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Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

16th May 2021 - The Ascension of the Lord



The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - Catechists Mass

Tuesday No Mass today

Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek

Thursday No Mass today

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: Last Sunday of the Month

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: Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Coming Events

Sat 9 Mass Count this weekend for the next 2 weekends

Tues 18 No Mass today

Tues 18 Funeral Mass for Fr Peter Liu RIP at 11.00am at St Nicholas Church Tamworth

Mon 24 No Mass today

Mon 24 Mass at Sts Joseph & Mary Cathedral for Catholic Schools Week at 11.00am

Fri 28 St Joseph's School Tour after 9.30am Mass

Planned Giving \$540.00 + \$10.00 = \$550.00

First Collection \$307.10

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

RAFFLE: A \$40.00 Quirindi Pharmacy Voucher. Tickets \$1.00. Thank you to all who have purchased their tickets and continue to do so. Make sure you are in it to have a chance of winning!!! Will be drawn on Sunday 6th June 2021. The raffle proceeds will go towards a hand held blower for use in the Parish Grounds.

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.

Baptism This weekend we welcome Hudson James McVicar into our Christian Community and Baptised into the Mystery of Christ and his Church. Please pray for Hudson's parents Thomas & Jennifer and his Godparents.

St Joseph's School Tour - You are all invited to join St Joseph's School on Friday 28th May after 9.30am Mass, for a tour of the school, followed by Morning Tea under the Sails (Weather permitting).

POPE FRANCIS IS URGING Catholics to pray their Rosaries through the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The movement has the involvement of 30 Marian Shrines from across the world. "The initiative will involve all the shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," the statement from the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation said. Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on May 1 with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm. Rome-time from the various shrines taking part in the initiative. Pope Francis will also close the marathon on May 31 with another specially-broadcast Rosary. To date, more than three million people have died from COVID-19 with many countries experiencing their worst wave yet.

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings.
5. People from the same household may sit together.
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
7. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.

National Mass Count will take place over the first four weekends in May. This is a count attendance of All Masses celebrated in the diocese, including all parishes, non parish centres, hospitals, etc.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To You God entrusted his only Son, in You Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

A special collection will be taken up this weekend Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th May to send to the Philippines and India to assist with their struggle against the COVID19 pandemic currently causing havoc and despair in those countries. The funds collected will be forwarded to the La Salette Missionary Fathers in the Philippines and the Rogationist Missionary Fathers in India for them to distribute to people on the ground in communities where it is most needed. Our Diocese has a special relationship with both these missionary congregations and are appreciative that they can now help us to aid others in their respective countries with these funds from the parishioners of our

COVID-19 PRAYER - PHILIPPINES & INDIA

Heavenly Father, You are the loving God of all the nations and peoples on this earth. Please look with mercy and compassion on all you have created. Deliver us we pray from the coronavirus and limit its impact on our global world. We pray especially at this time for the nations of the Philippines and India. In your mercy bring a swift end to this crisis. Heal and comfort those who are sick and suffering. Protect and guide the health professionals who are at the front line. We ask that wisdom and courage be given to those who bear responsibility for confronting this challenge. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Breaking Open the Word

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THE SAVING WORD

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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

Alléluia, alléluia! / Go and teach all people my gospel. / I am with you always, until the end of the world. / Alléluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 16: 15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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CALLED TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS

As I write I'm in a transit lounge and, as it turns out, it's probably the most appropriate place from which to reflect on the feast of the Ascension which was a moment of great transition for the early church. As Jesus ascended the disciples were invited to leave behind what was known and familiar. Now the time had come to begin a new stage of the journey as they continued Jesus' mission. Many questions remained and they were uncertain about their ability to cope with the changes that lay before them. Jesus had proclaimed the coming of the kingdom. Now the task had been entrusted to them.

In a time of transition and change, we can all have the need for a point of reference that helps give direction and a sense of purpose. Paul writes from prison, bound and seemingly powerless, but he knows that the most powerful bonds for the Christian are those of love. For the Christians of Ephesus, the call is to be worthy of the vocation they have received, to grow in their baptism, and in their love and care for one another.

In a sense, the Ascension is something that happens to each and every individual Christian and community when we take up the task of preaching the gospel in our own time and place. We are still called to preach the good news of the kingdom, to carry on the task which Jesus has entrusted to us. There are still many questions in the life of the Church and these always will be.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

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 blast of trumpets for the Lord. (or
Alléluia!)

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 Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven,