

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- YEAR C

29 May 2022

Mary's shared experience

This is the age of celebrity. To have a selfie taken with a famous person seems to be the ambition of half the population. After all, in every generation people have looked up to those who have made their grand mark in life.

Any association with them would become more significant if they were to have a conversation with us and share some confidential information. Then we would truly feel privileged. To some extent this instinct explains the cult of devotion to the saints in the history of the Church.

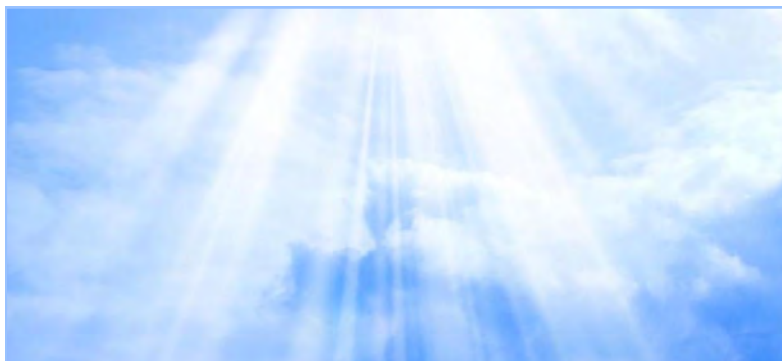
We recognise that those who have been faithful to the Lord's teaching and lived their lives close to him provide us with models for our imitation and, by association, they are able to share privileged information about him with us. Among the saints, Mary, the mother of Jesus, holds a unique place. Scripture scholars agree that the evangelist, Luke, had a close friendship with Mary. Luke tells us more about Mary than any of the other gospel writers.

Luke, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, describes the Ascension, the event which marked the completion of Jesus' ministry on earth. In neither account is there mention that Mary was there, but in Acts, Luke goes on to tell us that when the apostles gathered back in Jerusalem and waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit, Mary was with them.

Luke refers to the fact that Jesus, after his Passion and over a period of 40 days, had shown himself to be alive on many occasions. Interestingly, all the resurrection stories are shrouded in mystery and the apostles will need the gift of the Spirit to help them put the jigsaw together. Their hopes were duly fulfilled at Pentecost when they were given the power to witness fearlessly to the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

We are all being called to be Christ's witnesses in our own time and place. It is not surprising that the Church came to the conclusion that Mary must have shared the experience of the Ascension. Later in the liturgical year, we celebrate her Assumption into heaven. Ultimately, this gives meaning to today's feast for all of us.

Timothy Buckley CSsR @Magellan Media 2022



This week in the Parish

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| Sunday 29 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YR C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15am - Baptism |
| Tuesday 31 | THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 5:30 pm - Mass |
| JUNE | |
| Wednesday 1 | 5:30 pm - Mass |
| Thursday 2 | 8:15 am - Mass |
| Friday 3 | 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass |
| Saturday 4 | 10:30 am - Memorial Mass Madonna Marshall 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 5 | PENTECOST SUNDAY - YR C 9:00 am - Mass 10:00am - Parish BIG Morning Tea (see note below) |

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Each Tuesday & Wednesday
from 4:30 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month

11 am - 11:50 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Denzel Marden, Christian MacDonald,
Michael Simpson, Henry Burns, Craig Bryant,
Giuseppina Zambelli, Aileen McConnell

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop Jeremiah Doyle (First Bishop of Lismore),
Colleen Hood, Kelvin Godwin, Raymond Cook

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Baby Harry Partridge, John Flanagan, Mark Hanna,
Michael Twohill, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon,

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

4/5 June | Pentecost Sunday

6 pm - Mary-Ann Thackray

9 am - Barbara Grant

Readings for the next week:

Pentecost Sunday - Yr C

Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Harrison Graeme Partridge
to our faith community.



MEMORIAL MASS | MADONNA MARSHALL

A Memorial Mass for Madonna Marshall will be held on Saturday 4 June commencing at 10:30 am.

Stewart, Suzanne and family would like to invite parishioners to this Memorial Mass.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Parish **BIG** Morning Tea
Sunday 5 June after 9am Mass
in College basement

(no 8am or 10am Mass)

Please bring a plate to share.

All welcome!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at the **8am Mass**.

All primary aged children are welcome to join in the children's liturgy during Mass.



THE LORD WILL RETURN. The Ascension of Jesus, whereby he is glorified at the Father's right hand and made 'ruler of everything', does not signal his departure from our midst. It points rather to a new mode of presence that will endure 'until the end of the world.' In the meantime, it is our vocation, as his Church, to reveal him.



Mt St Patrick College

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

On Tuesday 31st May and Wednesday 1st June the College will be staging a Creative and Performing Arts Showcase. Please come along to witness the talent at the school and support our students and teachers. There will be an art exhibition as well as musical and dramatic performances by the College students.

The Creative and Performing Arts Showcase will all take place at the College Gilbey Centre. So please come along for a free night of art and culture. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome



FEAST DAY OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The "Visitation of the Virgin Mary" is the ancient name of a feast celebrated on 31 May, and commemorates Mary's pregnant visit to her older cousin Elizabeth, who was also expecting a child. Thus, Jesus and the prophet John are already within them, whose paths would - later on - be closely linked.

Luke (Lk 1, 39-40) relates that, shortly after the miraculous conception of Jesus, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was much older than she was. Elizabeth was married to Zechariah, an Aaronite priest.

The greeting of the two women is presented as a prophetic event. Elizabeth feels the child "leap" in her womb; we are told that Elizabeth "was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out loud, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Who am I, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (cf. Lk 1, 41-43).

Elizabeth, then, was the first to recognize Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary is also filled with the Holy Spirit; in response to the prophetic discourse of her cousin, she pronounces the imperishable Magnificat: "Mary exclaimed: -My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour: for he has looked upon the lowliness of his handmaiden; for behold this, from now on all generations will call me blessed..." (Luke 1, 46-55).

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENT - PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL | PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Peter, in consultation with Fr Anthony, has recently appointed new members to both the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council.

We welcome Jenny Wallace and Wayne Bartesko to the Finance Council; and Jan Bruce and Annette Lofts to the Pastoral Council.

Jenny and Wayne will join Peter McDonald, Jim Grennan, Ray Daley and Kevin Twohill on the Finance Council; and Jan & Annette join Christine Wightley, Denise Banner, Philomena Zambelli, Tony Zambelli and Alex Lever on the Pastoral Council.

We also wish to acknowledge the many years of service given to the Finance Council by Leo Kelly, who has reluctantly made the decision to retire from the Finance Council after 16 years! Thank you, Leo, for your heartfelt commitment to our Parish.

Please keep all members of the Finance Council and Pastoral Council in your prayers as they work with Fr Peter to sustain and build our Parish community.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 46)

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with
you always, until the end of the world.**

Alleluia!



When Sita's husband passed away, she struggled to provide for her four children and was shunned by her community.

Sita lives in the Bagmati province in Nepal with her four children. Her wage as a labourer barely covered the cost of day-to-day expenses, and she feared she would be unable to further her children's education, leaving them vulnerable to the same poverty and discrimination she was experiencing.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Sita was able to join the Nepal Livelihoods and Resilience Program, run in partnership with Caritas Nepal. Over time, she began to develop the life-changing skills she needed to diversify her income, through the sale of milk and other goods, and gain financial independence.

Sita can now produce enough food to feed her family, send all of her children to school, and has become a respected member of her community.

**This tax time, you can support more people like Sita
to gain the skills they need to triumph over
discrimination and escape the cycle of poverty.**

Donate now by visiting
<https://www.caritas.org.au/make-an-impact-this-tax-time/> or scanning the QR code.



*Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

- Matthew 28:20

VIEW MASS AT HOME - *There are several options
to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:*

- *Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.*
- *Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am*

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

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,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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