

Feast of the Ascension

Year B Cycle II

12 May 2024



Happy Mother's Day Dear Mothers!

We wish all our Mothers and Mother figures the best of blessings for Mother's Day. "The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?"

AJózsef Cardinal Mindszenty

For Every Creature

The concluding verse of the Gospel of Mark is a fitting description for the mystery of the Ascension. We take notice of the interrelation of Resurrection-Ascension-Exaltation, sitting at the Father's right hand and receiving the title "Lord." The title "Lord" sums up all this meaning. Jesus the "Lord" commissions the apostles to preach the Gospel to all. It is intended for all people, women and men. Gentile and Jew. In sum, evangelisation is directed to the entire world. The text says "every creature;" what follows indicates that the Gospel is to be preached to all people.

The Gospel to be preached is for the salvation of all. Those who believe will be saved those who do not believe will be condemned. Faith in the message of the Gospel is crowned by baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. This faith is not some privileged kind of information but one that leads to identification with the risen Lord. With this identification come extraordinary powers: the ability to cast out demons, to speak in tongues, to handle dangers of all kinds. These miraculous powers are signs of the presence of the Lord. Just as Jesus performed wonders during his lifetime, in the power of his name his followers will do likewise.

Now, this Jesus the "Lord," who ascended into heaven bodily, carries out what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the Church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort, to forgive and to preach.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Jesus Malit SSS



Feast Days this Week

Our Lady of Fatima 13 May

St Matthias
Apostle
14 May



Mass at Bateau Bay

Mass is celebrated at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay Wednesdays at 10am and Sundays at 11am. All welcome!



Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service will be held at Opal Killarney Vale on Wednesday



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.

First Friday Fun









The first of our First Friday Cuppas went very well with a good crowd rolling up for some lovely hot cuppas, sandwiches, biscuits and of course, good company. It is a great opportunity to catch up with other parishioners and meet new ones too. A special thank you to Elizabeth Giutronich for organising the afternoon tea.



Our Earthly Ministry

The Ascension of the Lord marks the end of the earthly ministry of Jesus and his return to heaven. The Readings and Gospel for this occasion focus on Jesus' final words to his disciples and the significance of his departure.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about the moment of Jesus' ascension. The disciples witness Jesus being taken up into heaven and are left staring up at the sky in awe. Two angels then appear to them, assuring them that Jesus will return in the same way that he left.

In the Second Reading, taken from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, we hear about the glorious power of Christ, who now sits at the right hand of God in heaven. Paul emphasises the importance of unity within the Church, as we are all one body in Christ.

Finally, in the Gospel reading from Mark, we hear Jesus' final words to his disciples before his ascension. He commissions them to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News to all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He assures them that he will always be with them, even though he will physically be absent.

The Ascension of the Lord reminds us of the power and glory of Christ, who now reigns in heaven, and that Jesus commissions us to continue his work by sharing the Good News with others.

Colleen Smith Pastoral Associate

Pastoral Works Appeal Next Weekend

ur Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal will be held next weekend 18/19 May. PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese – the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or CCD and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme. Your donations are never taken for granted, especially in these challenging economic times.

Our Pastoral Works Appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship, or security, and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life. Donations can be made at any time. The May Appeal is the last one for the financial year 2023/2024. Donations are tax-deductible.

Combined Family Group Mass & Morning Tea

All parishioners are invited to join us to celebrate our 30th Anniversary of Family Groups in the parish. Group Leaders will renew their annual commitment at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday 19 May. Then come along to our combined Morning Tea in the parish centre. Family Group members please bring a plate and leave it at the parish centre prior to Mass. If you would like to get involved in a Family Group you can talk to a Group Leader on the day or speak to the Coordinators, Anne and Des Little on 4334 1642.

Family Mass

We warmly invite you and your family to join us for the Family Mass event next Saturday 18 May. After the 5pm Mass, we would love for you to join us for some light refreshments in the parish hall. This event is open to all families and friends, so feel free to bring your loved ones along. If you wish to lend a hand with the refreshments, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 4332 2216 and leave your details. Thank you and we hope to see you there! Please RSVP to assist us with catering.

Presentation of New Altar Servers

This weekend our new Altar Servers will be presented to the parish as they complete their service training. Rosan has been working with the children for the past 6 weeks, instructing them in all areas of assisting at Mass. We congratulate the children and appreciate their presence at the Masses. A big thank you also to the families who support them on their journey of faith.

Please Note

Electronic Sign Approval

Our electronic sign for the front of the Church is still, after 9 months so far, awaiting approval from council. Hopefully it won't be much longer.

New Tap n Go Donation Points

The old Quest 3G machines had to be replaced. We now have new donation points. They are more versatile, with choices of donation amount available. We thank everyone for donating this way. Direct deposits may also be made, credit card payments, as well as the usual cash collections at Masses.



Welcome
to the
Richards Family
for the Reception
of their child for
the Sacrament



Men's Group
Join us for lunch
and a yarn.
Wives & friends
welcome.
Wednesday 15
May 12 noon at
Diggers Club.
Enquiries: Lui
4388 9510.



Family Mass
Saturday
18 May
5pm
RSVP here



Late Novena to the Holy Spirit

Please find
Novena brochures
on the Church
tables. It should
start Friday 10
May to finish on
Pentecost Sunday,
but saying it a
little late is fine.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay) **Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20

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.

Responsorial Psalm: 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!

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

Keep Us In Your Prayers There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Ronald Myers, Frank Robinson, Bishop Peter Ingham, Don Walker, Vera Benotic, Martin Gaffey, Peter O'Grady, Irene Bouchet, Annette Howell, Millie Ingram, Ron Batger.

Funerals: The funeral of Ronald Myers will be held on Wednesday at 10:30am. The funeral of Frank Robinson will be held on Thursday at 10am. Please pray for Ronald, Frank and their families.

Anniversaries: Arthur O'Neill, Jean Workman, Neeliya de Silva.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Daniel Heggarty, Ruth Jayesuria (birthday), Stella Dominguez, Simon Butcher, Jula & Tomo Horuat, Carmel, Guza, Maria & Sonia Sciortino, Maria, Luckada & Manula Armeni, Antunela, Maria, Guza & Carmel Carwana, Meleta, Maria & Mary Borg, Margaret Foley, Mavis Dalton and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Sciortino, Armeni, Carwana, Borg.

Sick: Phil Pannell, Jonah Langley, Susan Simmons, Maria Nassar, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Bobby Hawkins, Perry Taylor.

Pearly Gates Revisited











Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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