Mafi Taeloa on her birthday

Ministers for weekend 16th / 17th May

Saturday 5.30pm

Acolyte: Julian Rookes
E. Minister: Marlene Jones
Readers: 1. Anne Sheldrick 2. Tricia Manjon

Sunday 8.30am

Acolyte: Michael Arthur
E. Minister: Arlene Kempa
Readers: 1. Bernedette Peiris 2. Kirsty Simpson

Sunday 10.00am

Acolyte: Lafi Tuigamala
E. Minister: Charles Morell Salina Pahulu
Readers: 1. Jacqueline Luis 2. Samantha Johnson

Sunday 5.30pm

Acolyte: Thomas Philippe
E. Minister: Loretta Tuigamala
Readers: 1. Jeanne Alhambra 2. April Alhambra

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