



# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

The Ascension of the Lord / C  
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## MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
<b>WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
<b>ANOINTING OF SICK WITHIN MASS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &amp; BENECTION</b>	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am

## Please Pray For

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Dorizas, John Hogan, Fr Anthony Whitty (emeritus PP of Camden), John Laing, Pavo Kotris, Celine Saparamadu, Manel Gunasekara, Leon Cruz, Jorge Timoteo, Francisca Matheson, Manel Gunasekara, Adela Estrada, Joselina Delgado, Joselito Delgado, Rodulfo Chuanico, Sr Angela Muellebner SSpS, Meilinda Iskandar, Emily Eggleton.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

George Abraham, Gerard Rosario, John Herlihy, Michael Gereis, Alexandra Gereis, Frank Lourey, Lorna Stephens, Alicia Rainbird, Maria Walsh, John Buttenshaw - Nelle Howard, Perce Howard, Sr Jean Howard, Marta Wiatrowski, Leo Fernando Wanigaratnam, Giuseppe Zavaglia, Clarice Tindall, Juanita Cecillio, Angela Leone, Claire Spithill.

## Rosters – 4/5 June

### Cleaning Ministry

### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

Thomas & Sophie Russo  
George Davidson  
Michael Majoor  
Antonya Fernando  
Kathleen Burrows

### Counters:

### Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

Mia Boulous, Anne-Marie Hewkins  
Helen Wong, Jodie MacGregor  
Linda Tsang, Glenys Oxlee



## NEW ROSTERS

New Altar Society Rosters are available at the back of the church for collection. Those who have provided email addresses, your rosters have been emailed to you.

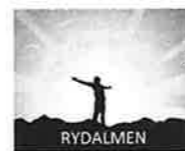
## ZUMBA

Please join our Zumba class at St. Mary's Hall (opposite the church). The session is every Thursday. Registration from 6.45pm, for 7pm sharp start. Cost: \$10 per class. Contact Ruth 0412 341 112 for information.



## LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina group meets fortnightly Friday mornings 10am in Parish meeting room. Lectio Divina is an ancient form of Catholic prayer that consists of 4 steps, reading God's word, reflecting upon it, praying about it and then contemplating what the Lord has spoken to us personally through his word. It is a powerful way of engaging with God's word and hearing him speak to us as individuals and a community. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Anne-Louise Young 0450 308 351 for more information. Our next meeting is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.



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## RYDALMEN

Our next men's group convenes on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au,

## PENTECOST RETREAT

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish invites you to a Pentecost Retreat on Saturday 4 June, from 10 am to 3:00 pm at the Chapel/Cloister (RSVP required for catering - Email: secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au - St Patrick's office: 8839 8412).

### Program:

10:00 am to 10:15 am – Registration, Introduction, Opening Hymn  
10:15 am to 10:45 am – Mid-Morning Prayer (Terce)

10:45 am to 11:45 pm – Talk 1 by Fr Robert Riedling

11:45 pm to 12:45 pm – Lunch and fellowship

12:45 pm to 01:15 pm – Midday Prayer (Sext)

01:15 pm to 02:15 pm – Break Open the Word/Bible Liturgy Session and Advocate by Annette Hartman

02:15 pm to 2:45 pm - Afternoon Prayer (None)

02:45pm to 03:00pm - Announcements, Final Blessing & Clean up

Come and join us to celebrate Pentecost in memory of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and launch of the Church's mission to broadcast goodness to the world!!!



## FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea is rescheduled to 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am in the parish hall. All funds raised will go towards the Cancer Council of Australia. Please RSVP to Nancy Grugan 0434 541 287

## FREE LECTURE - THE OUTSIDER POPE: WHERE IS FRANCIS LEADING OUR CHURCH?

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm, Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta. Vatican correspondent from the international The Tablet magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

## CAMPION COLLEGE - WINTER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Winter Program is now open! If you know a 16–20-year-old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for our immersive four-day program from 5-8 July 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/winter-program/>

## COMMUNITY CHOIR

We want you 🎵. Come and join in the fun of singing with a lovely group of people. Where: Saint Mary's Rydalmere Church hall. Day: **Monday 5.30pm - 7pm**. Choir master none other than Peter O'Regan from the band The Kites. Sing a huge cross section of songs from Neil Sedaka, Beach Boys, Paul Kelly and many more you will love. Contact Peter on 0417 278 866 or Anne Marie Lyons 0410 299 681 or just turn up on the night.



## BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL – 5 JUNE

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is carrying out its mission to prepare men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support seminarians on their important spiritual journey to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or Appeal Envelopes are available at the back of the church. *Credit card donations will be processed after 15<sup>th</sup> June* and claimed 100% Tax Deduction after 30<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their journeys.

## ST MARY'S HALL

Our hall (old church) is closed from 6<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> June for urgent maintenance.

## PHONE

We apologise for people not being able to contact us on our landline number. We are in the process of changing our service provider, from Telstra to Aussie Broadband. Please contact us on our mobile phone 0484 378 103.

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at OLQP Church Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit", with Prayer & Praise at 1.30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4.30pm. Enquiries email@ccrnsw.org.au or 0411 404 090 or 0431 778 476.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

## ST MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP & PLAYGROUP

Calling all mums of children 0-5 years old! Come and join us for our playgroup session on **Tuesdays**, from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall (access from Myrtle Street). Playgroup will run weekly during the school term. Pop in for a chat, a coffee and make new friends. We hope to see you there! For further information contact Natalie on 0418 600 358.



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### Wednesday, 1 June – St Justin Martyr

Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies. He found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers. Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ. Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate. For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 28:19, 20  
Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Lk 24:46-53  
P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED**  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

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.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. We offer sacrifice now in supplication,  
O Lord,  
to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:  
grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.  
P. Lift up your hearts.  
R. We lift them up to the Lord.  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
R. It is right and just.

## PREFACE I OR II OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

All: 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.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.  
All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 28:20

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those

on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.  
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
R. Amen.  
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### REFLECTING ON OUR CALL

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension the words of the angels to the disciples can serve as a useful reminder of the meaning of this feast: 'Why are you standing here looking up at the sky?' The disciples had just witnessed the departure of their Lord and while their immediate reaction was natural there was work to be done; a mission had been entrusted to them. It was no time for standing still but getting down to the work at hand.

Firstly, the Lord had given them the mission of preaching the salvation that Jesus offered to the whole world. Secondly, they had to prepare for the gift of the Spirit which would enable and empower them to undertake their task. As the Gospel of Luke concludes we find the disciples in prayer in the temple waiting for the gift of the Spirit, joyfully pondering on what they had experienced. The reading from the letter to the Ephesians calls us to share in that journey of reflection into the meaning of not only the life of Jesus but our own life as Christians. As Paul reflected on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, he came to see that it was truly a cosmic event. Jesus was not just Lord of death but all creation. The Ephesians are invited to reflect on the richness of the gift they have all received as Christians. Today's feast of the Ascension calls us to rejoice in, and reflect on, our call and mission.

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / C

29 MAY 2022

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.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Acts 1:11  
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

### 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.

### COLLECT

P. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your

Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

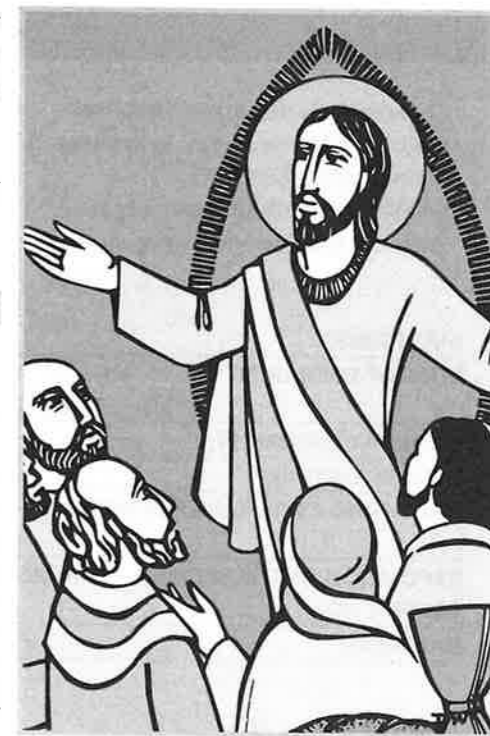
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**  
(*or Alleluia!*)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. R.



2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.

3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. R.

#### SECOND READING Eph 1:17-23

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.