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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of the loss of a loved one, and to face it in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the Risen One. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery.

Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go “into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community. The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Markan Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kin-dom of God has come near; repent [=expand your horizons], and believe in the good news" (1:15).

If we were to accept that our mission in the “in-between times” is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God’s command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the earth (usually translated as “to till and to keep”). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative.

The “Ascension” event recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm. The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus’ return to “the right hand of God” ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables the believer to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of Jesus “to all creation”. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30asm (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**Ascension of the Lord Year B**

 **May 13th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies; 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!**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th May   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Trish Matthews |
| Reader |  Patricia Wilks  |  Kirsty Beavan  |
| Commentator |  Cathy Purcell  |  John Power  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott  |  Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group 3: Yvonne, Lee, Mary Colleen & Kath |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 19th & 20h May  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler |  Dave Shedden  |
| Reader |  Anita Mason |  Mary Kelly |
| Commentator |  Claire Cole |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  To be advised |  To be advised |
| Church Care | -------------------------------------- |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m**

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 FEAST DAY 14th May: Saint Matthias ~ ~ ~  **WISHING OUR LOVELY MUMS A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. ~St. Therese of Lisieux~**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**Reminder to parishioners the weekly bulletin is available on our Web page www.cg.org.au/tumut – please remember to log on for weekly roster reminders if in doubt. CLERGY ASSEMBLY** there will be no week day Masses next week – Fr. Sijo and Fr. George will be in Galong. **A SINCERE THANK YOU**  to Maureen Norman for her dedication and faithfulness to the music ministry in our cathloic community. Over the years the music has enriched all our celebrations, Masses, weddings funerals and other special days. Maureen is not well at present and is in Wagga with her family, she plans to move into a retirement home in Wagga. Please keep Maureen in your prayers. **CATHOLIC VOICE** May issue is now available for your collection. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS** the centre is looking for new volunteers who can assist in the shop - if you are interested - please call in and speak to the Manager. **MANY THANKS** to our volunteer cleaners this week Yvonne, Lee, Mary, Colleen & Kath

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Cecilia Haddah, Robert Capon, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Filomena Comai, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh,Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Yvonne Harrison, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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