

Lakeside Bulletin



*The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parishes of
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SUNDAY 28th May 2023

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Pentecost Sunday!! A celebration of the beginning of the Church and the breath of the Spirit that generated the activity that saw the Disciples *'go out and make disciples of all the nations'*! (Mt 28:18-20) We are so blessed that they did.

We do that every time we share some aspect of our Christian life with those who need the word of God. We are never a sedentary people. We go! We are sent! We head out!

It is one of the reasons that we teach how important it is to stay till the final blessing in our Masses. We go because the breath of the Spirit has been breathed into us and we are being sent and blessed to make disciples.

I equate that staying till the end to being invited over for dinner at a beloved friend's house, enjoying a lovely banquet and their company, a few laughs, and some music maybe and of course good cheer. At the end of the night, we slip out the door and head home when the friend gets up to go make coffee, neither saying thanks nor hearing 'see you soon, have a safe trip home.'

The Nicene creed reminds us that we are 'one Catholic and Apostolic church'. As we say many, many, Sundays *'I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins baptising them.'* Apostolic means on the example of the apostles which as we celebrate today inspired or fired by the Spirit saw them go out and make disciples. And Catholic, universal! Called to spread faith everywhere. *Don't you think that is exciting?* And there are so many opportunities to follow in the footsteps of the Disciples – every *corner* has someone who needs Jesus!

Ministry is so easy when you think making Disciples and faith is literally an act of faith and that faith is caught not taught. One of my favourite spiritual gurus is a man called Rob Bell who produced a series of short videos on conversations with God. In one he talks about how the Jewish people don't say God's name or even write it. The series is called Nooma and is worth a google.

You will remember they write it like this YHWH rather than Yahweh. And it is pronounced more like breathing out than an actual sound. The short of it is a breathing in of God's name and a breathing it back out again. So, every breath is God. Gratefully in and gratefully out. How much more, if we think about that, do we bring God into our relationships, words, and actions if his name is every breath.

A normal breathing rate for an adult at rest is 8 to 16 breaths per minute. And if we get animated that rate goes up, significantly! **Let's get animated for Jesus then and breath God everywhere!**

Greg

Parish Priest





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Ted Larkin

Anniversaries: All the family members who have anniversaries at this time.

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ:

Toni Harkin, Joe Panek, Jo Turner, Arian Hampton, Leila Grew, Nick Gibson, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, John Evans, Pam Mason, Winston Aslin, Maria Terwkar, Kristie Porters, Narelle Lackenby, Reuben Neilson, Laurence Marshall, Fr Petar Mak ofm, Kath Cromie, Carol Robinson, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Veronica Clipsham, Leslie Henry, Craig Flanagan, Fr Tony Kelly, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Janusz Prudzienica, Anne Campbell, Jeremiah, Sean Ross-Gowan, Irene Kelly, Barbara Ryan, Monica Gooch, Vince Abdulla, Helen Ryan, Rajiu, Rianna MacKaway, Aileen McEwen, Pat Tobin, Patrick Perkins and Dallas Green

*Please ring the parish office if you wish to add your loved ones to the sick list and also **to be taken off the list once they are well.***

LADIES DAY LUNCHEON:

Monday 5th June 2023

At: Boolaroo Sports Club

31 Eight Street, Boolaroo

from 11:30 a.m.

If your have not already indicated your intention to attend, and you wish to do so, please phone June 49468415 or Gwen 49569596 to confirm.

All welcome.



Vinnies Winter Appeal

Envelopes will be available at mass on
3rd & 4th June 2023

PARISH TIMETABLE

WEEKDAY MASS:

29 May — 6 June

TUE: 9.00am Boolaragul

WED: 9.00am Boolaroo

THU: 9.30am Warners Bay

WEEKEND MASS:

Sat 5.30pm

**Our Lady Help of Christians Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo**

Sun 9.00am and 6:00pm

**St Mary's Church
2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay**

Readers Roster

3 June - 4 June

Sat 5:30pm	Therese Toshack Jane Bennett Marie Osborne
Sun 9:00am	Ryan Gato Camilla Palamo Sue Withers
Sun 6:00pm	Kristen Pryor Ian Ross-Gowan Ursula Kelly

BAPTISM

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Ashveer Orson Singh Moonga

Harleen Mary Kaur Moonga

May the gift of baptism they receive strengthen them for the journey of life and faith they will share with us.

