

Reflection; Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost- New Beginnings

The thought that strikes us is that the first Pentecost must have been an exciting time to be alive in the church. The world of the apostles which had fallen apart with the death of Jesus was changed and transformed into a new creation. The atmosphere was joyful; change was in the air and the outpouring of God's love was upon all present. The Holy Spirit like a roaring wind descends with tongues of fire on the apostles and breathes new life into this faint-hearted band. However, the coming of Holy Spirit was not something that happened only at the foundation of the church. The living breath of God is at work in every age as a permanent feature renewing and building up the body of the church.

The gift of the Holy Spirit, given at Pentecost, is available to the worshipping community gathered here, provided we are open and willing to receive it. This feast, which celebrates the birthday of the church is an excellent opportunity for evaluating the use we are making of our God-given gifts. The church is built up when we use our individual talents for the good of all. The fact that our gifts are not of the spectacular type which fascinated the onlookers on the first Pentecost, does not diminish their importance. Being a patient father, a loving mother, a good listener and having time for the elderly may not attract the headlines but it witnesses to the fact that God is to be found in the humdrum of a daily routine. It is in the ordinary that we share most fully in the greatest of God's gifts.

Let our prayer be, 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.'

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

<u>Gospel</u>

John 14:15-16, 23-26

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, 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".



PILGRIMAGE

Father Clifford will be leading a pilgrimage, beginning August 31, through to September 19. Following the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy, Fatima, Avila, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. Please see the poster at the back of church, or speak with Father Clifford for more information

Pope's Intention for June:

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic Groups) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. Phone (02) 9933 0233. Web: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au. For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000.

First Reading: (Vigil) Ex. 19:3-8, 16-20 The Lord God appeared before all the people on Mour

The Lord God appeared before all the people on Mount Sinai **(Sunday)** Acts 2:1-11

- They were fill with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Lord send our your spirit and renew the face of the earth

Second Reading: (Vigil) Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

(Sunday) Romans 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God

SENIORS MEETING

Our next Seniors Group meeting is on Thursday 12th June at 9.45am (in the Parish Centre meeting room). We will have a guest speaker from Services N.S.W. Please enter via the School Office Gate.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Would you like to be a part of our Liturgical Ministry here at St Bernadette's? Course (September) enrollment forms are now available with Father Clifford. (reading, communion, minister of the altar). If you are already part of our <u>MINISTRY OF CARE</u>, there is a course to be held each Wednesday evening in June at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interests you. Please visit parracatholic.org/events/OFW to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org

SAFEGUARDING

If you are due to update your PARISH SAFEGUARDING, and you would like to attend a face to face session, please leave your details (including module/level) on the clipboard at the rear of the church (<u>Note</u>, it expires at two years). (also available online), please contact Maria Kervin at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org for details. Safeguarding is compulsory for all parish volunteers.

VINNIES COLLECTION

During June, you are invited to donate 1 of the following: <u>Toilet paper or a packet of sanitary pads</u> for our St Vincent de Paul collection. *Thank you for your generous donations*

ST BERNADETTE'S BANK DETAILS

EFT details: BSB 067 950 Account number: 00000404 Lalor Park Catholic Church, Reference: Your full name

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Kylie Baffico, Jodie McClellan, Bernard Wallace, Adam Calabria, Owen O'Reilly, John el-Samra, Bill Calabria, Sal Russo, Palmira Rourke, Lucia Vecchiet, Consuelo Fonseca, David Smythe, Catrina McGhee, Melanie Sant, Sarah Davenport, Maria Mihic, Maureen Wood, Dean McDonald, Judy Phillips, Wendy Hord, Rachel Surdich, Tycho Walsh, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo, Julie Daly, Jim Buckley

Anniversary: Anna and Peter Perovich

Deceased: The Most Holy Father Pope Francis, Claire Dobbie, Gwen Gunderson, Craig Tonissoo, Ortheo Manketi, Tina Saketano, Dennis Jodson, Frank & Elizabeth Calabria, Peter & Tina Muriniti, Friar Fabian Adkins O.F.M, Lorraine Buckley, Thelma Islip, Rocco Fania, Samuel Cassar, Nita Newnham, Vicente Gallegos, Abigail B. DeVega, Francis Vassallo, Anka-Pero Pejasinovic, Alois Mihic, Nirvana Zec, Mira Zec, Lino Delulia, Ailsia & Bruce McDonald, Joan & Stanley Bartle, Garrick Family. Deceased members & benefactors of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

We pray for all those from St Bernadette's who are sick, or have died. May all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

PARISH PRIVACY POLICY

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) at the end of 2001, the parish has reviewed its records and methods for holding and collecting information about parishioners. A Privacy Policy has been developed and approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council, in accordance with Diocesan norms, and a copy can be obtained from the Parish Centre during office hours.

MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday @ 9.15am (Rosary and Exposition before Mass @ 8.30am) Wednesday evening @ 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00-5.30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8.30am—9.15am Wednesday 6.30pm (Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette)

BAPTISMS

At 11.30am on Sunday (by appointment only). A Preparation Evening will be held before the Baptism for parents and godparents at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By Appointment-Please contact Parish Office for details.

BISHOPS APPEAL THANKYOU

Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminary, thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd donations will support our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou

TUTORING

Private Tutoring for Yr 1-Yr 12 students in English, Maths, French, Sciences by a team of tutors. Email Dr Gerry (ex Patrician Brothers College Teacher) for a free 30 minute meeting, <u>fsgadolphe@gmail.com</u>.

Home schooling and learning Disabilities also available.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the next six months are available in alphabetical order for your continued offering to the Lord each week. The new envelopes are **GREEN**. <u>Please do not use the old red</u> <u>ones as numbers have changed for some people</u>. Using the old red ones causes discrepancies in the recording of your donations Please remember to collect them before or after Mass. Thank you very much for your generosity.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT WORKSHOP

Attention all choirs/leaders – a copyright workshop will be held on the 19th June <u>parracatholic.org/events/music-</u>workshop-19june/