



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

15-16 May 2021

Entrance Procession

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.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 to 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. *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

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.**

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.**

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 Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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, 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:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.

Communion Antiphon

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

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Parish Priest: Fr Christopher FSF PP

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Parish Office Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm

Tues, Wed & Fri

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

Live-streamed Masses via

www.friarsofstfrancis.org or directly via
YouTube

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 7.30am

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm -
5.45pm.

Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays,
5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers
(evening prayer of the Church) and finishes
with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Night Adoration: First Friday of each
month, from 8.30pm throughout until
Saturday morning, concluding with
Benediction at about 7am.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the
month at 11am. Please book with the
Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Matrimony and Weddings:

Please give at least 6 months' notice.
Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sunday School: Years K-12 at 11am in St
Bernadette's Primary School.

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

Mon: 7.55am

Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am

Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass

Sun: After 9.30am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Youth Groups:

Younger Teens: Years 6-8

Older Teens: Years: 9-12

Young Adults: 18-35

Catholic Central: 18+

Please contact Father Benedict for Youth

Group enquires: brbenedictsf@bigpond.com

or visit www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **Sunday School** continues each Sunday at 11am.
- ❖ **Manning Foundation:** Volunteers urgently needed for pick-up and delivery of large items. Any help including short term would be greatly appreciated. Please call Gail on 0407 500 281 or Lorraine on 0410 325 921.
- ❖ **Pray to Our Lady Help Christians:** All Catholics are asked to pray to Our Lady Help of Christians for the Church in China and for the people of China from Sunday 23rd May until Sunday 30th May.

Youth Notices

- ❖ **Sunday 16th May - Catholic Central Upcoming Speaker, Dr Kevin Wagner:** "Being in the World but not of the World – Insights from the Life of St Anthony of the Desert". Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 6pm-7pm in the Church with the talk starting at 7pm in the School Hall.
- ❖ **Friday 21st May 6.30pm** – Youth Group Social Night for all teens in the School Hall. Activity to be advised on the night.
- ❖ **Saturday 22nd May 8.00am-5.00pm** – Youth group will be fundraising to help its members within its many projects by holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Rydalmere. Please come along and sample our sausage sandwiches and drinks.
- ❖ **Sunday 23rd May 9.30am** – Pentecost Youth Mass.
- ❖ **Saturday 29th May 3pm** – Corpus Christi Youth Choir Practice.
- ❖ **Sunday 30th May 2pm** – Corpus Christi Procession Practice.
- ❖ **Sunday 6th June 10.30am** – A Procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the parish grounds will take place after 9.30am Corpus Christi Mass. Everyone is invited to attend & to take part in these moments of prayer, song & Adoration.

Saints of the Week:

18th May – St John I

20th May – St Bernardine of Siena

21st May – St Christopher Magallanes &
Companions

22nd May – St Rita of Cascia

Contributions to Planned Giving:

(Please quote in the reference either your INITIAL & SURNAME or ENVELOPE NUMBER)

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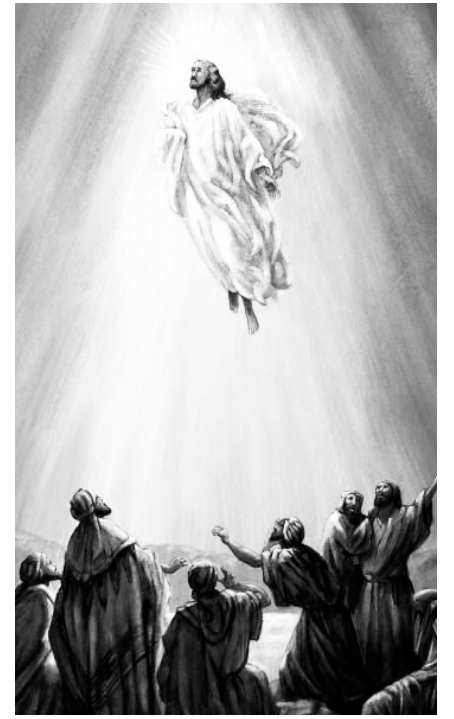
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From the Padre:



After Our Lord's resurrection, he spent 40 days on earth, ratifying the great mysteries of our faith and revealing deep truths to the Apostles. He removed the fear of death and fully impressed upon them the truth of His resurrection. He especially entrusted to Peter the care of His flock and promised the disciples the gift of the Advocate who would complete His teaching and remain with His Church until His return. Christ our Saviour went up to heaven. He took human nature to the fullness of God's glory and He reigns in Heaven interceding for all who believe in Him. Because of Him heaven is now open to us, and not only to our souls, but also our bodies when they rise from the dead. This is why we must be with Him in this world, so that we may rise with Him and share with Him His eternal glory. Those who reject Him will be lost forever. Sadly these days, there seem to be many who reject Him.



Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Ellie Eagan, Michael Siddle; Carmel Bowden; Rashmi Porwal; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Daisy Lopez; Garry Hanson; Raphael Panetta; Nouhad, Wahib & Roly Maroun; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***




***Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil. May
God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine
power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.***

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)
Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us***

ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 22-23 May 2021

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	Youth Volunteer	N Thomas	D Giribaldi
Altar Servers:	William Firkin Jack Firkin Olivia Elias Emily Billingsley Nicholas Chehade	Brandon Nakhoul Mary Taouk Damian Chigwidden Isaac Baron	Liam Maze Boudib Family Joshua Locke William Ha Sarah Ha
Acolytes:	M. John Bosco	Nidhin Thomas	Franklin Orji
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi, Helena Chew & family		
Altar Gowns:	Souzi Nakhoul		
Floral Arrangers:	Mary, Mandalina, Val (Pentecost)		
Altar Society:	G 5: Fri/Sat 21-22/5/2021 @ 8.00am: Ces Reyes, Leonie Guthrie, Marita Cudmore		
Cleaners:	G 4: Saturday 22/2021 @ 9am Diane Tudehope, Julie Nipperess, Fay Fitzgerald, David Greenfield, Jacqueline Doueihy, Francisco Ramirez, Therese Cordina		

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