

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Forty days after Easter, when we celebrated Jesus' resurrection, today we celebrate his ascension into heaven and to the right hand of the Father. Artists throughout the centuries have imagined the scene: the disciples staring upwards as the Risen Jesus is lifted up before them and disappears into the clouds. Their last glimpse of him is his feet as he disappears from sight.

Jesus' ascension marks the definitive ending of his previous mode of life among us. How strange, at first thought, that we celebrate his departure from us. Would we not greatly prefer to have him stay with us, to enjoy his being among us. But in his ascension, he departs from us. He is out of sight now, no longer bodily among us, having vanished from visibly earthly existence.

And yet, the great mystery of the Ascension is that, with the completion of his mission – his life, death, resurrection and ascension and return to the Father – he is now, as never before, with us - and with each and every generation of believers, present to us in every moment. He is still God with us, Emmanuel. He is indeed more perfectly and completely present to us in each moment of our lives than in his earthly life.

The Evangelist, Matthew, brings his gospel to conclusion in today's gospel reading, but not directing our gaze to Jesus ascending into the clouds. Indeed, Matthew doesn't actually mention Jesus' ascension. Matthew focuses instead on Jesus' final words, his commissioning of the disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Jesus' mission is thus extended to all the nations, through us, his disciples. His mission is now our mission, the Church's mission.

Last of all, Matthew repeats Jesus' comforting assurance, that "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus had also promised them that he would not leave us orphans (Jn 14:18). He would send the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, to inspire, guide and counsel us. Next week, fifty days after Easter, we will celebrate Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Church later came to understand that Mary must also have shared the experience of the Ascension, rising bodily to heaven. In August we will celebrate her Assumption into heaven. Here indeed is the meaning to today's feast for each and every one of us: it is our destiny to enter heaven too.

So it is that the Letter to Ephesians exhorts us today: "know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe."



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21st May, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

White

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

28th May, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Year A

Red

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

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Sunday Bulletin

| Parish Liturgies | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Weekend Mass | Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am |
| Weekday Mass | Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass |
| Reconciliation | Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment |
| Buckley Caring Centre | 10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month |
| Juniper Aged Care | 11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month |
| Rosary | After weekday Masses |
| Exposition | Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Charismatic Prayer | Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm. |
| Baptism | Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement |
| Marriage | By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc |

| Parish Meetings | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Parish Pastoral Council | Tuesday, 13th June in Parish Centre at 6.45pm |
| Vinnies | Wednesday, 14th June in Parish Centre at 7.30pm |

House Or Unit Needed For Rent

Do you or someone you know have a small house or unit to rent? One of our own, has been struggling to find a place to rent and needs to be out of their current place soon. Please contact Joyce Kuupiel on 0412 313 738 or Geraldine Vernesmond on 0416 323 363 if you think you may be able to help out.

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Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Patricia Majawat

Death Anniversary

Ann Bishop, Angela Byrne, Thresiamma Philip

Deceased

Calvin Le Guay, Edward Rebello,
Lionel Samson, Roch Selvanathan

Our Sick

Ammi Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs,
Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,
Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly,
Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess,
Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Rene Priest,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans,
Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

Baptised Recently

Zaya Colleen Stevens
Daughter of Dylan and Talitha

| Feast Days this Week | | |
|----------------------|------|---|
| May 22 | Mon | St Rita of Casia, St Joachina de Vedruna de Mas |
| 24 | Wed | Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Aldhelm |
| 25 | Thur | Pope St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, St Bede the Venerable |
| 26 | Fri | St Philip Neri |
| 27 | Sat | St Augustine of Canterbury |

Rosters for 20/21 May, 2023

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Sandra Wren Mercy Burton | Sandra Wren | Mary Ann Bombita | Martin Loh | Bridget Soh Mark van Ingen | Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Angel Villan, Carl Agus Maria Donina, Abigail Raganas |
| Sunday 7.30am | Dion Robson Shania Tido | Jenny Mills | Sean Mullins | Geoff Mills | Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley | Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw |
| Sunday 9.30am | Karen Suarez Robert Szlezak | Kaye Cox | Lance Dcruz | Lenny Dcruz | Geraldine Pereira Peta Phillips | Alisha Liyanage, Julia Marano Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Joshua Mando Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan |
| Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez | | | | Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak | | |

Rosters for 27/28 May, 2023

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer | Pam Davies | Kaye Cox | Volunteer | Ludette Van Der Spil Tracy van Ingen | Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Matthew Calupig, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews |
| Sunday 7.30am | Eric Almen Wendie Almen | Jeanette Pedulla | Chloe Pereira-Smith | Gerard Peters | Russell Lally Rod McAtee | Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido Callie Abogado, Michael Alme |
| Sunday 9.30am | Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni | Leslie Dcruz | Ben Gradisen | Phillip Magness | Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szlezak | Able Biju, Juan Carlos Borlongan Florian Christstar, Carl Borlongan Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas |

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WELCOME

Please extend a warm welcome to Fr Alex Chanda, who will be filling in while Fr Philip is away this week.

Volunteer Week - 15th May to 21st May

The parish would like to thank all volunteers in the parish for your contribution and commitment to the faith and community life in the parish.



Marycare

Drivers Needed: We are in need of more volunteers to bring parishioners to 9.30am Sunday Mass, with ability to carry walking frames if required. If you could help in this way please call one of the Marycare Maureens.



Appeal Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You are helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable in East Timor and throughout the world. If you missed the opportunity last week please put your donation in the provided envelopes in the church foyer and then place in either one of the collections. Alternatively, go online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor or scan the QR code to make a donation. If you are keen to know what's involved in becoming a volunteer for Catholic Mission please email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au for the details.



Safeguarding Our Children

Parents, thanks for bringing your children to Mass. Please make sure you accompany your child when they go to the toilets and stay with them when they are outside.

Children's Mass Team

We will be starting children's Masses once a term. We need volunteers to help us organise the Mass. Please register in the foyer if you can help us and the children.

RCIA Enquiry Day

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know someone who is interested. We will be holding an Enquiry Day on Thursday 1st and 8th June, 6.30pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre.



The Month of May, The Month Of Mary

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return.. in celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. CS 102, 103 We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday this month.

CCR Retreat - 16-18 June

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting a weekend live-in retreat with presenters both local and national. The retreat aims to help us reclaim our God-given peace, hope and joy which have been so challenged by the world events of the past few years. Accommodation is in twin share chalets and, at \$150 total per person, this is excellent value for a soul-restoring weekend! All meals are supplied. Accommodation setup is perfect for spouses or friends to sign up together. For further details please see notice board flyer or contact Dan on 0409 849 049 or daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 23rd May from 9.00am. BYO lunch. Bingo from 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over to enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. New members are always welcome.

Attendance Fee \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

Youth Night

Thank you to all who came to our previous event. Our next one is on the 26th of May, from 7pm to 9pm. Register your attendance via the sign-up sheet in the foyer, by text or through a friend by 7pm the Thursday before.

CCR Pentecost Mass - Gosnells parish - Sunday 28th May

Charismatic Renewal will conduct a Praise, Mass & Healing prayer event at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, commencing with praise at 2:30pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm, with healing prayer teams available after Mass, followed by Tea & Coffee. What a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Church at that first Pentecost! A collection will be taken up to defray costs and support the ministry. Queries to Dan 0409849049.



How to Sing Together Workshop

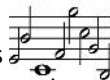
Come and explore Notation in Music. Become familiar with notes that show the direction of the melody, Rest marks, Time Notation and Dynamic Markers (Soft/Loud). Presented by Angela McCarthy, here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wednesday 24th May at 7.00 pm.

Register at: fwarding@westnet.com.au. Cost \$5.00 (no eftpos available).

Please phone Frank for all enquiries 9398 2210

A workshop presented by The South East Metropolitan Music Network

A sub-committee of the Parish Liturgical Music Network



Online Rosary During May

In honour of Mary, our Mother, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Contact Deborah on 0419 939 864 or at deborahrobertson7@icloud.com or for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom.

National Liturgy & Liturgical Music Conference 2023

As you have probably heard, the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & National Liturgical Council are hosting a joint national liturgy & liturgical music conference at the Hilton Brisbane from 28th to 30th September 2023. Conference early bird discount closes 30th May 2023. Please see bulletin board for more information.

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish. To register online please visit:

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> or phone 9221 7762 to book. Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.



On The Bulletin Board

Various employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth.

Holy Name Church Food Festival Fundraiser

St John Paul 11 16 Day Pilgrimage, *Return to Jordan and The Holy Land.*

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