



1/2 June 2019-Year C The Ascension of the Lord



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)
Sunday - 7.30am
Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9am
Wednesday - 9am
Thursday - 9am
Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday
4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:
By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months - check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon:

Vigil: You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; His majesty and might are in the skies, Alleluia.

7.30 & 9am: 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:

Vigil: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, Alleluia.

7.30 & 9am: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord

1. How to Be IN

In the Gospel Reading for the Seventh Sunday, Jesus prays to the Father that all those who believe in him may be one, as he and the Father are one. And he goes on to give a dizzying description of what this "being one" is. Here is a summary:

The Father is in Christ.

Christ is in the Father.

Christ is in the people who believe in him

The Father is in the people who believe in Christ

(since the Father is in Christ, and Christ is

in those people who believe in Christ)

The people who believe in Christ are in Christ and the Father.*

If my beloved is mine, then somehow he is part of me, as are all things that are mine.

Vertigo visits us, because we think of being in as something that goes only one way. The tiny box is in the small box, which is in the medium-sized box, etc. But however this list goes on, we do not expect it to go on like this: "which is in the large box, which is in the tiny box." It can't go on like that, we think, because being in can't work that way.

And that might be right, where boxes are concerned. But it isn't right when it comes to love.

In fact, this funny kind of being-in is at the heart of love. When you and another person love each other, then, without losing the self that you are, you come to be inside that other, who at the same time is inside you, without losing the self that is his, either.

The very nature of union in love is just this mutual indwelling: "my beloved is mine, and I am his" (Song of Songs 2:16). If my beloved is mine, then somehow he is part of me, as are all things that are mine. But then if I am his, I am somehow part of him, as are all things that are his. And so I am in him, and he is in me, in love.

This is the love of Christ and the Father. Each one is in the other. And this is the love to which Christ invites all those who care for him, too. In love, they will be in Christ and the Father, even as Christ and the Father are in each one of them.

2. Fr Bob's Return

My Long Service Leave has concluded as I return to the parish community from this weekend. It was a great relaxing time. However, the start included a bout in hospital to remove a melanoma cancer which was a bit of a shock for me. All the years of enjoying our beaches and sun came to a screaming stop. However, the Professor says he got it all so my days of sun and surf involve wearing a "rashie" and not so much trying to change colour as was the want in the past.

3. Profession of Novices

This weekend at the Sunday 7.30 am Mass our two Postulants Florecel and Mary Grace (these two wear the Blue Veil as Postulants) are taking a further step into joining Sister Rosa and Novice Jayann in their community of "The New Apostolate in the Heart of the Holy Family."

The girls will now take this further step and become Novices (white veil) as they seek to live a Christian life dedicated to living the Gospel in this community of faith.

We pray God's blessings on them as they take this further step into the community.

4. Pentecost

Sunday June 9 is Pentecost Sunday. Prayers of the faithful on that day will be in different languages so, if you are fluent in any language other than English and would like to participate in the Pentecost prayers of the faithful, please indicate your interest through the parish secretary on 9606 0206 or Fr Kene.

5. Our Parish Feast celebration

Our Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua falls on Thursday 13 June but as a community we will celebrate it on the following weekend. I encourage parishioners to support the masses on that weekend and to join with us after the Sunday June 16, 9am Mass for a short procession of St Anthony over to the Parish Hall where there will be a sausage sizzle etc and a Jumping Castle for the children.



6. Celebrations of the Week

Monday, June 3-St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs. Wednesday, June 5-St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr, Sunday, June 9-Pentecost (wear something red for the Mass)

7. Congratulations



On Tuesday, Shirley and Ian Farrell will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. Shirley and Ian lived in Kemp's Creek before moving to Tobruk Village about 5 years ago. They are regular attendees at the 9am Mass every Sunday. For those parishioners who attend that Mass, I am sure you know them or recognise them by where they sit and their car is parked near the Church as Ian isn't as quick on his feet as he used to be. Their family will attend the 9am Mass next Sunday and we will acknowledge our anniversary couple at that time.

Ad Multos Annos to you both and my God Bless you for your endearing love for each other and your constancy in the faith which is an example to us all.

8. Parish Toilets

A bin has been placed in the Ladies toilets for soiled nappies and sanitary napkins.

Please use the bags provided and the bin.

Please DO NOT throw them in the toilet, we have had to get the plumber out too many times, and this is a big cost to the parish.

