

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - NAROOMA
ST MARY'S - COBARGO / BERMAGUI
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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year B
The Feast of the
Ascension
 of the Lord

Mothers' Day



Next Week:
Pentecost Sunday

Fr Steve will be away with the other Clergy in Galong from Monday to Friday night; thus there will be Communion Services on Tuesday (4.30pm) and Thursday (9am).

Masses next weekend	Narooma Weekday Communion Services Tuesday 4:30pm Thursday 9:00am
Saturday (Vigil) Cobargo: 5pm	
Sunday Bermagui 7:30 am Narooma 9:30am	Cobargo Every 2nd & 4th Wed 9:30am Comm. Service

Reconciliation: Narooma Saturday 9.30 am. Cobargo and Bermagui before Masses.
Sick Linda Holland, Dillon Tindall, Shirley Del-

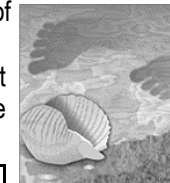
lamarta, Jan Jardine, Nola Sutherland, Cecilia Moore, Arthur Cotterill, Nora Thomson
Anniversary Daniel Norman Cridland
Deceased: Jean Povey

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Today's Feast provides the foundation of our new relationship as a people with our God. When the Risen Lord appeared to people, it was not in some spiritual or ghostly sense, but in a glorified, human, physical sense (ref. the appearance to Thomas and when Jesus ate with his disciples).

<u>This week</u>	<u>NAROOMA</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<u>Welcomer</u>		
M Ryan		K Day
<u>Commentator</u>		
R Towers		P Brice
<u>Reader</u>		
S Dellamarta		P Verrell
<u>Offertory Procession</u>		
K Day/V Wallens		F Bird/S Nash
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>		
F Bird/K Smith		J Lundy/J Voytas
<u>Counters</u>		
P & F Bird		J & M Young
<u>Collectors</u>		
H Schrooten/T Short		H Schrooten/P Bird
<u>Pilgrim Statue</u>		
Angie Breen		Margaret Cumming
<u>Flowers</u>		
Judy O'Neill		Therese Short
	<u>COBARGO</u>	
<u>Eucharistic Minister & Server</u>		
A Cotterill		T Devoy
<u>Reader</u>		
T Devoy		T McDonald
<u>Offertory Procession</u>		
<u>Collectors</u>		Tarlintons
<u>Cleaning</u>		Jenny/Trish
<u>Flowers</u>		
J O'Halloran		T McDonald
	<u>BERMAGUI</u>	
<u>Reader</u>		
J Lazzaro		G Marsh
<u>Prayers of the Faithful</u>		
N Cridland		N Scicluna
<u>Welcoming Committee</u>		
J Manns		J Harper

So, when time came for Jesus 'to be taken up to heaven' (Note: The earth was flat in those days!), into the spiritual realm of the Trinity, Jesus comes to his Father transformed in a perfected human body. In this way, the realms of the spiritual and the physical converged and a new covenant or relationship begins. Jesus' legacy of the Ascension is not absence, but new life. Pope Francis has said that the Ascension means Jesus is alive in our midst in a new way".



Collections (Narooma)	
1st Collection	\$ 414.65
2nd Collection	\$ 685.35
Cobargo/Bermagui	
1st Collection	\$ 254.20
2nd collection	\$ 215.00

Reflection by Artist, Jenny Close Before his Ascension, Jesus advises his closest disciples to proclaim the good news to 'the whole creation'. He places great significance on baptism. It is a brave new world that he is describing, an aura of wonder surrounds the work of those who speak in the name of Jesus.

Deanery Marian Procession This was a great event last Sunday! Congratulations to Joan O'Halloran for her generous service to Cobargo's hosting of people from every parish in the Deanery: Batemans Bay, Moruya, Narooma, Bega and Pambula. Here is a new Litany of Our Lady from the program:

OCEAN CARE DAY: Sun, May 27 11am-3pm. 52 Princes Hwy, Bodalla. Talks on marine life and its protection, keeping it rich in biodiversity. Things for kids from 9am.

(Fr Ron Rolheiser's article continued from last week) Obviously, it has many positives: It's making us the most informed people ever in the history of this world. Information is power and the internet and social media have levelled the playing field in terms of access to information and this is serving well the developing nations in the world. Moreover it's creating one global village out of the whole world.

We now know all of our neighbors, not just those who live nearby. We're the best-informed best-connected people ever. But all of this also has a pejorative underbelly: We talk to each other less than we text each other. We have many virtual friends but not always many real friends. We watch nature on a screen more than we ever physically touch it. We spend more time looking at device in our hands than actually engaging others face to face. I walk through an airport or basically any other public space and I see the majority of people staring at their phones. Is this a good thing? Does it foster for friendship and community or is it their substitute? It's too early to tell. The initial generations who lived through the industrial revolution did not have any way of knowing what the effects of this would be long-range. The technological revolution, I believe, is just as radical as the industrial revolution and we are its initial generation. At this time we have no way of knowing where this will ultimately take us, for good or bad.

But one negative that seems already evident is that the revolution within information technology we are living through is destroying the few remaining remnants we still retain in terms of keeping "Sabbath" in our lives. The 13th century mystic, Rumi, once lamented: "I have lived too long where I can be reached." That's infinitely truer of us today than it was for those living in the 13th century. Thanks to the electronic devices we carry around with us we can be reached all the time – and, too often, let ourselves be reached all time. The result is that now we no longer have any time apart from what we regularly do. Our family times, our recreational times, our vacation periods, and even our prayer times are constantly rendered regular time by our "being reached". My fear is that while we are going to be the most informed people ever we may well end up the least contemplative people ever. But I'm an outsider on this, a digital immigrant. I need to bow to the judgments of those who speak this language as their mother tongue.