Please remember the Moonga family in your prayers.

Dear Parish community, may you be blessed and renewed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

'I believe in the Holy Spirit who is Lord and gives life'. We profess our faith in the Holy Spirit every Sunday in the creed. By professing our faith in the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have been given the gift of divine life for which we look forward. Jesus himself said that 'receive the Holy Spirit', which means, the life which was given to us by God is renewed always with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost does not have termination or expiry date. It is still going on and it will continue. The Spirit of God also will renew ourselves until we achieve the divine life.

The feast of Pentecost reminds us that God is present and is always with us. He powerfully acts and works through us. The disciples were fearful, without hope and unable to go out. The gift of the Holy Spirit directed the disciple with energy and courage to proclaim the mission of Jesus. They experienced the presence of God in their work.

Holy Spirit helps us to know and love Jesus and God the Father. The Spirit of God consoles us and strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. The Paraclete directs us to keep the commandments of God and guide us on the path to salvation. Holy Spirit leads us to holiness which makes us fully human and which helps to identify the power of the grace of God in our life.

O Come Holy spirit! Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Priyantha Fernando

Assistant Parish Priest



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(Acts 2:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30)

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

(R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

(R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in

his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

(Jn 20:19-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Universal Prayer Pentecost Sunday Year A Sunday 28th May 2023

Presider: My sisters and brothers, let us pray to God, who is the source of life and light, for our needs and for those of the world.

Reader: That the church listens and respond to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in human lives throughout the world.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That through the forgiveness of sins, our parish community will renew the earth and reach out to all in need.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be comforted through the Spirit of healing, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our baptismal gifts, given freely by God, serve the mission of the church in this community.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That through the Holy Spirit, those who have died will be sent to the Lord Most High.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of all creation, you promised to be with us always and never to abandon those created in your love. Your Holy Spirit illumines our lives and warms our hearts so that all may praise and thank you. We ask that you grant our prayers on this great festival day through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. A gentle reminder to complete our Parish survey. If you would like to fill out the survey online please see the link: <https://forms.gle/SwDC3x8XWZ5RkTK79>. Thank you to those that have submitted the survey.

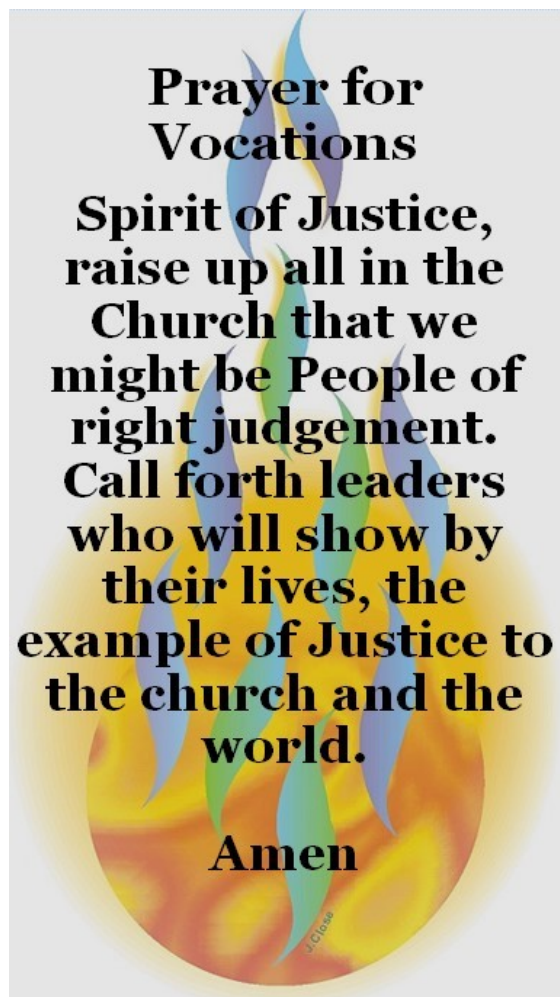
Safeguarding is a whole of Parish responsibility and the Promoters are the resource for the parish. We need to know what is working and what is not to keep everyone safe in our Parish. Our postings are aimed to meet the standards by providing information on preventing, identifying, and mitigating safeguarding risks to children and adults. (Indicator 1.5). In addition, we are required to be able to refer to abuse prevention programs and information according to context (Indicator 2.4) and finally the entity promotes and/or participates in activities which raise awareness of abuse prevention and the rights and dignity of children and adults at risk. (Indicator 3.4.1).

