



We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.  
 We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.  
 We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

We are committed to  
 being a Child-Safe  
 Community

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 17 - 5 - 26**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN THE EASTER SEASON**

*This week: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20*  
*Next week: Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23*



The Ascension is a dangerous and challenging Easter feast because it unleashes Jesus:

while Jesus was on earth you could pinpoint where he was (and therefore avoid him if you wanted to).

But the Ascension, while recalling Jesus' *departure*, is intimately tied to next Sunday's celebration of Pentecost which is about his return, in the power of the Holy Spirit:

the Ascension says that we can no longer localise Jesus, that we can no longer *contain* him: that he's in every moment, in every situation, in every person, demanding a response from us, demanding that we recognise him.

The Ascension is a dangerous feast and a challenging feast because it says that Jesus is unleashed from the many leashes we would like to keep him on: he's where *he* wants to be, asking what *he* wants to ask of us. The Ascension says that *God* is in charge of our faith, not us.

*Fr Colin*

**PASTORAL WORKS** Broken Bay

**The FINAL Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal for this financial year continues this weekend.**

It supports 5 vital ministries:

- **Hospital Ministry.**
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) - catechists** in Public Schools;
- **St Lucy's & St Edmund's Schools** - serving students with disabilities;
- **Ephpheta Centre** - pastoral care, sacraments and advocacy for the deaf community.

**All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**

**UPDATE**

**Amount raised last weekend: \$6684**

**Amount still required: \$12,616**

**WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:**

**1. Envelopes**, allowing for cash or credit card payment, are on the pews. You can also use the QR code on the envelopes.

**OR**

**2. Scan this QR code** then under 'My payment is for' scroll down to 'Pastoral Works Broken Bay':

Many thanks for your support.



**The Blessing of the New Organ**

will take place at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield on Pentecost Sunday, next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

At the conclusion of the Mass Jim Forsyth will play a postlude. Morning tea will follow Mass in St Brigid's Hall.



**A Call for Singers !**

It would be fitting to have a substantial choir to 'sing in the organ' on the day. This is an invitation to all members of the Music Ministry, past and present, to join the choir next Sunday.

If you are able to participate in this historic event please contact Catherine Willis ([catherinewillis@gmail.com](mailto:catherinewillis@gmail.com)) and come to the rehearsal at 9.30am next Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Every few months the parish Tarrawarra Group (all those who've participated in one of our parish retreats at Tarrawarra Abbey) gather for a prayer evening, followed by a convivial light supper together. This was the gathering of those who could make it last Tuesday.*



**CELEBRATING PENTECOST WITH COLOUR!**

Next weekend, if you can, wear a splash of red as a sign of the fire of the Holy Spirit animating our discipleship.

**JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY POTLUCK DINNER AFTER THE 6PM MASS AT LINDFIELD CHURCH.**

**TODAY SUNDAY 17TH MAY**

**BRING A FRIEND AND A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE!**



## OUR NEXT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

will take place on  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
at 7:30pm  
in **Roseville Uniting  
Church**  
(5 Lord St).



Please be there as we  
gather in the warm  
afterglow of the great  
feast of Pentecost.

## OUR PARISH FINANCES

As we all know a trip to the petrol station of the supermarket  
has become a more expensive exercise of late.

Our parish expenses are taking a similar hit. If everyone was  
able to just put an extra \$1 into both the First and Second  
Collection each week it would make a huge difference.

*Thank you.*



This month marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the creation of the Diocese of  
Broken Bay. All are invited to two  
events to mark this occasion:

1. **The Mass of Thanksgiving** on Thursday 28  
May 7pm at The Light of Christ Centre, end of  
Yardley Ave, Waitara, followed by a farewell  
supper for Archbishop Anthony.

If you would like to attend, please scan the QR  
code and register.

2. **40th Anniversary Celebration and Awards  
Dinner Friday 29 May**

Join Archbishop Anthony Randazzo for this  
anniversary celebration in our Diocese when we  
can also support and thank our Diocesan Award  
Recipients for their many years of service and  
support. For booking information and details of  
the night: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLZBE>  
or click on the QR code. Why not gather a table of ten?



