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## 16 May 2021 – The Ascension of the Lord

**Parish Mass Times:**

Monday to Friday: 9am

Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm

Public Holidays: 9am

Rock Mass: Once a term

**Baptism:** Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment

**Wedding:** Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

**Morning Prayer:** Monday - Friday: 8:30am

**Anointing of Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9:30am

**Rosary:** Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Friday  
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina facilitated  
by Fr Greg  
10am Parish Hall

**Second Thursday  
of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick —9am

**First Friday of Every Month**

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Sunday 16 May**

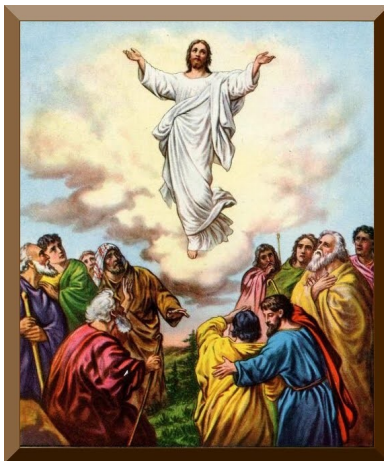
Youth Choir —9am-11am

**Sunday 23 May**

Parish Choir —9am-11am

**Tuesday 18 May to  
Thursday 20 May.**

*The Carmelite Priests will be  
attending their annual  
conference. There will be  
communion services held on  
these days.*



*So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke  
to them, was taken up into heaven and  
took his seat at the right hand of God.  
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

Allowing for the eventual gift of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the Passover, in the Acts of the Apostles Jesus remains with the earliest Church for forty days. Following his ascension, they must wait in the city of Jerusalem, the centre of God's saving history, to which Jesus travelled, where he suffered and rose, and where the Spirit will be given. They are not to worry when the end of the world will come as they have a mission ahead of them. As the physical presence of Jesus ends—to be replaced by the Holy Spirit—he commissions his disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They do not understand. They stand, gazing into the sky, until the two men in white who were in the empty tomb (see Luke 24:4) appear and instruct them that they must begin their mission, as one day in the distant future Jesus will return.

The author to the Letter to the Ephesians instructs us on how we are to conduct that mission as Church, until we all reach the perfection for which we were made. The Gospel reading comes from a passage added to the Gospel of Mark late in the second century. The author gathers from various earlier traditions to instruct us on Jesus' ascension, and the wonders that will accompany the faith-filled mission that follows Jesus' departure and the gift of the Spirit that we will celebrate next Sunday.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## YOUTH CHOIR

Hello everyone, my name is Jonathan Lee. I have been a member of the Children's Choir since 2007, now known as the Youth Choir. Josephine Edwards has been running the choir for 21 years. However, since COVID19 last year, membership has decreased significantly. We would like to expand the choir now by renaming it as the Youth Choir to include everyone from middle primary (Year 3 and 4) through to high school and university to age 30. We will be singing at the 10am masses on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month with rehearsals starting from 9am. We welcome anyone to join us from May 16th. We are happy to answer questions after Mass.

## Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



### CWF – May 2021 Appeal

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

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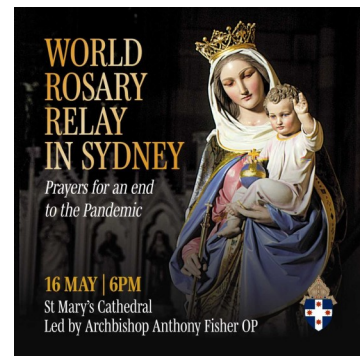


## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:



### Holy Rosary Relay in Sydney – Sunday, 16th May 2021 at 6pm

For the month of May Pope Francis has asked the Catholic community around the world to pray the rosary for an end to the pandemic. As



one of the 30 Marian Shrines chosen by Pope Francis, Australia has been asked by the Holy Father to pray a special intention as part of the Rosary Relay. Today (Sunday, 16th May) at 6:00pm a Rosary will be prayed at St. Mary's Cathedral in Sydney and be live streamed to the rest of the world. The intention for this rosary is for all those who are suffering from violence and human trafficking.

