# A REBIRTH OF FAITH

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that devout Jews from every nation had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Shavuot which commemorated the most important event in Israel's history, the giving of the *Torah* (the first five books in the Hebrew Bible) to Moses at Mt Sinai.

It was originally a harvest festival when the Jewish people came to Jerusalem to thank God for the fruits of the wheat harvest. It also became known among the Greek speaking Jews as Pentecost as it came fifty days (*pentekoste*) after the feast of Passover. The feast is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name.

For Christians, the feast of Pentecost concludes the Easter season. The fifty days from Jesus' resurrection to Pentecost, are marked in a particular way by the presence of the Holy Spirit who is in fact the ultimate Easter gift. The Creator Spirit constantly brings about new things. Today's readings show us two of these new things. In the first reading, the Spirit makes of the disciples *a new people*; in the Gospel, she creates in the disciples *a new heart*.

In the story of the tower of Babel (Gen 11), one people sharing a common language come together to build a tower to reach to the heavens. God saw their arrogance and confused their language so they could no longer understand one another. On the feast of Pentecost this lack of understanding is overcome by the gift of the Spirit and the pilgrims hear the apostles in their own languages. The Spirit creates a new people and when Peter speaks to them, he invites them to repent and be baptised to receive the Holy Spirit. We then learn that more than three thousand were baptised.

In the gospel, the frightened disciples were hiding from the community for fear of following in the steps of their crucified Lord, but the Spirit empowered them to come forward and bear witness. There is no longer discrimination among Jews or Greeks, slaves, or free persons but we all called to drink of the one Spirit.

Being a new people is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Lord and to take heart that God's Spirit is among us calling us to bear witness through our love of God and commitment to the care of all peoples especially those who experience loneliness, estrangement, marginalisation and adversity.

Our prayer is very much that the Church will experience a new Pentecost in a rebirth of faith in our increasingly secular community, and bear witness as Peter did to the good news of Jesus. Being a community of believers renewed

by Word and Sacrament ensures that we as a pilgrim people are able to move forward, actively engaged with the community, even as we continue to ask what God's Spirit is asking of us in Australia today.



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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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# 28th May, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Year A Red

**Today's Readings** Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

#### 4th June, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity Year A White Next Sunday's Readings Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies							
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am						
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass						
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment						
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month						
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month						
Rosary	After weekday Masses						
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm						
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm.						
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement						
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc						
Parish Meetings							
Parish Pastoral Council		Tuesday, 13th June in Parish Centre at 6.45pm					
Vinnies		Wednesday, 14th June in Parish Centre at 7.30pm					

### **Parish Census**

The parish will be conducting a census at all Masses next weekend.

#### **OUR SPONSORS**

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# **Praying For You**

Death Anniversary Llewellyn Beale, Tricia Clarke, Nick D'Amico, Nick Ottobrino

Deceased Kirk Samson, Lionel Samson

#### Our Sick

Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui, Con Farano, Rene Priest, Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans, Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

#### **Baptised Recently**

Kaden Fernando Jones Son of Clyde and Sorina

Feast Days this Week							
May 29	Mon	Mary, Mother of the Church, Pope St Paul VI					
30	Tue	St Zdzislawa of Lemberk, St Luke Kirby, St Walstan, St Joan of Arc,					
31	Wed	St Justin Martyr					
Jun 1 Thur		Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Saints Pothinus and Blandina					
2	Fri	Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Saints Pothinus and Blandina					
3	Sat	St Charles Lwanga and his companions, St Kevin					

