



The Ascension of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B, 12 MAY 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, to further his earthly mission, Jesus sent his disciples out with good news for the whole of creation. In that spirit, let us pray for all God's creatures.

READER: For Pope Francis and all leaders in our Church. May they be inspired to continually open up the Scriptures to reveal the Good News of the resurrection. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and all who give motherly care, that they will bless the children in their care with love and wisdom, and enjoy their life-long affection. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many Christian churches around the world, that in this week of prayer for unity they will bear undivided witness to the love of God and neighbour, in accordance with Jesus' command. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish and faith community, that the many gifts with which its members are blessed will be welcomed and used to make it one body, one spirit, in Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: All-creating God, you never cease to pour out on the church the gifts of your Spirit. Help us grow to maturity in Christ, your Son, our risen Lord, for ever and ever. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION MAY For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

We pray for church communities in every land, that they lead the world by example in their care of creation.

We pray for those who wield controlling power in the world of social media, that today's World Communication Day will call them to put artificial intelligence at the service of wisdom.

We pray for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

Chris Cuttle, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jane Nash, Val Perkins, Jim Parkes, Barbara Brownlie, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Betty Cowell, John & Anna Vincent, Peter Hopkins, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John Elliott, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Pentecost Sunday
Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Morning tea to follow
Mass Bombala 10am

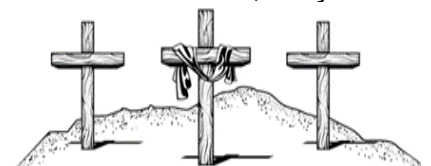
Josephite Companions (Associates)
Prayer and Fellowship Day
Monday 27 May 10am
St Joseph's School Centre Delegate
More in following Bulletins



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased Rhonda Holdsworth May Anniversaries

Sr Dominica Bampton rsj
Kay Bedingfield, Kitch Cottrell
Ena Crawford, Ted Crawford
Mae Elliott, Harold Farrell
Sr Bede Hintz rsj, Winnie Ingram
Betty Lomas
Sr Irene McCormack rsj
Peter Perkins, Kay Reed,
Mary Smith, Oscar Thompson
Melrose Thornton, Daryl White



**"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."**

H A P P Y

Mother's Day



Best wishes and lots of love to all the amazing mothers out there. We hope you all have a wonderful time with your family and loved ones!



The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. .. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

READINGS

FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *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: ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

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. 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MARK: 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.

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1. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! **R**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **R**

Sing A New Song *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Sing A New Song Unto The Lord;
Let Your Song Be Sung From Mountains High.
Sing A New Song Unto The Lord, Singing
Alleluia.**

1. Yahweh's People Dance For Joy.
O Come Before The Lord,
And Play For Him On Glad Tambourines,
And Let Your Trumpet Sound. **R**

2. Rise, O Children, From Your Sleep;
Your Saviour Now Has Come.
He Has Turned Your Sorrow To Joy
And Filled Your Soul With Song. **R**

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Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred.

The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us. Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'. At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body. The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time. We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos. mtate@bigpond.com