



Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

Serving the communities of

St Leonard's Naremburn, St Philip Neri Northbridge, St Thomas' Willoughby
Twinned with the Parish of Letefoho, Timor Leste

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal and the Wallumedegal peoples, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Pentecost Year C – 5 June 2022



Holy Ghost, Holy Gust

In the very old days, the 'Holy Spirit' was known as the 'Holy Ghost'. It comes from the old English word 'gust' which 'blows wherever it pleases'. St Luke's account of Pentecost tells of what 'sounded like a powerful wind from heaven'. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples' lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear.

The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. 'O Breathe on me Breath of God' is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: 'O Breathe on me Breath of God . . . until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine'. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us.

Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds 'with a loud voice' about 'Jesus the Nazarene' and the fact that 'God raised him to life'. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,
and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022- Week 2



Children across our parish are in their second week of preparation for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Diocesan sacramental program has selected **God's Word & Eucharist** as the third and fourth concept to be studied. Children will examine how the Bible is a storybook which contains information about our ancestors in faith. They will also learn how the Liturgy of the Eucharist is a celebration '...inseparable from the totality of our Christian lives: living and loving as Jesus loved, responsive to the Holy Spirit, belonging in family and community life, reaching out to a world hungry for food, for love, for spiritual hope'.

Our Parish prays for all candidates and their families as they develop and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Gerard Brennan AC KBE GBS QC & Colleen Fitzpatrick.

Anniversaries: Rocco Lopresti, Domenico Rosa Macri, Sue & Dell Hodges, Leo Noel Manapat, Andrea Piraino, Sam Cusumano, Virginia Webber, Vincenza Gennusa (1st), Ivan Byok, Mara Byok & Joe Mikan.

Please Pray For: Remegio Sioson, Elipdio Jala, Maria Trani & Clifford Sun.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

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.

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.)**

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.)**

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

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.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which
endure;

Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

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

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

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.'



Vinnies Winter Appeal



Domestic violence forces too many women to make desperate choices. For two frightening years, Leah and Charlotte lived in their car and spent their days in parks because they had nowhere else to go.

Thankfully, Leah connected with Vinnies volunteers, Frank and Narelle, who were able to secure her and Charlotte a place at a refuge. They then helped Leah and Charlotte get back on their feet and into their own home.

"Vinnies saved my life," said Leah.

Tragically, the number of women experiencing domestic and family violence has increased significantly in the past two years, leaving many emergency refuges and support services unable to cope.

Your gift this Winter will provide the emergency accommodation and material assistance needed for women and children like Leah and Charlotte to escape the danger and rebuild their lives.

Next weekend we will hold our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal, envelopes will be available at all our churches, please give generously.



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COMMUNION SERVICES

All the clergy of the diocese will be attending the annual clergy conference on the week beginning 13th June. We will have communion services on **Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of June** in place of the usual weekday masses.

Vacant role – Safeguarding Officer, Safeguarding Office (Chancery & Parishes)

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking an experienced Safeguarding Officer with a passion and drive in child protection, justice, compliance and community engagement to join a welcoming and supportive team.

For further information including to obtain a copy of the position description, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. If you would like to apply for this role please send a CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillset and experience required for this role, via email to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close **Friday, 10 June 2022**.

LET'S GATHER FOR COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

Drop in for a chat a cuppa, enjoy some fun and have a laugh. The hall has disability access. Come for as long or as little as you like. **Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11.00am.** St. Thomas' Parish Hall. Contact: Marie Harris 0417 077020



WE ARE SINGING A SEQUENCE THIS PENTECOST SUNDAY.

You will have noticed an extra sung prayer during Mass readings on Easter Sunday and again this coming weekend for the great feast of Pentecost. These are known as **Sequences** and they are always prayed on these two Sundays of the year.

Their poetic words introduce us to the Gospel reading, and are sung before the Gospel Alleluia. We are all encouraged to **participate!**

The **Pentecost Sequence** use, dates right back to the mid 13th century and is a translation from its original Latin text, Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit).

The Holy Spirit is our Advocate, the gift that Christ left, to be with us always, the third person in the Trinity. These beautiful words manifest who the Holy Spirit is to us; bringer of comfort, solace, light, & renewal to refresh our weary hearts.

Reflect and pray with this prayer today and any time through the year.

