

Weekly Bulletin

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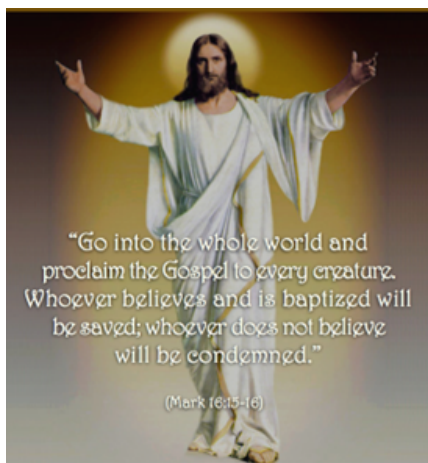
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B

Sunday, 12 May 2024



“There's always another level up. There is always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow”- Elizabeth Gilbert

A beautiful old story tells of how Jesus, after his Ascension into Heaven, was surrounded by the holy angels who began to enquire about his work on earth. Jesus told them about his birth, life, preaching, death and Resurrection, and how he had accomplished the salvation of the world. The angel Gabriel asked, “Well, now that you are back in Heaven, who will continue your work on earth?”

Jesus said, “While I was on earth, I gathered a group of people around me who believed in me and loved me. They will continue to spread the Gospel and carry on the work of the Church.” Gabriel was perplexed. “You mean Peter, who denied you thrice and all the rest who ran away when you were crucified? You mean to tell us that you left them to carry on

your work? And what will you do if this plan doesn't work?” Jesus said, “I have no other plan – it must work.” Twenty centuries later, Jesus still has no other plan, He is counting on us. (Mark Link in 'Sunday Homilies')

“Go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature” is the plan of Jesus for all of us to fulfil. As MARTHALIGAS (Catholic Women Preach) suggests, there may be a lesson for us that we approach the spreading of the Gospel in the same way that the natural world spreads the Gospel to us? Not with words and doctrines and the goal of conversion, but instead with radical presence, radical attention, and a demonstration of what it means to live authentically and with purpose every single day.

Everything in nature proclaims the omnipotent, omniscient presence of God in fulfilling the purpose of its creation. Our invitation, then, is not to tell others how they are to live. Instead, we are called to lean into our own becoming. The more we can learn to live boldly as ourselves, with integrity, with confidence, and with purpose, the more we will become the Body of Christ that our Christian faith compels us to become. This is how we are to evangelize— by demonstrating what it means to be embodied, fully alive, and rooted in purpose.

It is crystal clear that we are the vehicles by which His presence is made manifest. We are to take His presence in the universe to every spectrum of life not limiting Jesus to ‘religious matters’.

His presence has to penetrate into our concern for the environment, politics, economics, medicine, culture, morals and so on. Jesus is counting on us that we will be able to make changes and save the planet for the future generations. In every area of existence, we must be witnessing to him. Witness and proclaim are the two key words for the early church: “one was descriptive of what they must be, the other a command as to what they must do” (Thomas O’ Laughlin). The conscious experience of Jesus within us should propel us to permeate the presence of Jesus into every fibre of the society at large.



After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. “Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?” The televangelist replied: “Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home!”

Let our families witness and proclaim our Lord Jesus!

I wish every mother of our community (young and old) a “Happy Mother’s Day”! As someone said. “To the world you are a Mother, but to your family you are the World”. Enjoy your day in the company of your family, friends, colleagues!

“My mother shed her protective love down around me and without knowing why people sensed that I had value.”
MAYA ANGELOU



God’s blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

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.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

*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
to 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.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

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

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**

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**

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: Ephesians 4:1-13

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life
worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another
charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and
patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit
by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body,
one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the
same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one
faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over
all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share
of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he
would:

*When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners,
he gave gifts to men.*

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that
he descended right down to the lower regions of the
earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill
all things is none other than the one who descended. And
to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to
some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors
and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in
the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this
way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our
knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect
Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to
all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved;
he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the
signs that will be associated with believers: in my name
they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues;
they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed
should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands
on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,
was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of
God he took his place, while they, going out,
preached everywhere, the Lord working with them
and confirming the word by the signs that
accompanied it.

