



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

## 29 May 2022 - The Ascension of the Lord

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Stephen Weiland; Roy Carpenter;  
**Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Terry McGinniskin; Marg Skewes; Jack Burrastion; Barry Donnelly; James Meredith; Lucy Moran & Jim Moran; Max Callaghan; Alex Bradley; Stuart Moore; Claude Perry; Philip Robertson; Richard Burrastion; Lyle Press; James Neylon; Gladys Barrigan; Catherine Sewil; Molly Sweep; Samuel Elliott; Barry Hird; Leonard Conroy; Bede Weiland; Marie Perry; George Bonnell; Alice Fasylit; Patrice Veyken; Kevin Conroy; Robert Robertson; Doug Pley; Bob Robertson; Robert Klein; Johannes Veyken; Graham Porter; St. Marie Aquinas McNamara; Shirley McCulloch; Anne Garsman; Sybil Neylon; Bernard Perkins; Kathleen Lowe; Ann Vinay; James Lawson & Relatives; Stella Nelmes; Bely Cosigan; Norman Mason

**May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.**

**And for those who are ill:** Leanne Young; Fran Wallace; Carole Scanlon; Maureen Irvine; Chris George; Theo Gleeson; Jenny McGinniskin; David Henry; Pat Reidy; Dawn & Colin Graham; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigli; Joan Greenlee; David Borsley (Anne Eason's Brother in Law) all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:30am - Quirindi  
Tuesday 9:30am - Quirindi  
Wednesday 9:30am - Werris Creek  
Thursday 9:30am - Werris Creek  
Friday 9:30am - Quirindi

#### Weekend Masses:

**Saturday:** Vigil Masses  
5:00pm - Quirindi;  
6:30pm - Werris Creek  
**Sunday:**  
8:00am - Willow Tree  
9:30am - Quirindi

#### Carona: 5th Sunday of the Month

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**Baptism:** At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

**Reconciliation:** After 9.30am Mass Friday. This Saturday only 4.15pm to 4.45pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of the Month after mass with Benediction at 12 noon.

**Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays** along with prayers to Our Lady of La Salette

### Coming Events

Sun 29 Mass at Willow Tree at 7.30am followed by Morning Tea  
Sun 29 Mass at Carroona at 11.15am  
Wed 1 First Communion Lesson at 3.50pm  
Fri 3 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.30am Mass followed by Benediction at 12 noon.

Planned Giving \$506.00 + Loose \$70.00 = \$576.00  
Easter Dues \$795.00 @ 15/5/22

First Collection \$286.10

**Pope Francis asks Catholics to pray a rosary for peace in Ukraine every day during the month of May**  
"We begin the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite the faithful and all communities to pray the rosary every day during the month of May for peace." Please pray the Rosary as a family and individually or as you are going about your day. Pray a decade of the Rosary.

**Divine Mercy** is at 3.00pm every Sunday at St Brigid's  
**Pentecost Sunday** The novena started Friday 27th May until Pentecost Sunday.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is the week leading to Pentecost Sunday. 30th May to 4th June 2022  
Theme "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship." (Matt 2:2)

**Priestly Ordination of Rev Mr Peterpaul Chikezie** All parishioners are invited to attend the priestly Ordination Mass of Rev Mr Peterpaul Chikezie on Wednesday 29th June 11am at Saints Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Torreggiani Room. Please RSVP to the Chancery Office for catering purposes [chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au) or 6771 8700 by Friday 17th June.

**Reconciliation** if you wish to receive reconciliation and the current time does not suit, just ring the Presbytery and make an appointment to see Father Kingsley 6746 1133.

**St Joseph's PTR&F Pie Drive** are running a pie drive to raise money for the school's kitchen garden. Order forms are at the back of the Church. For more information contact Michelle Corlis on 0403 664 394. Closing date Friday 3 June 2022. Thank you for supporting St Joseph's School.

**St Vincent de Paul St Joseph's Conference Change Lives** including Yours. Join our amazing local team! Are you compassionate, caring and love being part of a team? Do you have any specific skills to share? Can you spare 2 to 3 hours a week to help those in need?

St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) volunteers are passionate about helping those in need throughout the community. Our folk come from diverse backgrounds, experiences and beliefs, and bring a great depth of understanding, expertise and compassion to their service and involvement. Whatever your skill passion or experience, we can put it to good use for the good of others! If you are interested in joining, please contact Bern at the Presbytery.

**Book of Repose** We will be updating the Book of Repose. If you have a loved one that has died and you would like their name in the Book. Please advise Bern either by email or by writing their name and date and month of death on an envelope and putting the it on the collection plate, it will then be added to the book.

**First Holy Communion** Lessons have begun, next lesson is Wednesday 1st June at 3.50pm and every Wednesday up to and including 15th June. A Full Reflection Day will be held on Friday 17th June at 9.00 till 3.15pm. With the sacrament being celebrated on Sunday 19th June 2022. The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, at 9.30am at St Brigid's. Please pray for these children making this sacrament.

**Marriage & Family Week** 20th-26th June. The theme is "Family Love: A Vocation and a path to Holiness."

**Plenary Council Second Assembly** 3rd-9th July 2022. Let us pray for the success of this 2nd and final assembly.

**33 Days to Morning Glory: A Consecration to Jesus through Mary** Want to Grow in Holiness. But too busy? With the minimal commitment of 10 minutes of reading and prayer/day, plus a weekly Zoom meeting on Mondays between 7 and 8:30 pm you can join fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Armidale and beyond as we grow closer to Jesus and Mary through Marian Consecration. We begin on Monday 23 May and you're welcome to gather as a group in your local parish each Monday until our consecration day on 25 June - the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. FREE registration is essential so we can organise you a book and other valuable retreat materials! Contact Chris on 0433 775 429 or [chris@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:chris@armidale.catholic.org.au) for more information or see the poster and flyers at the back of the church.

**Saint Michael the Archangel**, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Why do you stand there looking up at the sky?

This Jesus who has been taken up from you to heaven will return the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

# Breaking Open the Word

# THE SAVING WORD

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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.

## 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

*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.

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## 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.

Christopher Monaghan CP

Acts 1:1-11

## FIRST READING

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.



## 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