9. Fr Kene

As you know Fr. Kene has been posted to Sacred Heart Parish Mosman with The Parish Priest, Fr. Phil Linder whom many of you would know from his over 28 years at Liverpool. I am sure Fr Kene will enjoy being with Fr. Phil and the community of Mosman which takes in four Churches namely Mosman, Clifton Gardens, Neutral Bay and Beauty Point. So Fr Kene is going to be busy. However, I believe he made his farewells last weekend but on your behalf and myself, I would like to thank Fr. Kene for his ministry with us and in sharing his faith with us in so many ways especially in his opening the Word of God for us in our weekend liturgies.

I wish Fr. Kene God's blessings as he moves to his new appointment.

May God Bless you.



Fr Bob

Fr Kene

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

3-8 June

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,
M Camilleri



10-15 June

L Lopez, L Simat,
Y Refalo

READERS ROSTER

1/2 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Volunteer: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret de Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

8/9 June (Pentecost Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

1/2 June

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret de Vries

8/9 June

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

ACOLYTES ROSTER

1/2 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

8/9 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1 June

S Sanchez & R Micallef

25 May

Daniela Romeo & Volunteer



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

NURSING HOME ROSTER

9 June

Frances & Lina

28 June

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Today we begin a journey of catecheses through the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

This biblical book, written by the evangelist Saint Luke, speaks to us of a journey — of a journey: but of what journey? Of the journey of the Gospel in the world and shows us the wonderful union between the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, which inaugurates the time of evangelization. The protagonists of the Acts are in fact a vivacious and effective “couple”: the Word and the Spirit.

God “sends His message on earth” and “His word runs swiftly” — says the Psalm (147:4). The Word of God runs, it is dynamic, it waters every terrain on which it falls. And what is its force? Saint Luke tells us that the human word becomes effective — not thanks to rhetoric, which is the art of good speaking —, but thanks to the Holy Spirit, who is the dynamis of God, the dynamic of God, His force, which has the power to purify the word, to make it bearer of life. For example, in the Bible there are stories, human words, but what is the difference between the Bible and a history book? The difference is that the words of the Bible are taken from the Holy Spirit who gives a very great force, a different force, and who helps us so that that word is seed of sanctity, seed of life, effective. When the Spirit visits the human word it becomes dynamic, like “dynamite,” namely, able to light hearts and break schemes, resistances, and walls of division, opening new ways and expanding the boundaries of the people of God. And we’ll see this, in the course of these catecheses, in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. He who gives vibrant and incisive sonority to our very fragile human word, capable even of lying and escaping from one’s responsibilities, is solely the Holy Spirit, through whom the Son of God was generated; the Spirit that anointed and sustained Him in the mission; the Spirit thanks to whom He chose His Apostles and guaranteed to them proclamation, perseverance, and fruitfulness, as He also guarantees it today to our proclamation. The Gospel ends with Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension, and the narrative plot of the Acts of the Apostles begins precisely from here, from the superabundance of life of the Risen One, transfused in His Church. Saint Luke says to us that Jesus “presented Himself alive after His Passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God” (*Acts 1:3*). The Risen One, the Risen Jesus carries out very human gestures, such as sharing a meal with His own, and He invites them to live confidently the awaiting of the fulfillment of the Father’s promise: “you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (*Acts 1:5*).

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is, in fact, the experience that enables us to enter into a personal communion with God and to participate in His universal salvific Will, acquiring the gift of the parrhesia, the courage, namely, the capacity to pronounce a word “as children of God,” not only as men, but as children of God: a limpid, free, effective word full of love for Christ and for brothers. Therefore, there is no struggle to earn or merit God’s gift. All is given gratuitously and in its time. The Lord gives all gratuitously. Salvation isn’t purchased, it’s not paid for: it’s a free gift. In face of the anxiety to know beforehand the time in which the events He announced will occur, Jesus answers His own: “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (*Acts 1:7-8*).

The Risen One invites His own not to live the present without anxiety, but to make an alliance with time, and to be able to wait for the unfolding of a sacred story that has not been interrupted but that advances, that always goes forward; and to be able to wait for the “steps” of God, Lord of time and space. The Risen One invites His own not to “manufacture” the mission on their own, but to wait for the Father to dynamize their hearts with His Spirit, to be able to involve themselves in a missionary witness capable of radiating from Jerusalem to Samaria and to cross over the boundaries of Israel to reach the peripheries of the world.

