



28-29 May 2022 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm

Masses: Tuesday—6pm

Wednesday, Thursday and -

Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.15pm—4.45pm

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: 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.

Dear Parishioners Today we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord



At the start of the story about the ascension, Christ and the apostles are in Jerusalem. After his final talk with them there, Christ is ready to ascend to the Father. In his ascension, he goes directly upwards towards heaven.

Would there be such a group of women that did not include the Mary who loved Christ so intensely? One might suppose that there is something childish about the miracle that has him levitating into the sky. He has just vanished on other occasions during his resurrected life. Why does he now not simply vanish, in a dignified way, one might say, and this time not return? The question contains the answer within it. How would those who loved him know that *this time* he would not return? Why would those who loved him not still somehow suspect that around any corner he might still after all return again? And even if he said he would not return, it might still be possible for a loving and hopeful heart to expect him around any corner. Watching him ascend slowly into the sky does have a kind of finality about it. And so perhaps Christ protects those who love him from endlessly watching for him through this mode of leaving his resurrected earthly life. But there is also something important to notice in a little remarked bit of the story: Christ, who is in Jerusalem, walks with his apostles to the Mount of Olives, where Bethany is, and ascends from there. Christ's mode of ascension is straight upwards, and no place on earth is closer than another to the destination when the destination is straight upwards. So there is something odd in Christ's walking some distance from Jerusalem in order to ascend from some place outside Jerusalem. Why does Christ not simply ascend from where they all are already in Jerusalem? The answer is *Bethany*. Christ walks from Jerusalem to ascend from Bethany or some place very near it. It is worth remembering, then, that Bethany is the home of Mary of Bethany. Is it reasonable to suppose that the resurrected Christ could walk into Bethany or its environs with at least eleven other men and not be noticed there? And is it plausible that, if he were noticed there, someone would not have alerted Mary of Bethany? Finally, it is worth adding that when the apostles walk back to Jerusalem after the ascension and settle down together there, the text says that there were women there with them. Would there be such a group of women that did not include the Mary who loved Christ so intensely? So it is reasonable to conclude that one part of Christ's last act on earth was to make sure that he consoled and took his leave of a woman in Bethany whose heart cleaved to him.

1. Change of Tuesday Mass time

Due to the cold weather and reduced day-light hours, our Tuesday Mass will be moved back to 9 in the morning. It will start on Tuesday 5 July. Thanks for understanding.

2. St. Anthony's Feast Day

The feast of St Anthony of Padua is 13th June 2022. To celebrate, the Parishioners will again mark the feast with a mass, lunch and entertainment on Sunday 19th June 2022 in the parish grounds. To co-ordinate and organize such an event, we will need to set up a committee. If you think you can assist or for further details, please contact the Parish office. In the meantime, if you are a business and willing to donate items for raffles, or have a stall you would like to set up please contact us. We look forward to celebrating this Parish event with all parishioners and visitors to our Parish.



3. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. Could I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Same goes for electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired and a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. We have just bought a new Audio/Video electronic Mixer to replace the old one that became faulty due to mishandling. If you do not know how to operate them and you need any of it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training. Thanks for understanding.

4. Want to become Catholic through RCIA Program

Please register your interest by calling the parish office or send us an email. We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with you.

5. Children's Liturgy

With limited volunteers our children's liturgy will run either every second or third week just at the Saturday 5pm mass. If are you interested in joining this ministry please contact the Parish office.

6. Parking

Please reserve the parking in the church yard for the elderly seniors who find it difficult to walk a long distance from their car to the church.



You may use the street parking on Eleventh Avenue or the carpark between the church and the hall. You may drop off anyone but please reserve the green grass parking area for the seniors of the church.

7. Grandparents Mass

On 26 July is the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the parents of Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our parish family would like to recognize the blessings and gifts of our grandparent/s on the following weekend after the feast which is July 30/31 where a special prayer for the grandparents in our parish will be said. All grandparents are asked to send their pictures with their grandchild/children to the parish office via email. All the pictures will be displayed on the church electronic visual before the final blessing. Please note, by sending your pictures, you are giving the parish permission to display your image and your grandchild/children's image on the electronic monitor in the church at St. Anthony's Austral.



8. Pentecost Sunday

If you would like to join in saying the Prayers of the Faithful at the 5.00pm and 9.00am mass on the weekend of 4 & 5 June 2022 Pentecost weekend from different languages, please contact the parish office. We ask that you please wear red to the weekend masses. Thank you to those who have volunteered.



9. Holy Communion

Over the next two Saturdays 76 children from our Parish will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We congratulate all candidates and bless them and their families.