RSVP Here



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Thanks to some generous volunteers  
Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning  
and will take place within the 10:15am  
Mass at Lindfield on the Sundays on which  
there isn't a Children's Mass - ie on the 1<sup>st</sup>,  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

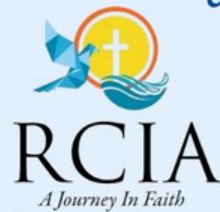
The children will be called forward just  
after Mass begins and will then go with  
their leaders to encounter God's Word at  
their level.

This is for all young  
primary school-  
aged children.

Starting this  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May!



## Are you or is someone you know considering becoming a Catholic?



The team from our  
parish RCIA programme  
will again be leading the  
journey to next Easter  
guiding and preparing  
those who wish to become members of  
the Catholic Church.

The process involves a series of  
meetings in which the various aspects  
of Catholic faith and life are presented  
and discussed, and culminates with  
either baptism or reception into the  
Catholic Church at Easter 2027.

For those whose principal language is  
Mandarin, this year we will ask you  
take part in an Alpha Course  
(introduction to Christian faith) in  
Mandarin, prior to the main RCIA  
programme.

If you are interested or would like  
further information please contact the  
Parish Office as soon as possible.

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## 您或您认识的人是否正在 考虑皈依天主教?

《天主教成人入门圣事》  
(RCIA) 是天主教为希望加  
入教会的成年人设立的一个  
信仰培育过程。  
我们教区的RCIA团队将再次  
带领大家踏



上通往下一个复活节的信仰之旅，陪伴并  
帮助每一位渴望成为天主教会成员的人一  
起学习和成长。

RCIA的整个过程包括一系列每周一次的聚  
会，我们团队将介绍和讨论天主教信仰和  
生活的各个方面，最终帮助大家在2027年  
复活节接受洗礼并加入天主教会。

对于母语为普通话的朋友，今年我们将特  
别邀请您在正式的RCIA课程之前，参加一  
个普通话的Alpha课程（基督教信仰入  
门），这将是帮助您了解和建立信仰的第  
一步。如果您感兴趣或想了解更多信息，  
请尽快联系教区办公室。

*As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found. We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.*

## *Food for the spirit*

### SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN FAITH – FRIENDS NOT FOES

During most of the two thousand years that Christianity has existed it has not been friends with science, and science has not been friends with it. From the Church condemning Galileo, to the Enlightenment thinkers declaring faith “a spent project,” science and Christian faith have been more foe than friend. Happily, this has changed.

Today Christian theology has been able to not only accept the legitimate findings of science but it has been able to integrate them healthily into a vision of salvation history. As a salient example of this we might look at the theological synthesis given us by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955).

Teilhard was a prominent scientist, a paleontologist recognized internationally for his scientific work. He was also a person of exceptional faith, a mystic, a Jesuit priest, and a gifted spiritual writer.

At the time he was doing his scientific work and writing his first theological treatises, the concept of evolution was still almost universally rejected by all the Christian churches, who saw it as in opposition to the story of creation in Genesis. Indeed, the Roman Catholic authorities forbade Teilhard to publish his theological writings, and for several decades his theological writings were circulated only privately among his Jesuit colleagues. Eventually, with the advent of Vatican II and a general (cultural and religious) softening of resistance to the concept of evolution, Teilhard’s theological treatises were allowed by Church authorities to be published; albeit they still came with a warning label as dogmatically unsafe.

What is that worldview? To my mind, it is one of the great syntheses of science and Christian faith that has yet been written. In essence, what Teilhard did was to take the findings of science, particularly the concept of evolution, and meld it with a Christian vision of salvation history to produce a framework within which to more deeply understand science, the Christian faith, and the place of Christ in history.

In brief, he fused, as a perfect fit, the scientific notion of creation and evolution (what we might today call the Big Bang hypothesis) with a Christian vision of salvation history and the place of Christ in that history. Here, in brief, is his synthesis: God is love and fifteen billion years ago, God created the universe (ex nihilo) out of love. However, God didn’t create it as a finished product, as described in Genesis, but as a cosmic infant that would evolve and grow through some billions of years to reach maturity.

