



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

The Ascension of the Lord

Year A Cycle 1

21 May 2023



## I Am There With You

**F**or forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, sometimes to one person, sometimes to a small group and on one occasion to more than 500 people, as St Paul reports. Then Jesus returned to the Father having completed his mission on earth. He ascended into heaven.

Jesus' return to the Father does not however mean that he is no longer with us. St Matthew wrote his Gospel to reassure Christians that Jesus is still with us. At the very beginning of his Gospel, the angel tells Joseph that the child will be called Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. And in the very last words of his Gospel, which we hear today, Jesus says, 'And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' And in the middle of the Gospel Jesus says, 'when two or three come together in my name, I am there with you' (Mt 18:20).

While Christ is with us in spirit, we are now the hands and feet and heart of Christ in our world. It is we who must go out and proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth. It is through us that people will meet the risen Christ.

*God's Word* Fr Michael Goonan SSP

## Pastoral Works Appeal Next Weekend

**O**ur Pastoral works are at the forefront of our community, serving those in need, helping to rebuild and renew families and parish communities and introducing our children in state schools to the wonder and beauty of our faith. The Diocese now has two Pastoral Works appeals each year – in May and November. These appeals mainly support two key Diocesan ministries which get little or no government funding: The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – catechists taking the Gospel to approximately 14,000 state school children and Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program – practitioners visit more than 3,000 individual hospital patients each year. Pastoral Works Broken Bay also supports: St Lucy's School and St Edmond's College – serving students with disabilities, and The Ephpheta Centre – which provides support and advocacy for the deaf community. Funds raised during the appeal will go directly to these ministries. Envelopes will be available on the pews and information tables or you can donate online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks) Please be sure to nominate The Entrance Parish when donating online. Our parish quota to Pastoral Works is \$37,295 for the year. **Donations are 100% tax deductible.** Your support and generosity to the Appeal is vitally important.



## Feast Days This Week:

**Our Lady Help of  
Christians**  
24 May  
**St Philip Neri**  
26 May



## Week 3 Winners!

1st Prize - No 14  
2nd Prize - No 81  
Congratulations!



The Franciscan  
Friars and  
Christians of the  
Holy Land  
sincerely thank  
parishioners for  
the donation of  
\$2,629.90 to the  
Good Friday  
collection.



## Secular Franciscans

Everyone is  
warmly invited to  
join us in the  
Reynolds Room  
after 9:30am Mass  
this Sunday 21  
May. Enq: Gerard  
0439 519 018.

## Profound Presence

In no way does Jesus' Ascension suggest that "God's in his heaven and all's right with the world." Nor do any other clichés fit: "Out of sight, out of mind," for example, or "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." Jesus isn't out of sight or out of mind, and it's not his absence but his profound presence that makes our hearts grow fonder.

Nor is the "three stories: theological geography true, in which heaven is "up," hell is "down," and we're at present in between. The scene of the ascension doesn't mean that Jesus "went up," but that the Lord has been taken into the Father's glory. Why the picture of "up" and "down"? Well, we, humans, have always given greater dignity to "up" than "down." Even in modern motion picture technique, the "good guys" are photographed from below, looking up, and the "bad guys" from up, looking down.

Jesus' ascension doesn't mean that he has departed from us. He has gone from our sight in order that he may more perfectly come to us. Jesus' ascension is to show us who we are, where we're going, and what we must do now. Both heaven and hell are all around us, and God's plan is that Jesus fill "all things in every way." God's plan for the world will, however, be brought about only bit by bit, and is in the hands of the Church. That means you and me. Because of Jesus' Passover-his death, resurrection, and ascension-we can no longer look at ourselves as mere earthlings: we must realise our heavenly dignity and destiny.

The end of Jesus' public life on earth is the beginning of the life of the Church: you and me. He had lived and died in an area less than 150 miles long, yet has come to be known throughout the world because his life was a life of service. We, too, have to realise that the only form of witness that most people will initially accept today is service. If we who believe in Jesus gave ourselves in service, the world would have been Christian a long time ago.

