



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

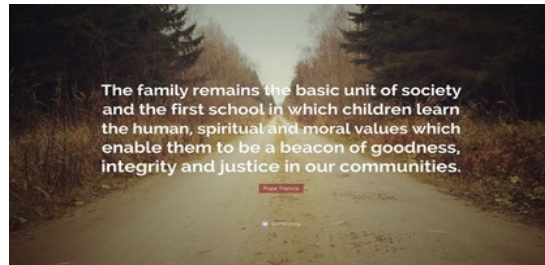


Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

15 MAY—INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES



First Reading Acts 1:1-11	Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3,6-9. R.v.6	Second Reading Eph 4:1-12	Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19,20	Gospel Mk 16:15-20
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SUNDAY REFLECTION by our Seminarian Aditya Sugiarto

The Gospel today invites us to ponder on our call to proclaim the Good News. "What is the Good News?", one might ask. I suppose within the context of Ascension Sunday, one might put an emphasis on the Gift that is to come following Christ's Ascension; namely the Holy Spirit. I would like to focus today on the gift of unity. The Holy Spirit unites us as a Church, as one people of God (refer to 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:3), and in freedom we could choose to cooperate with grace. Against the backdrop of a fragmented world, the Church is called to build bridges (not walls), and extend the message of love. It is through practical manifestations of love that we bear witness and Good News to the world as united people in Christ, for it is written, "Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience" (2nd reading: Ephesians 4:2). So then, where can we practically find our universal call and inspiration towards unity? Try the Eucharist.

Often as Catholics, we take the Eucharist for granted without reflecting much on its fruits and efficacy. Thus, it is immensely helpful for us to reflect on our active participation at Mass. To start, I invite each one of you to have a closer look at the Eucharistic narrative,

"Up to the words of consecration, the priest prays for the Spirit to transform the bread and wine...and then, immediately after the consecration, the same Holy Spirit is invoked on those who are about to receive the Eucharist: "Grant, that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be **filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.**"

This profound prayer highlights unity and it is upon this foundation; in becoming one body and one spirit in Christ that the Holy Spirit through the Eucharist, is the agent in bringing about our union with God and our neighbours. Walter Kasper says, "the goal of the Holy Spirit's activity in the Eucharist is koinonia (communion) in and with Jesus Christ." He adds that "the unity of the church is the reason why the Eucharist exists". This in turn, ought to shape the Church's spirituality and compels us to rethink about our attitude towards one another. Have a blessed weekend!

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – If you missed out on our CWF Appeal Last weekend and you would still like to contribute, see details below:

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength. We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities. Please take a moment to watch a heart-warming 'Thank you' video to hear from those you are helping - <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways:

- Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
- Or scan the QR code.



Notices for this weekend

Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness

Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family. We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony. May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church. We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know. Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love. We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them; We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church. Bless the World Meeting of Families. Amen!



Diocesan Mass Counts 2021

The 2021 Count will take place on the weekends **15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**.



200 Years of Catholic Education: A Mass to celebrate this milestone will be held on Monday 24th May at 10.30am at OLOR Cathedral.

Flores de Mayo 2021

We will also pray the Rosary 30 minutes before each Vigil Mass at the Cathedral on the 15th, 22nd and 29th May.

For all Parishioners involved with Hospitality (Morning teas, Community dinners): Could you please do this online course, so that we can start, various activities. <https://covidaware.instructure.com/courses/4>, please make sure that at end to print a certificate, and please give the office a hard copy of the same.

Please remember in your prayers: All our families and their little ones preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, as you pray for them, may I request you to please say a special one for the Sacramental team too.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

Congratulations to: Assumption & Glenn Pereira who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary this week.

We remember those who died recently – Baby Chloe Crabb ● Kate Glendenning ● Colin Higgins ● Alma Rego ● Nikhal Jose ● Mario Mendezona ●

Anniversaries – Maurice Fry ● Alan Brodie ● Marie Simonette Verzosa ●

MASS SCHEDULE

from 27 January 2021 until further notice

Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are compulsory.

Weekday Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Mon to Sat 7:00 am
Fri 7:00 am and 9:30 am
(until further notice).

Queen of Peace Church:

Tue, Thu *, Fri 8:45 am
Sat 7:30 am
* *Cenacle Prayer immediately follows. All are welcome.*

Korean Mass

Tue, Thu 7:30 pm
Wed, Fri 10:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday 9:30 am, 6:00 pm

Queen of Peace Church:

Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00 am

Filipino Mass 3:30 pm

(Every 2nd Sunday of each month.)

Korean Mass

Sat 7:30 pm
Sun 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

[Watch the Mass](#)

THANK YOU to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews.

McQuoin Park Chapel Mass for Residents only

Wednesdays & Sundays at 11 am

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

OLOR Cathedral Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 am.
Queen of Peace Church Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm

Private Prayer Our Cathedral Chapel is open for private prayer. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.**

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

2nd Collection is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.