TODAY WE CELEBRATE what is often called the birthday of the Church. Happy birthday to all! We also bring to completion our celebration of the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death, resurrection, ascension and coming of the Spirit on Jesus’ disciples.

Full of symbols
Most of us are more familiar with the account given in the Acts of the Apostles which is the First Reading of today’s Mass. In this account, the apostles are all gathered in one room at the time of the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which in the Jewish calendar traditionally falls 50 days after the Passover (or Easter in our Christian calendar). What follows is a scene filled with scriptural symbols. First, there is the sound of a mighty wind from heaven filling the whole house. The word in Greek for ‘spirit’ and ‘wind’ is the same, so the wind clearly indicates the Spirit of God. Then there appeared tongues of fire which rested on the head of each one present. Again we have a symbol of God’s presence. We remember Moses speaking to God out of the bush which was on fire. We remember that, as the Israelites wandered through the desert, they were accompanied during the night by a pillar of fire – God was with them. All present are then filled with the Spirit. The sign of this presence is their ability to speak in different languages.

A message for all
Immediately, the apostles go out and begin to speak to the crowds of people. Jerusalem is filled with Jewish and convert visitors from all over the Mediterranean, from Asia Minor, Egypt and North Africa, even Rome... The meaning is clear. What the apostles are preaching is a message destined for the whole world and not just for one people.

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ST. ANTHONY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MARSFIELD—ENROLMENTS for 2019. St. Anthony’s Catholic Primary School is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 (and placements in Years 1-6). N.B. Children must be turning 5 years of age by 31 July 2019 to be eligible for Kindergarten enrolment, i.e. born before 31/7/14. Enrolment packages are available from the School Office. (Office hours: 8.30am. to 3.30pm). For inquiries or information please contact the school: 9805 0545 or visit www.stamarsfield.catholic.edu.au “Meet the Principal / School Tours” are also being offered. Parents considering enrolment are welcome to attend on Wed 23 May at 9.30am. The session is approximately 45 mins.

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Are families in your community struggling?
Parenting Education groups can help parents develop positive strategies to manage these concerns in a friendly environment with other parents. Call our friendly CAREline team on 13 18 19 to find out more or visit catholiccare.org

SAVE THE DATE:
ST ANTHONY’S HIGH TEA , 3 NOVEMBER 2018, 2PM.

OLMC PARRAMATTA
OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

College Open Morning Tour
Wednesday May 23, 2018
expanding beyond what we know we can be
WALK WITH CHRIST – 3 JUNE 2018. You are invited to the Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sun 3 June. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St & Martin Place in the CBD at 2.30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary’s Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3.30pm in the St Mary’s Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at around 4.30pm. A “Book of Life” can be found in the foyer of the church, where you may write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – 21-26 AUGUST 2018, DUBLIN, IRELAND; guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”. Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives. worldmeeting2018.ie/en/

POSITION VACANT. Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator, All Saints Catholic Parish, Liverpool. Part-time, 30 hours per week. Contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055. Closes Fri 1 June.

JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN PANAMA FOR THE 34TH WORLD YOUTH DAY IN JANUARY 2019. Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019. Find out more by visiting the website sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd
Please turn off your mobile phone in Church.
Thank you.

PRAYER MINISTRY
PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:
Those who are sick, especially-
Kenny Hee Teck Lim, Irene Tija,
Fr Michael Walsh CM,
Ambrose Hee Chong Lim,
Phillip Hopson, Eddie Yap,
Chris South, Konrad Wrzesinski,
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,
Janet Godsell, Barbaro family,
Fr David Catterall.

The recently deceased
Ida Calisti
Mary Galea
Maria Cessario
(sister of Josie Howes and John Carabetta)

And those with anniversaries around this time-

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS
• If you have a cold or flu symptoms (or any other communicable disease, cold sores, etc.) you MUST NOT receive communion from the Chalice.
• In accordance with the General Instruction, we DO NOT DIP the Host in the Chalice.

Due to privacy laws, if you would like the name of a family member or friend printed in the Good Oil, please contact the Parish Office.