*366 Days With the Lord* Fr Harold A Buetow PhD JD

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia

Today marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in which all of us are asked to implore from God this great gift. Christian unity is a fruit of God's grace, and we must dispose ourselves to accept it with generous and open hearts. No one is to be excluded: "And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant, the Levite who is within your towns, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place which the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there" (Deut 16:11).

Pope Francis

## Ignite Conference 2023: Wonder

Join with thousands gathering for this year's Ignite Conference - four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great speakers, rallies, workshops and more for kids, students, young adults, priests and religious, parents and grandparents. 28 September to 1 October Cathedral Precinct Waitara. For information and registrations go to: [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au)

## A Message from Fr Brian

Dear Parishioners

I have been in the parish now for 18 months. During my first year we focused on a great deal of repairs and maintenance to the Presbytery and other parish buildings which are now all in good order.

At the recent Parish Finance Committee meeting I discussed with those present some of my hopes for next financial year beginning in July. The wish list is for an Electronic Sign, a ~~Church Sound System~~ and to complete the Stained Glass repairs.

Being on the main road we have a great opportunity to communicate our faith messages to all the passing traffic and encourage people to attend our church, with an LED Sign. The Sound system in the Church has been playing up and the speakers at the back of the Church had to be turned off. We have been gradually repairing the broken stained glass in our beautiful Church which is an ongoing task.

The three items will cost approximately \$60,000. *I am happy to announce that a generous donor has offered to pay for a new Sound System.* If anyone else would like to make any financial contributions towards supporting the other two projects, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or talk to me.

Fr Brian

## KidsClub

All children are invited to Kids Club, a social group for 5-12 year olds (and their siblings) who want to make new friends, have fun and learn more about Jesus. Free entry - games, craft, activities and snacks provided! Parents must accompany children under 5 years. Next Saturday 27 May 3pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. No RSVP required - just turn up!

## Volunteers Week

This week we appreciate our many and varied volunteers, without whom we could not operate - from our church cleaners, to catechists, choir, acolytes, readers, and wardens taking up collections. Great work everyone!

## Presentation of Eucharist Candidates

This weekend we welcome the candidates for First Eucharist, and their families. The children have begun preparations with four weekly lessons, followed by an Enrichment Day here in the parish precinct on Thursday 8 June, and First Communions at Masses from 10/11 June.

## Diocesan Community Invitation

Please join us to celebrate our Cathedral Precinct Journey on the Patronal feast Mary Star of the Sea, with a Vigil Mass followed by a light supper and conversation at The Light of Christ Centre. There will be a Diocesan-wide presentation and consultation on the future of our Cathedral Precinct with Bishop Anthony. Tuesday 30 May 5:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara. RSVP to [events@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:events@bbcatholic.org.au)

Please note: Black & white bulletins due to a printer problem



### Welcome Taylor Family

We welcome the Taylor Family this weekend for the Reception of their child for Baptism.

### Congratulations!

#### Congratulations

#### Lincoln Braun

This Saturday Lincoln will complete his preparation for First Reconciliation. Well done Lincoln!



### Happy Birthday to

Patricia Peters who is celebrating her

#### 80th Birthday

19 May 2023!

### Parish Morning Tea



The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday 21 May in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!

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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

**Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

**Cenacle** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

**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.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Smith, Carmel Cramsie, Paul Kelly, Benny Scarcella, David Evans, June Bailey, Rosie Whitton, Egida Sandrin.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Carmel Cramsie will be held next Friday at 9:30am. Please pray for Carmel and her family.

**Anniversaries:** Betty Lamont (1st), Vincenzo Candido (1st), Deacon Jim Caulfield, Victor Baranyi, Mary Curtis.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Brian D'Costa (birthday), Myrtle D'Costa (birthday), Nicholas Shaw (birthday), John McDermott, Jack & Betty McDermott, Alfred & Agnes Rodger, Mary James, Molly Freney, Celeste Petroni, Gesuina Porcu and all the Holy Souls.

**Families:** Parsons, Matthews family and friends.

**Sick:** Emma Horton, Trish Knoke, Margaret Foley, Charlie Borg, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Rita Matthews (Liz Drover's mum), Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Quinn Ellsmore.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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## Opening Hours

We are open before and after the  
5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the  
9:30am Sunday Mass.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.  
EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

**4332 2216**