Life at the moment is complex and with the cost of living and other pressures it is hard to find peace. Sometimes our own behaviour and actions can add to the loss of peace so how can we gain some peace in our lives?

STOP:

- Arguing with people – choose your battles
- Wasting energy on one-side relationships
- Trying to fix people as an ‘act of love’
- Pretending to be happy when hurting.
- Overthinking about my past and things that cannot be changed.
- Accepting toxic behaviour because it was more comfortable than change.
- Going along to get long.
- Waiting for external validation to boost confidence.
- Trying to change people who are committed to staying the same.
- Allowing dysfunctional family members to steal your happiness.
- Comparing your life to others.
- Overlooking your blessings (anon).

Max Lucado once said “Feed your faith and your fears will starve.”



Congratulations to Calvin and Cherisha Frith
on your wedding in January



Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (40 hours)

This course is an introduction to the theory and practice of pastoral/spiritual care. It is a qualification required by NSW Health for those wishing to become hospital visitors. It covers such topics as listening skills, empathy, grief and loss, self-awareness and hospital procedures. It is conducted over six Mondays from 9am to 4pm. A certificate is awarded on completion.

The course starts on 17 July and goes until 21 August. Registration due by 1 July.

MacKillop Parish Charlestown
For more information contact
Fr. Roger Zohrab- Pastoral Care Coordinator
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roger.zohrab@health.nsw.gov.au

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Marriage Tribunal

Can we help you? The Church is aware of the stresses associated with marriage breakdown and divorce and understands that many people have questions about the processes which might allow a divorced person to remarry in the Catholic Church.

If you have any questions or would like to have a confidential chat about your situation, please contact Jane at the Tribunal on 4979 1370.

Watandar – Wallsend Library

On Sunday 25 June, you're invited to join the community at a free screening of Watandar at Wallsend Library.

It follows the story of photographer and Human Rights Activist Muzafar Ali. In 2015 he resettled in Australia and discovered that Afghans have been in the country for 160 years - so he's compelled to photograph and document the stories of their descendants.

To register, visit www.stickytickets.com.au/sjld5watandar_my_countryman_screening_at_wallsend.aspx

Pentecost Celebration

The Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting a Pentecost celebration in thanksgiving for the birthday of the Church.

The day will start with a talk on the Acts of the Apostles, lunch and a Mass with prayer ministry afterwards.

The event will be at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Gipps St Carrington on Sunday 28 May from 11am-2:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Contact Wayne Caruana 0466 631 394.

St Joseph's Men Newcastle Meeting

The St Joseph's Men Newcastle group will host its next meeting on Wednesday 7 June from 6.30pm at the Sydney Junction Hotel.

Entry is free. It's an opportunity for men across our Diocese to come together.

For more information or to connect with the group, visit [St Joseph's Men Newcastle on Facebook](#).

Vesak Festival 2023 - Bathing Buddha Ceremony

On Friday 26 and Saturday 27 May the International Buddhist Cham Shan Temple of Australia in Morisset will host the 2023 Vesak Festival.

For more information, email info@shamchan.au

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BAPTISMS

Celebrated most Sundays.
Contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least
3 months notice.

Contact the Parish Office

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Contact the Parish Office

CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 02 4979 1120 for services
provided in Newcastle



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PARISH GROUPS

Real Women

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Ladies Day

June Fava 02 4946 8415
Gwen Tompsett 02 4956 9596

Finance Committee

Thursday 4th May 2023,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 2nd May 2023,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Joy, Peta or Nathan
Via the office

Baptism Team

Meetings 1st Monday monthly,
7pm, Meeting Room, Warners Bay

St Vincent de Paul Warners Bay

Meetings Wednesdays fortnightly,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Membership enquiries to:

Peter Deed 0419 106 519

St Vincent de Paul Booragul

Meetings 3rd Thursday monthly,
1pm, Meeting Room, Booragul Hall

All new members welcome

Steve Barnett 0409 917 995



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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Diocese! Go to mnnews.today to view
the events calendar, see photos and
read stories about what is happening
locally.



RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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