The Apostles live this waiting together; they live it as the Lord’s family, in the Upper Room or Cenacle, whose walls are again witnesses of the gift with which Jesus gave Himself to his own in the Eucharist. And how to wait for the force, the dynamis of God? By praying with perseverance, as if there aren’t many but only one. Praying in unity and with perseverance. In fact, it’s with prayer that one overcomes loneliness, temptation, and suspicion and opens the heart to communion. The presence of the women and of Mary, Jesus’ Mother, intensifies this experience: they learned first of all from the Master to witness the fidelity of love and to the force of communion that overcomes every fear.

Let us also ask the Lord for the patience to wait for His steps, not to want to “manufacture” <what is> His work and to remain docile by praying, invoking the Spirit and cultivating the art of ecclesial communion.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566

Ph: 02 8795 3400

retreats@carmelite.com

He does not want us to despise ourselves

When: June 1: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Presenter: Sheila Upjohn

Cost: \$30 (pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am). Please remember to bring your own lunch.

The day explores the reasons 14th century book by Julian of Norwich has become so relevant in the 21st century.

The Light of Hope and Peace

When: June 14: – June 16

Presenter: John Charadia and artist tutors

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

"Flesh and spirit, concealment and revelation, time and eternity, divine glory and vulnerability: these contradictions are all wrapped in the holy gift of Christmas." Verna Holyhead

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL:

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament.

Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990.

The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more.

For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615** or **1300721561** or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Valentine, Nicole Simone & Giogio Cutri

Also for:

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, David Angeles, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, Paul Galea, Herb Herman, Michael Jasenko, Antoinette Grotto



Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Situation serious-Form communities
- Crisis: Minimum wage is not enough
- Sisters hit the beach
- The movie you can't see
- Movie Review: The Hustle
- Searching for God in the stars

Please put \$2 in the poor box

Parish Hall for Hire

The Parish Hall has had a make-over, as those who have worked in it can testify.

The room has been painted, splash tiles around the sink area, a new oven and the cupboards have been repaired.

Parishioners are welcome to hire the hall for family celebrations, baptism parties, wedding anniversaries and birthday parties for children up to age 10.

Teenage parties may be an issue so the parish will NOT hire out to these events.

The cost of hire is:\$450 plus a bond of \$100 that will be returned as long as the Hall is left clean & tidy with no damages.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact the parish secretary for the rental agreement and the hirer's responsibility using the hall.

KID'S CORNER

Q. What kind of bird doesn't need a comb?

A. A Bald Eagle.



“Of life and Love” Marriage Preparation Courses

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates are: October 16, 23,30.

To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact us at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

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One Decade Rosary Booklets

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet and pray it each day with faith and devotion. Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you. Write your name and intentions in the book provided on the table at the back of the church and once a week Mass will be offered for you and your intentions.

For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
Ph: 96067571



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life.

Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:

Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session

Sessions held: Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

The Safeguarding Office appreciates all of the support that you provide to ensure those who have suffered abuse are able to receive the correct help and support they need.

Kind regards

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Using the Parish Toilets

Anyone using the Church toilets are asked to **PLEASE DO NOT** place nappies, hand towels, wet ones or anything other than toilet paper in the toilets.

We have had some problems with nappies in the toilets previously, so parents please dispose of your nappies appropriately. As you would in your own homes.

PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews.

Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.

Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.



St Anthony of Padua Feast Day

We will be celebrating our St Anthony of Padua Feast Day on Thursday 13th June with Mass at 9.15am. Parishoners are welcome to join to us to celebrate our Feast day.

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Friday 26 & Saturday 27 July 2019

University of Notre Dame, Sydney

Keynote Speakers

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Kevin Donnelly

Monica Doumit | Author at the Catholic Weekly

Archbishop Julian Porteous | Archdiocese of Hobart

Matthew & Julie McDonald | Life Marriage and Family Office, Melbourne

Katrina Zeno | St John Paul II Resource Centre, Phoenix ,Arizona

John Shay | Natural Fertility Services, Cairns

Simon & Madeleine Carrington | Fire Up Ministries, Sydney

Bishop Michael Kennedy | Bishop of Armidale

Derek & Karen Boylen | Life Marriage and Family Office, Perth

Noel Mifsud | Catholic Schools Education, NT & SA

Dr Byron & Francine Pirola | Marriage Resource Centre

CHOSEN CONFERENCE

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the 4th - 7th July 2019 at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please visit www.chosenconference.org.au.

For further information, queries or group registration please contact info@chosenconference.org.au or call us at 0491 002 081