Rosters for 27/28 May, 2023								
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers		
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Pam Davies	Kaye Cox	Volunteer	Ludette Van Der Spil Tracy van Ingen	Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Matthew Calupig, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews		
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Jeanette Pedulla	Chloe Pereira-Smith	Gerard Peters	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido Callie Abogado, Michael Alme		
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Leslie Dcruz	Ben Gradisen	Phillip Magness	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szlezak	Able Biju, Juan Carlos Borlongan Florian Christstar, Carl Borlongan Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas		
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak				Tellers next week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin				
Rosters for 3/4 June, 2023								
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers		
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Carina Limgenco	Angel Donina	Colin Loh	Miriam Villan Sandra Wren	Jacob Raymond, Angel Villan Carl Agus, Maria Donina Abigail Raganas, Melanie Beacher		
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Ann Ralston	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan, Tom Antu, Aydriel Ratnasekera		
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Ciara Jacob	Cecilia Jacob	Nigel Hayward	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Liam James, Sanjay Jojo Noel Justin, Alisha Liyanage		



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Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone - even those who spoke other languages.

### **RCIA Enquiry Day**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know someone who is interested. We will be holding an Enquiry Day on Thursday 1st and 8th June, 6.30pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre.



#### Marycare

Drivers Needed: We are in need of more volunteers to bring parishioners
 to 9.30am Sunday Mass, with ability to carry walking frames if required.
 if you could help in this way please call one of the Marycare Maureens.

#### **Children's Mass Team**

We will be starting children's Masses once a term. We need volunteers to help us organise the Mass. Please register in the foyer if you can help us and the children.

#### **Project Compassion Receipts**

For those who requested a receipt for your Project Compassion Caritas donation, these are now available in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.



#### First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in the Parish Centre.
8.30 -11am. It's for everyone! And it's free!
Treat yourself to some time out, come relax, meet someone new and enjoy!
Why not join us for our next Coffee Corner this Friday, 2nd June after Mass.



#### Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses next weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners. Take a moment to get to know someone new! Volunteers, please check the roster to see if you are on. Thanks to all on the Morning Tea Roster.

#### Parish Planned Giving Program

As the financial year draws to a close all parishioners who support the parish through the planned giving program are asked to bring their pledges up to date. Your support is greatly appreciated. New commitments will be invited shortly.



# Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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### **CCR Pentecost Mass - Today**

Charismatic Renewal will conduct a Praise, Mass & Healing prayer event here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, commencing with praise at 2:30pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm, with healing prayer teams available after Mass, followed by Tea & Coffee. What a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Church at that first Pentecost! A collection will be taken up to defray costs and support the ministry. Queries to Dan 0409849049.

#### Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 30th May from 9.00am. BYO lunch. Bingo from 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over to enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. New members are always welcome. Attendance Fee \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

### **RCIA:** Accompanying People On Their Faith Journey

The actions of Jesus in the road to Emmaus story, recounted on the 3rd Sunday of Easter, provide the model of accompaniment for RCIA. There are various ways in which enquirers can be accompanied on their journey. Each requires a different type of commitment or expertise. All who take part in the journey grow in their relationship with Jesus, and the Church he founded. Parishioners interested in finding out more about the RCIA process, and ways they could accompany an enquirer, are invited to attend the 'Accompanying' workshop on Tuesday 30th May, 7.00pm, in the Foley Centre, Sacred Heart, Thornlie. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

### CCR Retreat - 16-18 June

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting a weekend live-in retreat with presenters both local and national. The retreat aims to help us reclaim our Godgiven peace, hope and joy which have been so challenged by the world events of the past few years. Accommodation is in twin share chalets and, at \$150 total per person, this is excellent value for a soul-restoring weekend! All meals are supplied. Accommodation setup is perfect for spouses or friends to sign up together. For further details please see notice board flyer or contact Dan on 0409 849 049 or daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com

# Reconciliation Week - 27th May to 3rd June

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for 2023 is 'Be A Voice for Generations'. To access the full program please visit www.recwa.org.au

#### Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to Safeguarding Power attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish. To register online please visit:

https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction or phone 9221 7762 to book. Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.

# On The Bulletin Board

Various employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth. St John Paul 11 16 Day Pilgrimage, Return to Jordan and The Holy Land. St John Paul 11 20 Day Pilgrimage to all the Italian Shrines. WA Josephite Spirituality Brochure for 2023 Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.



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