Biblically, initial creation, as described in Genesis, was a “formless void.” In an evolutionary view, it took

more than six days for human beings to appear; it took fourteen to fifteen billion years. And creation unfolded this way: After the initial creation (the Big Bang), God, at the center of everything, began to draw all things to Himself through love, and through billions of years, as creation responded to that invitation, it increased continually in complexity, consciousness, and unity, moving freely in love towards God.

And this went through four stages, always with God at the center, drawing creation into the mystery of love: First, geology, earth, rocks, and water formed (“Geogenesis”). Second, from these, eventually life comes forth (“Biogenesis”). Third, some millions of years later human beings with self-reflective consciousness and free will emerge (“Noogenesis”). But, for Teilhard, there is still a fourth stage, the coming of Christ (“Christogenesis”).

For Teilhard the birth of Christ is the penultimate culmination (spiritually and cosmically) of the evolutionary process. The unfolding of evolutionary history eventually brings us Christ, not just as the historical Jesus but also as a cosmic reality. For Teilhard, Christ is both a person and a cosmic structure within the universe which, like the person of Jesus, invites everything (humans, animals, plants, rocks, water) to an “omega point,” namely, to a community of love inside of God.

This might sound complex, but perhaps it can be explained more simply by folding Teilhard’s vision of creation into the early Christian hymn in Ephesians, 1,3-10. Here science and Christian faith (not least about the centrality of Christ) blend seamlessly:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. ... In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ ... God has given us the wisdom to understand fully the mystery, a plan he was pleased to decree in Christ. A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, in the heavens and on earth.

Salvation history and evolutionary history both point to the unfolding mystery of how God is bringing all things into unity through Christ. Teilhard wonderfully folded the cosmic history of this planet into the mystery of Christ.

Science and Christian faith are friends, not foes.  
*Fr Ron Rolheiser omi*

### What fun ?

This weekend and the next take us to the climax and conclusion of this beautiful Easter Season: this Sunday, the seventh in the time of Easter, is the Solemnity of the Lord’s Ascension. Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, is the second greatest feast in the Church’s calendar (after Easter Sunday itself): Pentecost, the fiftieth and final day of Easter, celebrating the fruit of the Resurrection - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Sadly Rotary has seen fit to put the Lindfield Fun Run on this great feast - at precisely the time when every church in Lindfield is having its Pentecost morning Service!

If you are taking part in the run please don’t let it take the place of Pentecost - we also have both a Saturday & a Sunday evening Mass!

### Headcount

Just to let you know that, as has been the case for many decades now, the bishops of Australia arrange for a headcount at all Masses during May. This helps us in being attentive to the health of our communities and to be able to focus on pastoral planning.

## Hymns for the Ascension of the Lord

### ENTRANCE HYMN : ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise?  
'I am with you evermore.'

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Here on earth our Food, our Stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, You the Lord of lords we own.  
Alleluia born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
You within the veil have entered  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest  
You on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

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### HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS : REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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### COMMUNION HYMN:

#### THOSE LAST WORDS OF JESUS

**Refrain:** The power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be my witnesses for all the world

*Sylvia Romer 2022 (fellow parishioner)*

### OR

#### CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Let all earth and heaven say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!

3 Now he lives, our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN : BY YOUR KINGLY POWER O RISEN LORD

**Refrain:** By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, sound it to the souls in  
prison, shout our triumph to the sky:  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

Sing the joyful Easter cry, let all times and peoples  
listen: death has no more victory,  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

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### ONE MORE REFLECTION FROM ONE OF THIS YEAR'S PARTICIPANTS AT OUR TARRAWARRA RETREAT:

This was Elizabeth's fourth retreat and my third. We have every intention of doing it again next year for several reasons, in no particular order:



1. Our immersion in the monastic life at Tarrawarra, albeit just dipping our toes in, is enriching because of the routine and the beautiful surroundings in which it takes place.
2. It is an opportunity to bond with other members of the parish.
3. We have the opportunity to hear from Colin on specific issues and engage with at some depth.
4. It's great fun. *Graham*

#### Parish Retreats at Tarrawarra Abbey next year

1. Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Apr. - Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Apr.

2. Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Apr. - Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Apr.

*We already have 7 bookings! (max.: 9 per retreat)  
If interested please contact Fr Colin.*

# The Prayers and Responses of Mass

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

## THE PSALM

PS 46:2-3. 6-9. R. V.6

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.

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.

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.

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(all bow at the following  
words in bold):*

**and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

for our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death & was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living & the dead  
& his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son,  
who,  
with the Father and the Son,  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken  
through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This week between Ascension and Pentecost is observed as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - since it is the Holy Spirit who unites us all in Jesus.

Please put that prayer for Christian Unity into practice by gathering with our brothers and sisters at our Pentecost ecumenical Service - details are on page 2.

## FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: FINDING A PLACE TO STAND

*Give me a place to stand, and I will move the whole  
earth with a lever. (Archimedes)*

*Father Richard Rohr uses the images of a lever and a  
place to stand to explain why social transformation  
needs both action and contemplation:*

Archimedes, a third-century BC Greek philosopher and mathematician, noticed that a lever balanced in the correct place, on the correct fulcrum, could move proportionally much greater weights than the force actually applied. He calculated that if the lever stretched far enough and the fulcrum point remained fixed close to Earth, even a small weight at one end would be able to move the world at the other.

The fixed point is our place to stand. It is a contemplative stance: steady, centered, poised, and rooted. To be contemplative, we have to have a slight distance from the world to allow time for withdrawal from business as usual, for contemplation, for going into what Jesus calls our "private room" (Matthew 6:6). However, we have to remain quite close to the

world at the same time, loving it, feeling its pain and its joy as our pain and our joy. Otherwise, our distance can become a form of escapism.

True contemplation, the great teachers say, is really quite down to earth and practical, and doesn't require life in a monastery. It is, however, an utterly different way of receiving the moment, and therefore all of life. In order to have the capacity to "move the world," we need some distancing and detachment from the diversionary nature and delusions of mass culture and the false self. Contemplation builds on the hard bottom of reality as it is without ideology, denial, or fantasy.

Unfortunately, many of us don't have a fixed place to stand, a fulcrum of critical distance, and thus we cannot find our levers, or true "delivery systems," as Bill Plotkin calls them, by which to move our world. We do not have the steadiness of spiritual practice to keep our sight keen and alive.

**Killara Church**  
5:30pm Vigil  
9.00am\*

**Lindfield Church**  
8.30am 10.15am\*\*  
12noon Chinese Mass  
6:00pm Youth Mass\*\*\*

\* Morning Tea follows 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sunday.  
\*\* 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, with Children's Choir, and is followed by morning tea.  
\*\*\* Parish Pot Luck dinner follows 6pm Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Weekday Mass this week

THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Mon. 8am Killara  
Tues. 8am Killara  
Wed. 10am Lindfield  
Thur. 10am Lindfield  
Fri. 10am Lindfield

**The Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross**  
(gathering in our church at Killara):

Mass Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)  
Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon  
Evensong 4th Sunday of the month 4pm

Sunday Mass Roster

<b>SATURDAY</b> Killara 5:30PM	<b>16 May.</b> Fr Colin	<b>23 May.</b> Fr Colin
<b>SUNDAY</b> Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	<b>17 May.</b> Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Anselam	<b>24 May.</b> Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Colin Fr Kelly Fr Colin

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Ways that you can support our parish

1. Direct debit contributions from your bank A/C:

1st Collection:

(providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy):  
BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

2nd Collection:

(providing for all the operating costs of the parish):  
BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1623

2. Credit card: Scan the code & then select each of our two collections

3. Periodic payments from your credit card: Just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

4. The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.



MAY

Online Meditation Group every Wednesday  
8:00-8:30am.

