

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 10 June *No Mass*

Tuesday 11 June **St Barnabas**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday 12 June Mass: 7am

Thursday 13 June **St Anthony of Padua**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
(Reconciliation Available)
Mass: 5.30pm

Friday 14 June Mass: **7am** (NB Mass time)

Saturday 15 June Mass: 7.30am
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm
Vigil Mass: 6pm
(with Confirmation during Mass)

Sunday 16 June **The Most Holy Trinity**
Masses: 7am, 9am (No Polish Mass)

*** Fr Jerzy is away until 18 July 2019 ***

PENTECOST SUNDAY — YEAR C 9 JUNE 2019

READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as celebrating God's giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to legend, a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. The fire then split into seventy tongues corresponding to the seventy then-known nations of the world, to show that the Law was not only for Israel but for all nations.

St Luke uses this tradition in narrating what happened to the apostles, ten days after the Ascension. Now it is not the Law that is being proclaimed but the Gospel. At the voice of Peter, the sentence of Babel is undone and the nations of the world are re-united.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased

Charbel ANDRAOS

Anniversaries

Mary DREDGE

Elena MILAN

CONFIRMATION



Please keep in your prayers the 30 children who will be making their Confirmation next Saturday 15 June 2019 during the Vigil Mass.

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 15 June	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 15 June 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	A Kelly	B Farraway
Sun 16 June 7am Mass	A Michielin	A Browne	L Harper
Sun 16 June 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	G De Battista	P De Battista
Counters	M Murphy (FT), A Kelly, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	K Hertsch, S Walsh		



PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10.30am in St Joseph's room
New members always welcome!
Please contact: Barbara - 4271 1584
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Every Tue 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Parish Pastoral Council:** 2nd Monday of alternate months 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Nursing Home Masses**
- Hillside Nursing Home:** 1st Tuesday of the month - 2pm
- Figtree Nursing Home:** 2nd Tuesday of the month - 10:45am
- Villa Maria Nursing Home:** 3rd Tuesday of the month - 9:30am

Refreshments after 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month

Gospel Reflection

On the day of Pentecost the apostles spoke a new language. It was the language of peace rather than of war; the language of co-operation rather than of competition; the language of forgiveness rather than the language of vengeance; the language of hope rather than the language of despair; the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry; the language of friendship rather than of hostility; the language of unity rather than of division; the language of love rather than of hate.

Through the gift of the Spirit, people of different languages learned to profess one faith to the praise and glory of God. That is the real miracle of Pentecost, a miracle which, thankfully, still happens.



MGR GRAHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE / RETIREMENT

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

6pm – Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
7.30pm – Reception at Wests Illawarra Leagues Club
\$45 per head (plus drinks to order)
– Adults only to attend the Reception, please –

TICKET SALES: Tickets will be available for sale (CASH ONLY) next Sunday (16 June) – the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee members will be located in **St Joseph's Room** after the 7am Mass and before the 9am Mass to sell tickets (no sales after Saturday Mass due to Confirmation).



** Seating at the Reception will be organised in tables of 10 people. Single tickets are available, however if you would like to arrange a **table of 10**: please organise for one person to gather the 10 people's names and their contact details, any dietary requirements and the money (\$450). **

For all enquiries regarding the celebrations, please contact one of the members of the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee: Barbara Farraway, Gloria Simmonite, Fiona Fernandez, Alan Davis or Sue Briscoe.



***“Pray to be ever ready
for God’s will, even when
it takes you by surprise.”***

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
(1880)*

BISHOP BRIAN — AD LIMINA VISIT

“When in Rome” — Bishop Brian’s Ad Limina visit.

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This year will mark the first time that I have experienced an Ad Limina visit to Rome with my fellow Australian bishops. The last Ad Limina took place in 2011 and usually happens every five years. So, this visit is very overdue.

In the lead-up to each Ad Limina, every bishop must prepare and submit an extensive report for the Congregation of Bishops. Over the years, I have participated in the preparation of this report when I was Vicar General of my previous diocese, but this will be the first time I have had to give an account of what is happening in the Diocese of Wollongong. This has its own complications as I am still “very green” in the diocese and so much of what has to be reported took place prior to my arrival in the diocese.

Most of the active bishops of Australia will be participating in the visit which takes place from 17-29 June 2019. We will begin with a five-day retreat outside of Rome. On 24 June, the Ad Limina will formally commence with an audience with Pope Francis (I have met the Holy Father once before when I attended the new bishops course last year).

We will then visit the pontifical commissions, congregations and dicasteries that oversee the life of the Church. At the end of the week, Archbishop Peter Comensoli will receive, from the Holy Father, the Pallium which recognises him as the Archbishop of Melbourne and metropolitan of Victoria.

Pleased be assured of my prayers for the diocese as I travel around the different churches in Rome, and I ask that you also pray for all the Australian bishops as we embark on this important journey.

Yours in Christ

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2019 –

This week on the Journey, our Gospel is John 20:19-31, and our Gospel is reflected on by Fr Greg Barker from Newcastle; Mother Hilda inspires us with St Bede’s Angels, in her Wisdom from the Abbey; Sam Clear, in his Walking the Walk God spot, asks “How Far to the Shop?”; and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, shares the joy of Developing our Spiritual Lives.