10. St Anthony's Feast Day Volunteer Drive/Working Bee

Thank you to those who attended the meeting last Tuesday evening. Please note that it is never too late to volunteer your time to assist on the day or any raffle item or to help at the working bee has been organized from 11am until 2pm on Saturday 11 June 2022. Please contact the Parish office to put your name down for any volunteer role.



11. Volunteers for our Church

We are always looking for volunteers in our Church from cleaners, florists, setting the church up for events and readers. Further, if you are interested in becoming an acolyte, altar server or Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish office.

12. Celebrating Differences in our Community – an initiative from the Safeguarding Office

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office wants to make an Activity Book that is developed by Children for Children. We would really appreciate the help of our parish Children to participate in developing this resource. The Activity Book will be launched during Child Protection Week which takes place in September. The 'Celebrating Differences in our Community' activity sheet is available for Children aged between 5 – 12. We encourage the Children to be as creative as possible, as a panel will review the entries submitted by each Child and will choose the best illustrations to be featured throughout the Activity Book and in an article in the Catholic Weekly. The activity sheet can be found on the table at the foyer. Please contact the Parish office if you need more for your child to complete.

13. Anointing of Sick

Just are reminder every third Saturday our Parish will hold an Anointing of the Sick Mass in the Church commencing at 10.30am. All are welcome. Our next service will be Saturday 18th June 2022.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Pentecost Sunday 5th June 2022

Where: Our Lady Queen of Peace
198 OLD Prospect Rd Greystanes
Theme: "We are one in the Spirit"

1:30pm - 2:00pm Praise & Worship
2:00pm - 3:20pm Mass
3:20pm - 4:30pm Ministry

Celebrants: Fr Brian Steele MGL, Spiritual adviser for NSWCCR & Fr Reggie Lavilla MSP, Chaplain for CCR Parramatta

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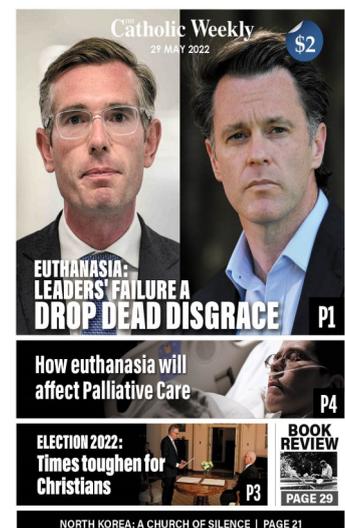
Dates to Remember

Tuesday 31st May 2022—The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 1 June 2022— Feast of St Justin

This week's edition of The Catholic Weekly Please place \$2.00 in the poor box

- Euthanasia: Leaders' failure a drop dead disgrace
- How euthanasia will affect Palliative Care
- Election 2022: Times toughen for Christians
- North Korea: A church of silence
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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Mary Vella, Josphine Camilleri, , Guido Pace, Fernando San Jose, Antoniette Teresa Grotto, Joe Vella

Anniversaries:

Vincenza Delorenzo, Kristy Scibilia, Anka and Frano Banicevic, Vincenzo Simone, Antonio Pisano, Maria Ieroianni, Caterina Geradis, Maurie Low, Stephen Vella, Vittoria Vella, Maria Rosa Ameduri, Giuseppina Musso, Maria Galea, John , Victoria, Joe Bonanno, Joe Pace Anna Luciani (Mazzulli), Giovanni Macerola, Vince Camilleri, Regina Jasenko, August Naydek, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra, Braulio San Jose, Felix San Jose, Eduardo San Jose, Eduardo San Jose Jr, Ernst and Ella Herrmann

Also for:

Johnny and Nora Fontana, The Dimech Family, Vincent and Josephine Bonnici, Grace, Frank and Connie Gatt, The Borg and Falzon Families, Salvatore Santarosa, Giuseppe Pelle, Giuseppino Morobito, Saverio Pelle, Caterina Pelle, Rocco Pelle, Jim, John and Carmen Gauci, Sharon Simone Ajkay, The Morton, Clark, Drabble, King, Roberts, Tobia and Musso Families, Carmelo and Anunziata Vella, Christina and Joseph Grixti, Victor Vella, Leonard Hoven, Stephen Vella, Members of the Pelli and Vartuli Families, Sebastiano, Euridice, Maria Luisa and Domencio Crestani

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for: Doris and Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Jean Poles, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzaniti, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Charito San Jose, Flossy Lobo, Peter Domazet, Linda and Family; Romeo San Joe and Renato San Jose

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with the crimes 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.

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