Communion Antiphon:

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative group, the council assists the Parish Priest in his pastoral ministry by providing advice and recommendations on a variety of parish matters, such as engaging youth and young families, worship and evangelisation, service, or fundraising. "Parish pastoral councils will play a key role in discerning the present opportunities and challenges for the parish in growing and sharing its faith, and selecting those actions of the Pastoral Plan which will best equip the parish to respond to local needs and potential"

The Ex - officio members of this council are the Chairperson of the finance committee, the principal, or his representative from St Mary's Primary School.

We need three more male members representing all ages (from adolescence to elderly) to constitute a council in our parish. Those who are willing to be a part of this council may nominate themselves with a few basic details. Kindly, get in touch with the parish office!

Fr Vince

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Please continue to pray for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion



**The dates for Holy Communion are:
26th May at 12 noon &
2nd June 12noon**

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Good news! we are now able to view our emails, however please bear with us as we clear the back log and reply to your enquiries at our very earliest.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you.



Let us pray for ...

Sick

Linda Dysoco, Judy,
Naza Nazah
Maree Buttenshaw,
Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Bishop Peter, Kevin Holden, Alojz Žnidarsic,
John Romanous,

Anniversaries

Reginald Boulous, Victoria Pustaj
Basil & Sylvie Massillamany
Serapia Delos Reyes, Ignacio Delos Reyes

PARISH ROSTERS

18/19 May 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Maddison Boulous Samantha Winders		Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	David & Sue Boulous Francis Mathew	Monica Jung	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Ron Della Vedova Anton Fernando		Lina Flores Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Joseph Andrews Nada Coorey		Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

25/26 May 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Sue & Len Farrugia		Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows Frank Camilleri	Susan Boulous & Family	Linda Tsang Lily Hon Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Anne Marie Lyons Glenys Oxlee		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Cynthia Oscar Khush Jila		Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7pm
 Join the Novena and let us pray to our Mother Mary for the welfare of human beings, especially those who seek her intercession.

MAY - Month dedicated to Our MOTHER MARY

Please join us at **7pm every night** in the month of May to recite the Rosary and honour our Mother Mary.



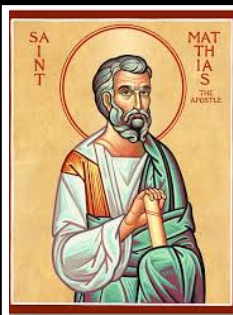
COMPUTER OPERATORS

We are desperately short of people to operate the computer at weekend Masses. Please seriously consider volunteering for this role. The Power point slides are prepared for you, all you need to do is press Enter for the next slide. Training will be given as well as support for your first few turns. Please contact **Glenys Oxlee** on **M) 0488 228 633** by **Friday 17th May** if you can help.

The Catholic Weekly

Issue 12 May 2024 - Some of the stories in this week's edition are:

- Mother's Day special liftout
- Procession season sweeps Sydney
- Activist hurls abuse at Archbishop
- Artist draws on his faith for inspiration
- Prayer with Mother Hilda Scott OSB
- Couples rediscover their marriage mojo



FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14 May - St Matthias, apostle

St. Matthias the Apostle is the patron saint of alcoholics and carpenters. He was one of the twelve apostles chosen by the early Christian community to replace Judas Iscariot after his betrayal of Jesus.

St. Matthias is recognized as the patron saint of alcoholics because of his reputation for having overcome a weakness for drink. According to tradition, he struggled with alcohol in his earlier years, but through his faith and devotion he was able to overcome this weakness and become a steadfast disciple of Jesus. He is seen as a symbol of hope and inspiration for those who are struggling with addiction and seeking to turn their lives around.

In addition to being the patron saint of alcoholics, St. Matthias is also recognized as the patron saint of carpenters. This is because of the tradition that he was a carpenter by trade before becoming a disciple of Jesus. He is seen as a model of skilled craftsmanship and hard work, and his intercession is sought for guidance and inspiration for those who work in the construction industry.

St. Matthias the Apostle is remembered for his steadfastness as a disciple of Jesus, his victory over addiction, and his skills as a carpenter. He is revered as a powerful intercessor, and his intercession is sought for a variety of needs, including help for those who are struggling with addiction, guidance for those who work in the construction industry, and inspiration for all those who seek to live a life of faith and devotion.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm

First Friday of the Month

7:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
 Parish Secretary
 Tue / Wed / Fri
 9am to 4pm

Deacon Leon
 Finance Secretary
 Thur
 10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator

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