

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
24 May 2026

**First Reading**  
Acts 2:1-11  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 104:1ab+24ac, 29b-30, 31+34  
**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
**GOSPEL**  
John 20:19-23

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

Today's gospel, the disciples are gathered behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain after the crucifixion. Into that fear, the risen Jesus comes and simply says, "Peace be with you." His presence changes the atmosphere from anxiety to mission.

What stands out is that Jesus does not wait for the disciples to become brave or worthy before appearing to them. He meets them in their fear. Then he breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit," echoing God breathing life into humanity in Genesis. The disciples are not only comforted; they are renewed and sent out.

This passage reminds us that resurrection is not just about Jesus being alive again. It is about new life being given to others. Peace, forgiveness, and the Spirit become gifts meant to flow outward. Even when we feel locked in by fear, failure, or uncertainty, Christ still enters in, offers peace, and calls us into purposeful living.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
31.05.2026

**First Reading**  
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
**Responsorial Psalms**  
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
**Second Reading**  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
**Gospel**  
John 3:16-18

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE**  
loan balance is  
**\$730,503.00**

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

**CASH COLLECTIONS**  
17 May 2026

1st Collection:  
3,422.40  
2nd Collection:  
660.20

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**  
New to the area?  
Want to join the Parish.

Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Repose of Soul/Anniversaries of Death:**  
**Pablito & Priscilla Santos**  
**For the Sick:** Elizabeth McBride.  
Evelyn dela Cruz, Lilian Yee,  
Angelina dela Cruz, Sofia Herradura,  
Sigrid Alegre, Ann Hoare, Brilliantito Quitiquit,  
Noemi Goh, Michael Yee  
**Intentions:** Romina & Pauline O'Connor,  
Antonio Gomintong, Felisa Sanche



**INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER 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.

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, 3 June 7:00PM  
St Pauls Parish,  
162 Waimumu Road, Massey

**THANK YOU** for your support for the Kiwi & Other National Fundraising last weekend.  
We are able to raise the total amount of **\$7,000.20**.

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Reach a wide and engaged audience by placing your business advertisement in our parish newsletter.  
Please contact the Parish Office 09 359 4750 or email [office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)



**Social & Fund Raising Dinner**

Saturday, 27th June 2026  
6:30PM, Sequel Cafe

Limited to 70 people only.  
Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Tickets are now available in the Parish office.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND MIGRANT CHAPLAINCIES  
**Rise Up & Shine Festival**  
**Saturday 30th May 2026 | 10:00am - 3:00 pm**  
At Malaola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere  
Starts:10:00am - Thanksgiving Mass  
Followed by: Social Entertainments till 3pm.  
Music, Zumba, Food Stalls and Cultural Shows  
KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP. CELEBRATE OUR ONENESS IN CHRIST

**St Luke's Youth Fundraiser Selling**



**this Sunday, 24 May 2026**  
**after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses**

**Jubilee Year of St Francis (1226–2026)**

Franciscan Friars Vocation Dinner – Auckland. You are warmly invited to join the Franciscan Friars for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and conversation. Wednesday, 27 May - 6:00pm (Mass and Evening Prayer, followed by a shared meal) at St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland). This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for single men aged 18–40 to learn more about Franciscan religious life and to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

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**Billings Life NZ Seminar:**

Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in Whanganui on June 19 and 20. The event is designed for couples using or considering the Billings Ovulation Method, health professionals or others wanting to learn more about the method, and people interested in becoming accredited Billings teachers. Find out more and register at [www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar](http://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar)

**Volunteers - Flower Arrangements**

The parish is seeking volunteers to assist with flower arrangements on every fifth Sunday of the month. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with the parish office. Email [office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)  
Your support is greatly appreciated.

BE FILLED WITH



THE HOLY SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 5:19

# PENTECOST

**Pentecost Sunday** celebrates the **outpouring of the Holy Spirit** upon the apostles, when—after they were gathered in prayer—there came “a sound like the rush of a violent wind,” and “tongues...as of fire” rested on them. As a result, “all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” and began to speak so that people from many nations could hear the message in their own languages.

For the Church, Pentecost is not only a “past event,” but the beginning of the Church’s mission in every age: the Holy Spirit is **manifested, given, and communicated as a divine Person**, and therefore the **Holy Trinity is fully revealed**.

It is also presented as a “**new Sinai**”: Luke connects the signs of wind and fire with Israel’s experience at Sinai, and the covenant is extended as the **New Covenant** to “all the nations,” turning what once caused division (like Babel’s confusion) into communion.

In a word: **Pentecost is God’s gift of the Spirit that renews faith, creates unity without erasing real differences, and sends believers out to proclaim God’s “mighty works.”**

## THE HOLY GHOST

**THE MOST FORGOTTEN PERSON** *of the Blessed Trinity*

He is not absent. He is simply *forgotten*.

1. *He illuminates* YOUR MIND. When we begin our day with His light, He helps us think clearly, choose what is good, and see God in all things.

*Pray: Come Holy Ghost, enlighten my mind.*

2. *He strengthens* YOUR WILL. He gives us the grace to do what is right, even when it is hard. He is our strength in temptation, our courage in sacrifice.

*Pray: Come, Holy Ghost, strengthen my will.*

3. *He sanctifies* YOUR HEART. He fills our hearts with love—love for God, for others, and even for our enemies. He makes charity possible.

*Pray: Come, Holy Ghost, inflame my heart with Your love.*

4. *He guides* YOUR HOME. He is the unseen Guest in our homes—bringing peace, unity, gentleness and heavenly joy. Let Him reign in your family.

*Pray: Come, Holy Ghost, dwell in our home.*

5. *He stays* WITH YOU ALWAYS. He is your Comforter, your Counselor, your Advocate. He walks with you today, tomorrow, and every day of your life.

*Pray: Come, Holy Ghost, abide with us forever.*

6. *He prepares* YOU FOR HEAVEN. He is the pledge of our inheritance, the promise of eternal life. He helps us to live today with heaven in view.

*Pray: Come, Holy Ghost, prepare my soul for eternal life. Amen*