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Potluck dinner following 6pm Mass  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Scripture study (online)  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Blessing of the Organ followed by morn.tea  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Scripture study (online)  
10am Book Club

JUNE

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00am Scripture study (online)  
Thu 4<sup>th</sup> 8.45am Playgroup  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Scripture study (online)  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 10am Healing Mass  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Scripture study (online)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturdays at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

中文主日彌撒正午12時  
耶穌升天節 (節日) 17.5.2026  
讀經一 (耶穌就在門徒觀望中, 被舉上升。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 1:1-11  
德敖斐羅, 我在第一部書中, 已論及耶穌所行所教的一切, 直到他藉聖神, 囑咐了所選的宗徒之後, 被接去的那一天為止。他受難以後, 用了許多憑據, 向他們顯明自己還活著, 四十天之久, 顯現給他們, 講論天主國的事。耶穌與他們一起進食時, 吩咐他們不要離開耶路撒冷, 但要等候父的恩許, 說: 「你們聽我所說過的, 若翰固然以水施了洗, 但不多幾天以後, 你們要因聖神受洗。」他們聚集的時候, 就問耶穌說:

「主, 現在就要給以色列復國嗎?」耶穌回答說: 「父以自己的權柄, 所定的時間和日期, 不是你們應當知道的; 但當聖神降臨於你們身上時, 你們將充滿聖神的德能, 要在耶路撒冷, 及全猶太和撒瑪黎雅, 並直到地極, 為我作證人。」耶穌說完這些話, 就在他們觀望中, 被舉上升; 有一朵雲彩接了他去, 離開他們的眼界。他們向天注視著他上升的時候, 忽然, 有兩個穿白衣的人, 站在他們面前, 向他們說: 「加里肋亞人! 你們為什麼站著望天呢? 這位離開你們, 被接到天上去的耶穌, 你們看見他怎樣升了天, 也要怎樣降來。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
領: 萬民, 你們要鼓掌歡騰, 也要向天主歡慶慶祝。因上主至大至尊, 可敬可畏; 他是統治宇宙的偉大君王。

領: 天主上升, 有歡呼之聲護送; 上主騰空, 有號角之聲相從。你們應歌頌, 歌頌我們的天主; 你們應歌頌, 歌頌我們的君王。領: 因為天主是普世的君王, 你們都應該以詩歌讚揚。天主為王, 統治萬國; 天主登上神聖的寶座。

讀經二 (天主使基督在天上坐在自己的右邊。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致厄弗所人書 1:17-23  
弟兄姊妹們:  
願我們的主耶穌基督的天主, 即那光榮的

父, 把智慧和啟示的神恩, 賜與你們, 好使你們認識他。並願他光照你們心靈的眼目, 為叫你們認清: 他的寵召, 有什麼希望; 在聖徒中, 他嗣業的光榮, 是怎樣豐厚; 他對我們相信的人, 所施展強而有效的德能, 是怎樣偉大。正如他已將這德能, 施展在基督身上, 使他從死者中復活, 叫他在天上, 坐在自己右邊, 超乎一切率領者、掌權者、異能者、宰制者, 以及一切現世及來世, 可稱呼的名號以上。天主又將萬有置於他腳下, 使他在教會內做至高的元首; 這教會就是基督的身體, 是基督在一切內, 充滿一切的圓滿。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼  
領: 亞肋路亞。  
眾: 亞肋路亞。  
領: 主說: 你們要去使萬民成為門徒; 我同你們天天在一起, 直到今世的終結。(瑪28:19, 20)  
眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (天上地下的一切權柄, 都交给了我。)  
恭讀聖瑪竇福音 28:16-20  
那時候, 十一個門徒就往加里肋亞, 到耶穌給他們所指定的山上。他們一見耶穌, 就朝拜了他, 雖然有人還心疑。耶穌於是上前對他們說: 「天上地下的一切權柄, 都交给了我, 所以, 你們要去使萬民成為門徒, 因父及子及聖神之名, 給他們授洗, 教訓他們遵守我所吩咐你們的一切。」「看! 我同你們天天在一起, 直到今世的終結。」——上主的話。

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彌撒後, 請各教友參加午餐聚會  
Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語)  
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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Molly Barry of our parish who died on Thursday. Details of Molly's Funeral Mass will be found under 'Stop Press' under 'News & Events' on our website.