Pentecost

Our Combined Churches **Pentecost Service**, Willoughby - Northbridge Uniting, St Marks Anglican and Catholic Parish of LNS will be hosted at **St Marks**

17 Tunks St, Northbridge. Sunday June 5 @ 2:30pm followed by Afternoon Tea. Please join our wider Christian communities on this special day.

MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARDS NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
Sunday Masses	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sundays	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday
Weekday Masses	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri
Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 4pm Sunday	
Reconciliation	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am	Saturday 4:45pm
Youth Mass		6pm Sunday 1 st & 3 rd of the month	
Children's Liturgy	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		During 9am Mass May 22nd June 5th
Community Masses		PNGCCAA 1 st Saturday 7pm	
Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart	9am Mass 1 st Friday		
Adoration	Tuesday after 9am Mass		
Baptisms	11:30am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12.00 Noon 4th Sunday	11:30am 2nd Sunday
Baptism Prep Parish Office	2nd Tuesday of the month 11am 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm		
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group CCCR	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7:15pm Tuesday Evenings Enquiries 0419 977 531		
Legion of Mary	Meets every Friday in the 'Blue Room' at the Parish Hall 9:45am All Welcome		

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Five years ago, the people of Australia received an invitation from the heart of the nation. Under the watching gaze of Uluru, First Peoples gathered, debated, reflected and lamented, disagreed and found agreement, prayed and wrestled with a great challenge: how to express their voice in the fundamental constitutional arrangements of contemporary Australia.

The result was a historic message titled the Statement from the Heart, a result of the First Nations Constitutional Convention. It is not a long document, but it offers a depth of desire for a united and respectful Australia that should challenge and inspire us, and at the same time touch upon our

national conscience.

The Statement from the Heart does not use the word “treaty”, but it does talk of processes for agreement-making. It does not use the word “reconciliation”, but it is all about reconciling peoples and history with eyes wide open to real stories of heartache and pain.

The statement does not offer a promise of fixing every injustice, but a First Peoples voice can work with government to help address the tangible struggles people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity are facing right now with regard to crises of health, judicial injustice and the education gap.

These are real issues, and they require serious problem-solving and commitment – a spirit of partnership. People of faith throughout Australia are working shoulder to shoulder with fellow Australians to address these issues, but so much more can be done. The statement asks us to build on these efforts by creating a stronger partnership between First Peoples and Parliament.

FULL STORY

[Uluru statement offers gift of grace to our nation](#) (By Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, *The Australian*)

Staying Out Loud

Over the decades Brian McLaren has had many conversations with faithful Christians who are also disillusioned by church and religion. After one evening spent in the company of two Roman Catholic sisters who have stayed in service to the church for over fifty years, McLaren reflects:

“There are more than two options,” I thought. “I don’t have to choose between staying Christian compliantly or leaving Christianity defiantly. I can stay defiantly, like Sr. Ann and Sr. Jean [not their real names]. I can intentionally, consciously, resolutely refuse to leave . . . and with equal intention and resolution, I can refuse to comply with the status quo. I can occupy Christianity with a different way of being Christian.”

When I say stay defiantly, I don’t mean ungraciously. Srs. Ann and Jean radiate such gentleness and inner calm that accusations of being ungracious simply don’t stick. No, with firm yet gracious defiance, they will keep speaking their truths and will continue doing so from the inside as long as they can.

McLaren finds encouragement to remain a committed Christian in Jesus’ own decision to stay and wrestle with his Jewish faith even as he was rejected:

I can no longer put a naïve trust in the structures of the Christian religion, seeing and knowing what I see and know now. But instead of rejecting my religious community, I remain paradoxically present to it, neither minimizing its faults nor hating it for its faults. . . .

Jesus, of course, counted this cost. He stayed out loud. And it’s worth noting where his staying led him. Not to winning. Not to success. It led him to the utter defeat and humiliation of the cross.

Was he a fool to keep faith through his dying breath, to translate his feeling of forsakenness into a prayer? Was he a fool to think that the legacy of the prophets, the legacy of his cousin John, and the legacy of his mother, Mary, were worth staying for, to save that legacy from corruption by the religious gatekeepers of his day?

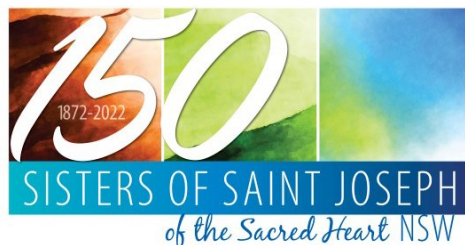
Was he a fool to stay in the fray with the religious company men of his day, naming their corruption and toxicity with carefully chosen words like “whitewashed sepulchers” and “brood of vipers” [Matthew 23:27, 33]? Would he have been wiser to leave quietly for India and become Hindu, or to go quietly to China and become Buddhist instead of challenging the status quo of his own religion?

