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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

Ascension of the Lord



If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading - Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the 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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

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

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.

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.

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.

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

SECOND READING

Second reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from St Paul to the Ephesians

God made him sit at his right hand in heaven

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 24:46-53

The Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:
'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Matthew 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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The Feast of the Ascension which celebrates the end of Jesus' work on earth, also invites us to be joyful followers of Christ (scripture reflection – I am with you always). This week we celebrate Laudato Si' Week, which marks the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. While the final make-up of federal Parliament is yet to be decided, it is clear Australians are keen to embrace candidates who want to tackle climate issues. And as National Reconciliation Week gets underway later this week, 'Reconciliation requires bravery' we need to recognise and understand past and present injustice, particularly that which shapes attitudes and institutions.

ASCENSION



Often when I read a good novel or watch a good serial on TV I become rather attached to the characters, as I venture towards the final chapters of the book or hit those last few episodes I begin to feel rather empty.

I've entered in to a new world, met a whole lot of new people and been with them on an adventure; and now it's all ending.

I suppose we feel that way with Easter. we've started the journey in Lent which is a bit like plodding through the first part of the book-we're getting to know the characters, it's a bit bumpy, a bit new and uncomfortable, and then we hit upon Holy Week, that's the crisis, act two if you like- all of a sudden there's a plot twist the main character at one point lauded by the people is shockingly put in the worse possible situation and dies a fairly ignominious death. The protagonist offered so much, he was wise, gentle, just, and now they've got him. Come Easter Sunday and we see the resolution, there's yet another twist but this time it's the happy ending we've wanted -the resurrection. The resolution of resurrected life is celebrated for forty days we begin to enter more fully into Jesus' life and in doing so we come to an understanding of our own life, that is, our lives too are pointed towards the resurrection, towards a new kind of life. And now it's all ending again, there's sadness once more, or is there one final twist?

Unlike my morose disposition at the end of that novel or TV serial, we have no need for despondency. Our Easter life continues because at heart we are, essentially, by baptism and its irrevocable character, geared towards the resurrection and the life of Heaven. By virtue of our baptism we are always an Easter people, a people inclined towards resurrected life.

In Jesus' ascension we see more acutely the scenario of a human nature leading us to God. Jesus, he who is God become man, takes us to where he always was, for as St Augustine incisively points out:

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: no one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the son of man, who is in heaven.

Augustine remarks further regarding our part in Christ's Ascension when he says:

Cont...[It was] out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended;

Augustine observes and takes seriously, as we all should, that we are true members of Christ's body and that by virtue of the grace we receive in the sacraments we too through Christ's experience even now the life of heaven.

This rationale, though obscure, is heightened in our reception of the Eucharist. It is in our devout reception of the holy Eucharist that the door to ascended life is opened. Through our reception of his body that link with Christ and with heaven is made, that is why it is called holy communion, we enter into union with heaven where Christ in his human body blazes the trail for us. Our reception of Holy Communion acts as a bridge into the life of God, our Eucharistic meal offers us the pledge of future glory, the pledge of hope; a hope which is not stuck gazing into the sky fruitlessly but a hope fulfilled even now because Christ our hope prepares a room for us. This feast invites us to take seriously our reception of Christ's body in the sacrament because by virtue of his sacramental real presence Jesus Christ risen and ascended offers us an entry into the life he himself enters into and which we commemorate today.

Looking forward however there will be a second descent and a second ascent too. The second coming of Christ will be in judgment of humanity, a judgment which will enable those who have unwaveringly hoped for his coming to see that hope consumed in divine love.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

SORRY DAY

Sorry Day (26 May) and Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) are two aspects of the same mission. Sorry Day marks one of the worst episodes in the mistreatment of Indigenous Australians by the descendants of the colonial invaders.

It records the forced removal on ideological grounds of children from Indigenous families and the lasting suffering inflicted both on the children and their families.

Sorry Week was initiated in 1998 after the publication of the *Bringing Them Home* Report. It led eventually to the Apology to the Stolen Generations in 2008 and the Parliamentary commitment to close the gap between the lives of Indigenous and other Australians.