Attendance for the Holy Rosary Relay is open to the general public to attend, with Covid-19 restrictions still in place. No bookings are required. If you are unable to attend, the Holy Rosary will be live streamed on YouTube Channel via this link: <https://youtu.be/hDteaSywyeI>

### Singing Up Country in the Fields 2021

You are invited to attend a special music event, **Singing Up Country**, to be held at St Anthony in the Fields, 42 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 3pm to 7pm. The event is being hosted by the Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Social Justice Group in partnership with the Northern Beaches Aboriginal Community, as part of the continuing journey of **Sharing the Story, Sharing the Land**. Singing Up Country is a music festival showcasing Aboriginal musicians, their culture, music and community spirit in one great gathering.

Tickets can be purchased for \$50 (full price) or \$35 for students and pensioners. The price includes admission, sausage sizzle and tea/coffee. To purchase a ticket go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BQNBD>. A raffle is also being held to support the musicians. Prizes include art works by Dyinda designs, Lorrain's Artworks and Bronwyn Bancroft. Please contact John Horan on 0433 177 082 to support the musicians and purchase tickets.



## INVITATION TO A SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> May 2021

**Father Paul Durkin, Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga and Diocesan Vocations Director** will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Paul will be our guest speaker providing an overview of the highly successful activities being undertaken by the Vocations Office which has resulted in 11 young men in training for the Priesthood with many others completing the discernment process. If you would like to know more about vocations activities in our Diocese and make a difference in encouraging new and supporting existing vocations please "come and see".

Bishop David Walker was once quoted as saying that "we all share the responsibility to provide ordained ministers for our community". Supporting the Diocesan efforts by being a Serra member can assist us all to fulfil our personal responsibilities. *Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, for those completing the discernment process and for the perseverance of existing vocations.* Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) by the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 if you would like to attend.

This Sunday begins the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, a week where we unite with other Christians to pray that all may be one, as Jesus desires.

This year's theme is "Abide in my love and you shall bear fruit" (John 15:5).

Let us pray:  
Gracious God, we pray for the Church, that all will be inspired to continue the quest for Christian Unity, and that our hearts be filled with the gift of Jesus' love for all. We pray that all Christian Churches may continue to show one another extraordinary kindness in guiding them towards reconciliation and unity in Christ so that they are able to bear witness to the Gospel and bear abundant fruit. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### CHANGE OF BAPTISM DATES—FROM JULY 2021

From July our baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:30am after the 10am mass.

### FEAST DAYS—MAY

Sunday 16th—The Ascension of the Lord  
Sunday 23rd—Pentecost Sunday  
Monday 24th—Our Lady, Help of Christians

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:** Reggie Paul Ang

**Please pray for the ill:**

Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;

Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody;  
Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh;  
Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres;  
Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi  
Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel  
Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien,  
Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty,  
Gina Jaksetic, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

***If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.***



My dear parishioners

A big thank you to you all for achieving a marvellous result from Mother's Day cake and raffle tickets sale. WE RAISED \$3,709.30!!

Alleluia!! Together we can work toward the goal of upgrading the kitchen. We received such an amazing range of cakes and savoury food and I do hope they made your Mother's Day special. Raffle tickets were drawn by Fr Greg Chee after the 11am mass, and the lucky winners are:

Genevieve Tam - \$100 voucher Sous Le Soleil, Roseville  
Francisca Silvianty - \$50 voucher The Living Room Café, St Ives  
Jean Le - \$40 voucher The Twenty 74 Cafe, North Turramurra  
Mary Li - 2 x \$10 voucher Taste Baguette, Glenrose

Many thanks for the generosity of The Living Room Café, The Twenty 74 Café, Taste Baguette and to Eva and Geoff Riley for their help in getting Prize two and three; and James Cheah for donating Prize four. Also special thanks to the anonymous donor who donated the money for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Please stay tuned for upcoming social/fundraising events. We will have a car boot sale later on in the year so please consider putting aside any unwanted gifts and household items.

Alternatively, if you have any larger furniture or items that we could help sell on social media, with the proceeds going toward the kitchen upgrade, pls contact Kit on 0426 833 087.

A big thank you for your support and warmest regards  
Kit & the fundraising team







## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

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## The Word

Sunday 16 May 2021: The Ascension of the Lord

### First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11

*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 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. v.6

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

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

From the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 4:1-13

*To the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

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

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 16:15-20

*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 is 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.