Our music this week is an inspirational match to some of these wonderful God Spots listed above.



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL YOUNG ADULTS

Are you 16 to 35 years old?

Are you looking for a fun way to put your faith into action?

***Do you want to make a real difference in our local
community and meet some fantastic new people?***

If you answered YES to any of these questions,
then come along to our

**St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Young Adults
Information Night**

and find out how you can become
a part of a vibrant community.

The info night will be at

St Therese Parish Hall

(1 Powell Street West Wollongong)

on **Thursday 27 June 2019** at **7pm** — dinner included.

Can’t wait to see you there.

For any further info, please reach out to

Rebecca Hall (Diocesan Vinnies Youth Rep) on
0422 724 917 or **rebecca.b.hall@outlook.com**

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The CWL will next meet on

Thursday 13 June 2019 at **10.30am**

in **St Joseph’s Room.**

Everyone is welcome to join
us for morning tea and a
chat. A short meeting will
follow morning tea.

Hope to see you there!



My Dear People,

Pentecost is a much-loved Feast, but it well and truly precedes the Christian era. It belonged to the Jewish liturgy and even then it was called Pentekostn, which means fifty. For the Jews it was, and still is, the Feast which follows fifty days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Feast of Unleavened Bread, the day following Passover, celebrated the beginning of the barley harvest when there was an offering of the first fruits to God. The harvest lasted seven weeks, then on the fiftieth day the cereal offerings of the entire harvest were solemnly presented to God.

We can easily see a parallel in Christian terms. St Paul speaks of Christ as the “first fruits” of redeemed humanity, “The first fruits of all who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15:20). His Resurrection took place when the first sheafs of corn were being offered in the Temple. Fifty days later the Holy Spirit descends like a fire to ripen the remainder of the corn and complete the harvest. He descends on the community of Christ’s followers, producing a harvest of love — as St Paul says, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control” (Gal 5:22-23).

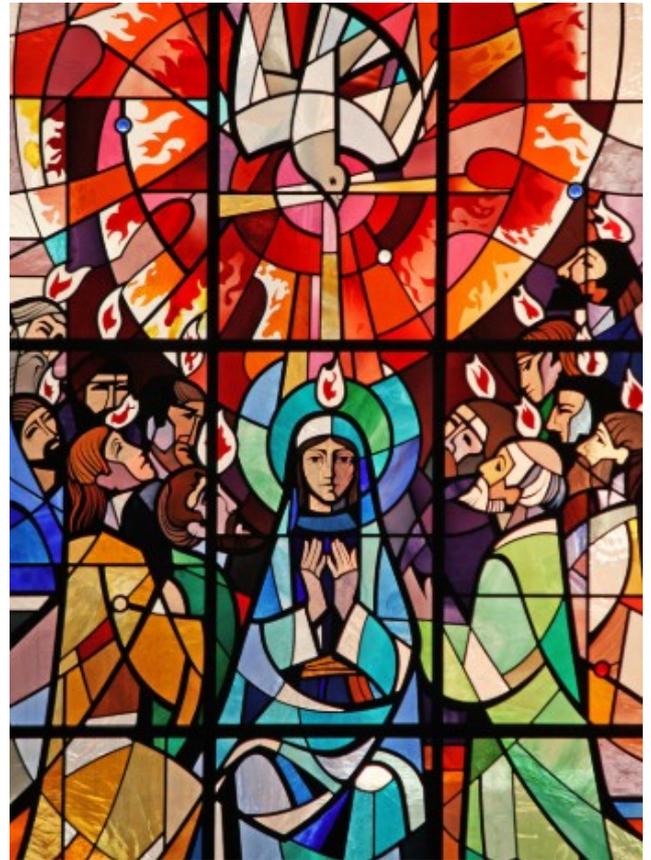
But as well as being a feast of the harvest, Pentecost was also a Jewish feast commemorating the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. It was not so much a law as a Covenant — a marriage covenant between God, the divine Husband, and His People, His Bride. St Paul would later take up this theme, seeing the Church as Christ’s Bride, for whom He shed His Blood.

The coming of the Spirit upon the Church put the seal on Christ’s redeeming work. Through His death on the Cross, Christ established a new, and this time unending, Covenant. The famous Vesper hymn of Pentecost calls the Holy Spirit “the finger of God’s right hand”. God is writing now not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts. The new Covenant is not just a matter of keeping external laws. God wants our love, and love goes beyond law.

Sealed with the Spirit, the apostles became the first missionaries. By our Baptism we, too, are called to mission. By the kind of lives we lead, we give witness to the truths and values we profess with our lips. Our Christian lives are a continual ebb and flow between liturgy and life. From the Acts of the Apostles, and the early history of the Church, we see the first Christians gathering together for the Eucharist and for common prayer, and then going from there to take Christ to the world.

Our minds naturally turn today to our children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday, their personal Pentecost. We pray that the Spirit may touch these candidates and their families so that they may have a real experience of God’s love for them. Then they will be able to take that love to others.

Following Pentecost is a series of Great Feasts, all meant to give us differing perspectives on our Faith; the Most Holy Trinity, the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, for our Diocese, the Immaculate Heart of Mary to whom we are dedicated, and the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.



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