Reconciliation Week focuses on what remains to be done in ensuring that Indigenous Australians are not discriminated against. If that is to happen the wider Australian community must understand and want to change the conditions that entrenched inequality. Reconciliation must be based on a shared acknowledgment of the reality of colonial settlement in Australia, of its effects on the First Australians, and on a shared determination to change the ways in which Indigenous people are treated as second class citizens.

PARENTS & BUBS ALPHA

Do you want to grow further in your faith? Do you want to meet other local parents? Then why not give Alpha a try. Please join us in the Parish Centre, 10am Friday mornings for coffee and croissants as we explore the person and message of Jesus Christ. Babies and toddlers welcome. For information contact Emily on emilykathrynhall@gmail.com

JOY IS LIBERATING

'The Ascension completes the cycle of the Incarnation. The eternal Word became flesh in Mary's womb. The angels told the shepherds news of great joy, that the Saviour would be wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

'Now that same Saviour departs from them and is carried up to heaven. The disciples worship him and return to Jerusalem with great joy. Joy at the beginning of Luke's gospel and joy at the end. Joy at the Incarnation and joy at the Ascension.

'Joy is liberating. It gives us the possibility of dreaming what a fully human life might be like. What is it like to be people of integrity? What is it like not to fear unemployment or sickness? What is it like not to fear death? Joy involves hope. We have hope because Jesus is ascended into heaven, and where he has gone we hope to follow.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Peter Harries OP

DISCIPLES

The readings and liturgy for this wonderful feast day invite us all to share in the amazement of those first disciples of Jesus, so that we, too, can become like them – joyful followers of Christ.

This week, we might pray for the opportunity to proclaim the joy of the Good News to as many people as possible.



WOMEN AS FIRST WITNESSES

'The first witnesses of the Resurrection are women. This is beautiful. And this is a bit the mission of women, of mothers and women: witnessing to their children and their grandchildren that Jesus is alive. He is the Living One. He is the Risen One. Mothers and women, go forward with this witness! For God, what counts is our hearts.

'This also leads us to reflect on how women, in the Church and in the journey of faith, have had and still today have a unique role in opening doors to the Lord, in following him and conveying his face, because seeing with faith always takes love's gaze, which is simple and profound. It is more difficult for the Apostles and disciples to believe: not for the women.'

- Vatican Information Service, Pope Francis

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving - Weekly Envelopes) On 30 June 2021 the quota that all parishes had paid for many years to the Canberra Catholic School Building Fund ceased. Parish contributions to this fund were from the Planned Giving (Weekly Envelopes and electronic contributions). With the Fund no longer in existence there is no provision for a percentage of contributions to be claimed on tax returns and therefore no need for tax receipts to be issued. However, if you need a receipt for your personal (not Tax) records please E-Mail the Office and request one.

Weekly Envelopes for 2022-2023 will be available 18-19 and 25-26 of June. Contributions to the Planned Giving can be made using envelopes or by Credit Card, Direct Debit or EFTs (there is no charge for using any of these three methods). Many parishioners are no longer using envelopes taking advantage of the Tap & Go facilities.

Parishioners are encouraged to give consideration to switching to other methods to contribute.

Parishioners contributing by Tap & Go - your contribution goes to both the First and Second Collections.

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Jim Smith, Beth Delos Santos, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Albertina Dos Santos, Sr Liz Lusby OP, Denis Lawrence, Evelyn Roque, Patricia Brown, John Davenport, Shirley Arnold, Bill Sutcliffe, Judith Kedge, Patricia 'Patty' Hyde,

IN LOVING MEMORY

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BIBLE STUDY Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office

ROSTER 4 / 5 June 2022

Saturday 5.00pm	- Acolyte - M. Tran
	Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan M. Dawes
Sunday 8.00am	- Acolyte - K. Linard
	Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson
Sunday 10.00am	- Acolyte - T. Johnson
	Reader - M. Fitzgerald, K. McCluskey
Sunday 5.00pm	- Acolyte - L. Kim
	Reader - J. Schwinghamer T. Malone

THE CHURCH AND THE SECOND PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council occurs soon (4-9 July). Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn host a Public Forum on 9th June: **THE CHURCH AND THE SECOND PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY: WHERE ARE WE NOW?** (speakers: Sr Clare Condon sgs; Francis Sullivan; Andrea Dean and Paul Collins). **Venue:** 7.30pm, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. All welcome.