Recently deceased: Christine Walsh, Fr Robert Crawford, Rusty Walters, Renaldo Gaiety, Fr David Taylor, Patrick Martin, Elvira Rodriguez, Mary McCormick, Peter Lawrence, Edward Carlos Aouad. Anniversary: Joan McCreanor, Kevin McCreanor, John McCreanor, Margaret Dwyer, Marjorie Johnston, Fr Peter Flynn, Alexander Kalnokoy, May Spies, Marjorie Steffel.

Please pray for those who are sick: Fr Clem Hill, Helen Tisdell, Evelyne Jones, Tony Plottel, Elizabeth Wales, Annette Leong, Diana Rosewell, Genevieve Larkin, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, William Wise, Janette Brennan, Barbara and John McMullen

*To the right you'll see a notice about the next Alpha programme in our parish beginning in August. Please read below a beautiful reflection by one of our parishioners who participated in Alpha a few years ago.*

Dear fellow parishioners,

For those who may not be familiar, the Alpha Course is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. It offers a safe and welcoming space for individuals to ask questions, express doubts, and engage in meaningful discussions about Christianity. The course covers fundamental topics such as the nature of faith, the significance of Jesus, and the power of prayer, among others. Its primary goal is to provide a platform for spiritual exploration and growth.

Alpha typically runs over 11 weeks, each session looks at a different question around faith, and the talks are designed to create conversation in small groups afterwards. By July 2022, more than 28 million people have attended the course worldwide.

The videos in the Alpha Course contain a wealth of real-life stories and discussions that offer relatable insights into matters of faith. They don't just stop at personal experiences; they also delve into history and present factual evidence, creating an informative resource for groups to explore and discuss.

I would like to share with you my personal experience with the Alpha Course.

What's truly wonderful about this course is its inclusivity, allowing participation regardless of where you currently are in your faith journey. Even if you've been a Christian for your entire life, you can still take part (I myself was baptised 18 years ago and have always been active in Anglican churches and Bible study groups). The Alpha Course isn't restricted to those seeking an introduction to Christianity or those who are just starting their journey of faith. It's open to all.

I would also say that I had quite a unique experience of the Alpha Course, as those of who were in the same group as me, were already Christians and had been for either a long time or all their life. I felt that this twist added a unique layer to my Alpha Course adventure, shedding fresh light on familiar teachings and sparking enriching discussions amongst one another. Alpha encouraged me to revisit these foundational aspects of my faith, including the life and teachings of Jesus, the power of prayer, and the significance of the Bible. It was like reacquainting myself with an old friend and discovering new depths in our relationship.

Returning to the basics of my faith, was like a spiritual breath of fresh air. I felt that I learned so much. It was a refreshing journey, a reminder that even as we develop our own unique relationship with Jesus over time. After each session, I always felt really inspired and encouraged.

Connecting with others in the Alpha Course was an amazing source of support and encouragement in my faith journey. Sharing experiences, asking questions, and building friendships with other members in my group enriched my spiritual path in ways I hadn't even imagined. It's in these connections that I discovered the strength and joy of a shared faith journey.

It reminded me that the journey of faith is not a one-time event but an ongoing process of deepening our relationship with our Creator. God's invitation is clear: He wants us to come to Him just as we are, with all our imperfections and vulnerabilities, knowing that His love and acceptance are unconditional.

Alpha empowered me to share my faith with others. It gave me the confidence to communicate my beliefs and experiences effectively. Alpha Course had a powerful impact on my faith journey. It encouraged me to revisit the basics, helped with personal growth, and helped to deepen my relationship with God. This journey not only strengthened my faith but also equipped me to share it with others.

Thank you.

*Leo Xu, parishioner.*



**Is there more to life than this?**

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free (meal provided) and everyone is welcome.

Coming soon in August in our parish.

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