PENTECOST

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Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

Parish of St Charles Borromeo - Church of Mary Immaculate

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

PENTECOST - YEAR A



Gospel: John 7: 37 - 39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Reflection

The forgiveness he offered gave people freedom from their burden, allowed lifestyles to change, and opened eyes and hearts to a new way of living. Prior to leaving the disciples Jesus focuses on the power the Holy Spirit will confer upon them. He does not mention gifts such as preaching and teaching, or the gifts of the Holy Spirit (although undoubtedly the disciples received these gifts). Forgiveness of sin, which had been at the heart of Jesus' own ministry, is also to be central in the ministry of the disciples. A simple and very personal way to celebrate Pentecost is to seek forgiveness for our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The power of Jesus' forgiveness has been passed down through the centuries, via the apostles and the ordained ministers of the Catholic Church. Approached honestly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation confers the same peace of heart and freedom from the burden of sin that Jesus brought in person when he was on earth.

It is ours whenever we choose to accept it. A personal Pentecost can occur any time during the year.

Did You Know?

- Pentecost cycle.

Scriptures, Prayers & Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 11: 1 - 9

It was named Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! R.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. Bless the Lord, my soul. R.

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. R.



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.

FOR VIGIL MASS R. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7: 22 - 27

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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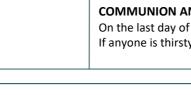
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; The third day he rose again from the dead. the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.







Our Parish would like to encourage and support local Catholic businesses.

Do you or somebody you know have a small Catholic business that would benefit from advertising in our weekly Church bulletin?

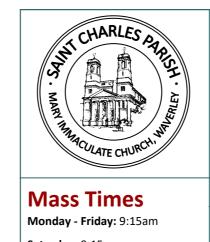
Our weekly bulletin is viewed by the number of people outside the Parish via the internet and from the 200 copies printed each week!

For a small monthly donation of \$50 your business card sized advertisement would appear 4/5 times a month in our Church bulletin. This donation supports the printing costs of our bulletin.

Please contact Carla in the office (02) 9369 9399 for more details.







6pm Vigil

Saturday: 9:15am 9:45 - 10:15am Reconciliation

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am & 5pm

*Note: Children's Liturgy will alternate - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month at 8:30am mass; 2nd weekend of month at 10am mass and 4th weekend is Family mass.

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he descended into hell. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,



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Throughout his ministry Jesus responded to the burden of sin carried by people he interacted with.

• Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival which was celebrated fifty days after the Passover. It was one of the great 'pilgrimage' festivals which meant that people came to celebrate this feast at the Temple. It was for this festival that so many pilgrims were present in Jerusalem on the day when the Spirit was manifested in the lives of the disciples.

• The Christian feast of Pentecost is fifty days after Easter and is the culmination of the Lent-Easter-

• The Church teaches that the Holy Spirit brings both gifts and fruits to the faithful

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CATHOLICCARE

CatholicCare is well placed to assist

families to navigate the new world of

the NDIS for their children with a

disability. Our expert Customer Service

Advisors can remove some of the

complexity, working with people, their

families and carers to put in place the

support that is best for them. Contact

CatholicCare by calling 13 18 19 or

emailing connect@catholiccare.org.

FATHER FACTOR

This June Robert Falzon, acclaimed

co-author of The Father Factor, will

address the critical importance of

fathering for success & happiness,

provide practical info on intentional

fathering & recovering from poor or

absent fathering.

7.30pm Tues 13 June, School/ Parish

Hall, 21 Twentieth Ave, Hoxton Park.

7.30pm Wed 14 June, Parish Hall, 3

Mary St, Hunters Hill.

7.30pm Thus 15 June, Parish Hall, Crn

Belmont and Flora St, Sutherland.

Free Entry, all are welcome!

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A few words from Fr Bernie

As mentioned in last week's blurb about the Franciscan Roche Fund, there is another appeal to consider in the very near future – the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal. But first a little about the Vinnies here in the parish. We do have a very small (2 people) band of Vinnies in our parish and when I met with them earlier in the year I assured both Bob and Kevin that renewin



the year I assured both Bob and Kevin that renewing the St Vincent de Paul Waverley Conference was certainly one of my dreams for the parish.

