Ministry Roster.

This Week: Pentecost 28/5 Next Week: The Most Holy Trinity. Yr A.(4/6).

Ministry	Vigil	8:30AM.	Vigil	8:30 AM.
Acolyte	P Speter	Gerald V.	R Kemmis.	G Verhoeven
Commentator:	T Burgheim	Volunteer.	C Rannaste.	T Griffiths.
Reader:	T Greally.	Michael D.	J McInerney.	Cathy V G.
Flowers:	M Dodd.		J West. (Baptism.)	
Cleaning:	R Verhoeven.		T Griffiths & G Hitchen.	

If you are unable to carry out your ministry please organise a replacement or call Richard on the Parish phone number listed on the first page of this bulletin.

Celebration of Baptisms.

We welcome and pray for these youngsters who have been baptised in our parish community over the last few months.

Carlos and Ariella Zamorano, children of Pablo and Erin.
Amara Miller, daughter of Raymond and Georgia.
Josie Cole, daughter of Mitchell and Jacquiline.
Patrick Berry, son of Francis and Amie.
Brooklyn Cobbin, son of James and Brita-Wieve.
Sienna and Evelyn Fletcher, daughters of Blake and Stefanie.

May the Holy Spirit received at their baptisms continue to inspire them always

National Reconciliation Week – Be A Voice for Generations.

Following National Sorry Day on 26 May, we observe National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May – 3 June; an opportunity for Australians to take part in the process of reconciliation. This year's theme, ***Be a Voice for Generations***, urges all Australians to use their power, their words and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us. At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Visit the ACBC Justice, Ecology and Peace website for resources: socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Supporting OLN.

Thank you for your contributions to both the first and second collections, credit card using the Tap and Go machine or by EFT to the Parish bank.
account. The First Collection is used by the Diocese to pay all Diocesan Clergy so that they are all supported equally. The Second Collection is used to pay the costs of running our Parish. This collection now is 80% of the amount that was being collected before Covid 19 lockdown. This means at that level (80%) the Parish is operating at a deficit. We need a new income stream so any idea please let us know!!!!
We know that some Parishioners are on fixed incomes (pensioners, young families, etc.) are giving all they can. However, we ask those that those can afford to, increase their support of the Parish. The Parish needs to **increase its weekly collections by about $400,** which when split over the parishioners is between $5 to $10 extra a week.
A big '**THANK YOU'** to those parishioners who have increased their contributions, we are getting closer and with a little more we can return to surplus.

Any concerns please see me. **Fr Paul.**

Pentecost Sunday. **28th May, 2023.**

Our Lady of Nativity Parish Bulletin .

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Weekday Masses: **Tuesdays and Wednesdyas at 5:00 PM & Thursdays 9:00 AM.**

Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due TO Be Completed Now!

Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training?

Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry to have now met this Standard.

In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk. **You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1**: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on: Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown.

Please register for this mandatory training at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at: **https://learning.safeguarding.org.au**

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email or call Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

Kind Regards,

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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Darug and Gundungarra People and their elders - the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather.

Recently Deceased:
Anniversaries: .

Sick: Rob Nickl, Maurice Rooney, Lan Franco Matteucci, Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Eamonn Spellman, Sienna Erdmanis, Nicola Galea, Kaase Van Der Donk, Gwen Daly and all Private Intentions. *Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and **sick** can only be Included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you..*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS.

First Reading
Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading
John 20:19-23
Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading.
The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Pentecost Sunday **28th May, 2023.**

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SANTA MARIA CONFERENCE CENTRE
Available for meetings, functions and conferences. Phone Sr Veronica on 4759 1116.

The First Communion family groups commenced last weekend and the theme was **Gathering together with Jesus**. The parents and children took part in a play that dramatizes Jesus' visit to his friends Martha and Mary.*(Luke 10: 38-41)*

*T*hen the families then explored how our gathering to celebrate mass is not unlike the celebration that Jesus had with his friends.

Please pray for the families as they continue to explore the meaning of the Mass.

Maureen Ryan.

Sacramental Co-ordinator.

Safe Parishes Week: 5 – 11 June.

From 5 to 11 June, we celebrate our third Safe Parishes Week in the Diocese. Safe Parishes Week is a tangible reminder of our shared commitment to having a zero tolerance of abuse across our Diocese. The Safeguarding team are presenting a Training Festival of mandatory and elective face to face modules at Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Please contact your Parish Office or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org for the full Safe Parishes Week Training Program.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton.

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at **yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal** or scan the QR code.

Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people.