Was he a fool to think that the tiny handful of people who got only a tiny sliver of his message and saw some faint glimmer of what he saw could outlive him and do greater things than he had done?

Are you willing to be that kind of fool? Am I?

Today, at least, inspired by the example of Sr. Jean and Sr. Ann, I am.

Brian D. McLaren, *Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* (New York: St. Martin’s Essentials, 2022), 94, 96.



*Sister Anne Porter and the NSW Regional Leadership Team
extend a warm invitation to attend the Sesquicentenary Mass
celebrating 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW
since their arrival in Perthville in 1872.*

***The Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 16 July 2022 at 10.30 am
in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst.***

Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna

Following the Mass there will be a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall.

*Everyone is very welcome - Parishioners, Friends, Companions
and all those with a connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.*

*The Perthville Heritage Centre will be open for visitors from 2 pm
for the 2.30pm Launch of the audio app of the site.*

RSVP by 13 June 2022 - needed for catering purposes

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Sesquicentenary of Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart in NSW (1872-2022)

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph was founded by Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods in 1866 in Penola, South Australia. Its first ministry was the opening of a school for all the children of that small distant town. The education being offered was an important step in breaking the cycle of poverty that had trapped so many of the children's parents, struggling to make a go of it in the pioneering times of colonial Australia. By the end of that first year there were 4 Sisters. By 1867 there were 10 Sisters and a school in Port Adelaide was opened. The following year, 1868, there were 50 Sisters ministering in 13 different towns in South Australia and responding as the various needs arose. In 1869 the rapid increase continued and the Sisters moved to Brisbane, Queensland.

By 1872 there were 127 Sisters and 3 of them arrived in Bathurst in response to Bishop Matthew Quinn's invitation to again open schools for poor children who were deprived of an education. Bishop Quinn decided that a small village was the place for them to begin. Sisters Teresa MacDonald, Joseph Dwyer and Hyacinth Quinlan, along with an enquirer, Ada Braham, arrived in Queen Charlotte Vale, now Perthville, on 16 July 1872.

The ministry of the Sisters grew and expanded into all 11 Dioceses in NSW. Throughout the journey of these past 150 years, with all its twists and turns, ups and downs, the grace of God has continued to meet the needs of the times through the ministry of the Sisters.



Former High Court Chief Justice Sir Gerard Brennan has died at the age of 94.

Sir Gerard played a significant role in shaping Australia's legal system, including writing the lead judgement on the Mabo decision, which recognised the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to the ownership of their lands. The Mabo decision also gave rise to the Native Title Act, which was introduced in 1993, to provide a framework to recognise the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Friday is [Mabo Day and the 30th anniversary of that decision](#).

But, in the following years, Sir Gerard dissented on the next key decision that shaped the way native title was applied with the Wik decision.

The Wik decision made clear pastoral leases did not extinguish native title, and that the two could co-exist, although if there was a conflict, the native title rights would have to yield.

'Unwavering reputation for decency and thoughtfulness'

Sir Gerard served on the High Court for 17 years — as a Justice for 14 years, and as the 10th Chief Justice of the court for three years.

Sir Gerard was appointed a Queen's Counsel — a senior barrister or solicitor — in 1965 and was then recognised as a QC in New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

He also served as the inaugural president of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and as chairman of the Administrative Review Council.

In a statement, Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus described him as "one of Australia's greatest legal minds".

"A brilliant, compassionate man whose life devoted to the law made Australia a better, fairer and more decent nation," he said.

Law Council of Australia president Tass Liveris added that despite Sir Gerard's "formidable abilities", "his unwavering reputation for decency and thoughtfulness provide a shining model to follow".

"Sir Gerard made a remarkable contribution to the law and jurisprudence and his legacy will echo long into the future," he said.

Governor-General David Hurley said he was "deeply saddened" to hear of Sir Gerard's passing.

"Sir Gerard was a remarkable Australian ... [who] created a profound legacy and helped shape contemporary Australia," he said.

"His lead judgement on the Mabo case, which we celebrate the 30th anniversary of tomorrow [Friday], is but one example of his extraordinary contribution to our nation."

By [Antoinette Radford](#) and [Elizabeth Byrne](#)