I was brought up on the Vinnies. My Dad was involved for years, and was at one stage a local branch president. I well remember Sunday afternoons going to the men's retirement hospitals and giving out chocolate, the latest Catholic Tablet, and cigarettes!! But not only that, my brothers and I would help Dad when they needed to load goods into the car to take to people in need. We would have a great time at the "store" where all the donated goods were kept trying to help Dad with suggestions for the family in need.

St Vincent de Paul is a great outreach of our Catholic Community, and I believe every parish should be behind the work they do. However it is not always possible to give money to these groups but what about your time? I am keen to re-ignite the branch of St Vincent de Paul in the parish, but we need your help. Are you able to commit to helping those in need in our community? Do you know someone who needs some help? The poor exist in all areas of society and our local St Vincent de Paul members need support if we are to continue this ministry in the parish.

It is estimated that the Vinnies NSW assisted 1.3 million people in 2016, along with accommodating 365,164 "bed night" and assisted with serving over 2 million meals. I would like to encourage us as a parish to see if we can support this Catholic tradition of ministry to the poor and lonely.

If you are interested in being part of the Waverley Branch of St Vincent de Paul, please contact me and hopefully we can soon have a renewed and vibrant outreach to people in need in our community of Waverley.

...love for prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to [the Church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word.

- Pope Benedict VXI, Deus Caritas Est (2005), paragraph 22

Every believer is called to serve "the least of these," to "hunger and thirst for justice," to be a "peacemaker." Catholics are called by God to protect human life, to promote human dignity, to defend the poor and to seek the common good. This social mission of the Church belongs to all of us. It is an essential part of what it is to be a believer.

<u>Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst</u> for Justice, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1998.

Blessings, Fr Bernie

News and Notices

VISIT OF VOCES SACRAE

The professional vocal ensemble Voces Sacrae will be singing beautiful sacred music at the Saturday evening masses as part of our celebrations for:

- Pentecost 3 June
- ♦ Trinity 10 June
- Corpus Christi 17 June.

PENTECOST VIGIL 2017 MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE

From earliest times Christians have gathered on the eve of of the Feast of Pentecost to solemnly implore and invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit. *"Come now, my heart, sing the glory"* of the Spirit!" says the early Christian community. You are invited to gather at Mt St Benedict Chapel for this Vigil Prayer of the Church with its readings, hymns, psalms and symbols. WHEN: Saturday, 3 June 4pm-5pm. BOOKINGS BY: Wednesday, 31 May Phone: 9484 6208 Email: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW Ph: 02 8795 3400 Email: <u>retreats@carmelite.com</u>

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Weekend Retreats Cost: \$230 - Concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed

<u>The Light of Hope and Peace</u> June 16 – 18. Presenters: John Charadia & Fr. Greg Burke, OCD.

Mindfulness and 'Praying Always' June 23 – 25. Presenter: Fr. Paul Chandler, O. Carm

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

This three day festival will be held in Sydney **7-9 December 2017**. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, <u>www.acyf.org.au</u>.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Welcome to visitors and new parishioners. If you would like to be part of our planned giving programme, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or leave it at the parish office.

Name:	_Phone:
Address:	Post Code:
Email:	
I understand that I may revise my offering at any time should I so desire.	
Signature:	
To contribute with credit card please complete the following:	
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Please debit my credit card account on the first Tuesday of each month for a ter sum of	m of years, expiring on the with the
I understand that this authority may be cancelled in writing at my option.	
Signature:	

Let Us Pray For...

Those who are sick

Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Larraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Helen Andrews, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Nick Klafas, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Kim Roper and Ian Godby

Anniversaries at this time

James Spratt, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Ken Ward, Bill Lynch & Allan Smith, George Charles Gomes,

Those recently deceased

Gregory Drake, Iris Freeman, Christine Formosa & Margaret Lovat

Those recently baptized

Oliver Okrasa, Rohan Fox & Chloe Shrimpton



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This will be held in the church on the weekend of 10 to 11 June 2017. Envelopes will be available for your contribution. With your support, Vinnies can provide much needed assistance to the people in our community that need it most this winter. Together, we can do something about it!





Next Sunday's Readings Holy Trinity - Year A First Reading: Exodus 34: 4 - 6. 8 - 9

Psalm: Daniel 3: 52 - 56 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13 Gospel: John 3: 16 - 18