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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Spirituality & The Sunday Gospels.** Norma Woodcock Presenter 7pm-8pm at St Benedict's School Hall Alness St Applecross. Everyone is welcome. Cost: collection. Accreditation recognition by the CEO. Enq: 94871772 or www.normawoodcock.com

**e-Conference: "Gospel of Mark": 16th May.** Maranatha Centre, 33 Williamstown Road Doublevees. Ph: 9241 5221

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Palms global volunteers are vehicles for development and social change, through mentoring and skills exchange. Hear from those who have been PALMS volunteers: Sun 19 May at 3.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate. More about PALMS at www.palms.org.au

**RALLY FOR LIFE:** Tues 21 May at 7pm. See notice board.

**ILLUMINATE—CYM for Vinnies Youth and Passages Resource Centre;** Join us and other young people on 18 May as we raise funds for two extraordinary not for profit initiatives. Held at the Water Wall Room, Esplanade River suites at Como. \$80.00, includes cocktail food and a drink on arrival. Final date for ticket purchase is the 13 of May. For more info or to buy your ticket/s contact us on 9422912.

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### The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

12 May 2013

#### First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
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, 6-7, 8-9. R. v.6

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

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

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.
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.
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.

#### Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to 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.

#### Gospel Acclamation Mt 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 Lk 24:46-53

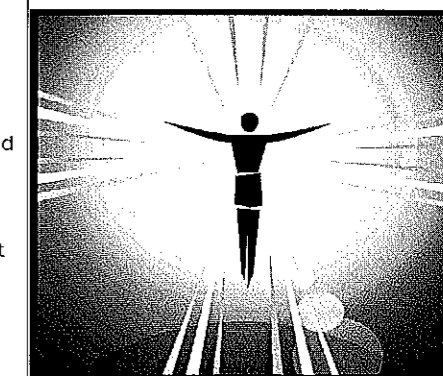
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

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.



### Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work - the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus - attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

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#### 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.

#### Communion Antiphon Mt 28:20

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



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Dear Parishioners,

Mother's Day is a special day for many of us. For mothers, it is a time to feel loved and appreciated in a particular way. For young children it is an exciting day for gifts and gathering of family (and perhaps of being allowed to be in charge of a special breakfast for Mum!). For husbands and dads it is a good opportunity to say "thanks" for those extra duties a mother often takes on. For those of us whose mother has gone home to God, it is a day of remembering the love and of saying an extra heartfelt prayer. And of course for some, it will be a day of sadness for the broken relationship, the lost child, the lost opportunities. Above all of this human emotion and activity stands our Blessed Mother, whose arms are wide enough to embrace us all. It is fitting that Mother's Day falls in Mary's special month and so be a reminder to us of our heavenly Mother, who loves all her children, on earth and in heaven. Let us remember to wish her "Happy Mother's Day" and give her the gift of a few moments of our time in prayer and reflection. To all mothers today, I wish you peace and joy in the knowledge that you share your motherhood with such a wonderful role model. - Fr. Sunny

### The Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. © Dianne Bergant, CSS

## MAY - MONTH OF MARY

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard)

### Fatima Devotions

The visions and messages of Our Lady to the Children at Fatima all reinforce the practice of the most important traditional devotions of Catholics. Our Lady insisted on the daily saying of the Rosary and in devotion to her Immaculate Heart. The Blessed Virgin appeared with St Joseph, reinforcing devotion to St Joseph and the Holy Family. In another vision, Our Lady appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the Carmelite scapular, reinforcing the brown scapular devotion. All these devotions of Fatima form a united front in the life of devout Catholics.

### The Rosary Fatima Prayer

Our Lady instructed the children to add the following prayer at the end of each decade of the Rosary:  
*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Spend some time with Mary this month. If you don't often pray the rosary, why not try to pray a decade a day during May. If you have young children, this month is a good time to teach them about Mary, perhaps by telling them the stories of Lourdes and Fatima. A range of rosaries, "how to pray the rosary" cards, booklets and children's books are available from the Piety Stall or parish office.



*"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."*  
 John 6:35

### RCIA PROGRAMME - ENQUIRY NIGHT Thursday, 23rd May at 7pm

If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, wishes to join the Catholic Church or has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church, please encourage them to attend this enquiry night.

People of all faiths (or none!) are welcome to come and learn the beliefs and practices of our Church. For Catholics, this programme is also great way to discover much, much more about Catholicism than you ever thought possible; and companions on the journey are always welcome to walk with our new enquirers.

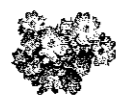
If you don't know anyone and you can't join the programme, then your prayer support is much needed. Please keep new enquirers in your prayers as they travel along new pathways of discovery.

### Catholic Women's League

Our next meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, 14th May after the 9am Mass and rosary. We meet in the parish centre library and new members are always welcome to join us.

### HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING Saturday, 18th May at 9.00am.

Hospitality ministers are encouraged to come together at 8.30am Mass before the meeting.—Annette Nathanielsz



### COLUMBARIUM NEWS

Small floral posies for the columbarium plaque flower holders are now available from the church piety stall as well as the parish office for the small cost of only \$5.00.

Posies which become too weathered will be removed by members of the committee, so it might be timely to visit and check if your flowers need replacing or renewing.



### THE UNIQUE GOSPEL OF LUKE

In this Year of Luke, you are invited to a short course which will help you get to know "the everyday person's Gospel" and the Sunday readings which we will hear through the year. It will take you on a journey of discovery which complements this Year of Grace.

WHERE: Infant Jesus Parish Centre

WHEN: Thursday evenings from 16th May to 20th June.

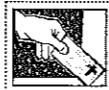
COST: \$40.00

Presented by Jan O'Connor from the Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation.

RSVP to Tracy Stevens at Maranatha on 9241 5221 or Angela/Anna at the Infant Jesus Parish Office on 9276 8500.

### SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY APPEAL

This weekend is Chaplaincy weekend. There will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass. Chaplains are our front-line emissaries as they attend to the spiritual and temporal needs of students. Please give generously to keep this Christian presence in our local high schools.



### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

The current three year programme is rapidly drawing to an end.

It would be good if you could catch up on any missed contributions over the next eight weeks, which would allow us to reach our budgeting targets for the parish.

If you are unsure how you are going with your contributions, please phone the office and we will be happy to help.

### ENQUIRY DAY FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

There will be an enquiry Day for those who would like to find out more about vocation to the Priesthood on Saturday 25 May 2013, 5pm - 7pm followed by supper at St. Charles Seminary in Guildford WA.

Enq: Fr. Jean-Noel Marie on 9223 1372.

# Our Parish Events



## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Thuy Pham, Anna Pieraccini;

**Anniversaries:** Suresh Abeywardne, Paul Durel, Rosalia Sertorio;

**Deceased:** Oronte & Maria Tognari, Clarice & Cesare Colli, Shian Coggins, Filomena Colonico, Filomena Spinozzi, Janine Berney, Mrs Ban, Ian Ashley;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Nick D'Amico, Mary Donough, Lisa Delaney, Joe Corbett, Tom Doyle, Carmel Porcaro.

*"May we follow where He has led and find our hope in His glory."*



Sunday, 12th May 2013

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;

May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

### FIRST COMMUNION - PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

All parents who wish their child to receive First Communion this year at Infant Jesus Parish are reminded that they are required to attend the Parent Information Night on Monday 13 May at 7.00pm at Infant Jesus Parish Centre Hall

It is a requirement of the Sacramental Programme that at least one parent, godparent or grandparent attend this meeting from each family. Please do NOT bring children. The meeting will go for about 1 hour. Godparents and grandparents are welcome to attend. Please register your attendance at the door by crossing off your child's name on the list.

### TEACHERS AND FRIENDS MISSION OUTREACH AND SOCIAL CLUB

Meets at Morley Parish Centre, 47 Wellington Rd, Morley on the last Saturday of the month at 9.00 am prior to providing small group, primary level, English lessons at 9.30 - 10.15am, 10.30 - 11.15am, 11.30 - 12.15 am. Teachers needed. Moderate remuneration. Easy repetitive lesson plans. A course superior to Kumon and much cheaper. Funds support projects through Mission Partners - Morley est. 1988. Enquiries: [margaretbox7@bigpond.com](mailto:margaretbox7@bigpond.com) or 9272 8263.

### Entertainment Books Now Available at Personal Advocacy Service

A sample book is available in the church foyer (and parish centre on the weekdays) for your perusal. You only have to use your Entertainment Book a few times and it would have paid for itself. For only \$65, it's great value for money and filled chock-a-block with offers from Woolworths, Coles, local fast food joints, family & fine dining restaurants, cafe & bistro outlets, cinemas, chemists, arts, sports and attractions venues - the list goes on and on. A typical family can save hundreds of dollars each year with the book. Please contact Pearl Chin or Michelle Gunning on 9275 5388 or email [admin@paswa.org.au](mailto:admin@paswa.org.au) for more information or to order your copy. The funds raised enables PAS to support people with intellectual disabilities in the many small parish groups in our Archdiocese.

## Our Liturgical Life

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.30pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office.

## OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

**Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:**

Wednesday 7.15pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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## Calendar of Saints

**12 May: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**13 May: OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**14 May: ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

**18 May: St. John I, Pope (526AD)**

## ROSARIES FOR TIMOR LESTE

Two parishioners, travelling to Timor Leste in a few weeks, would like to take with them some rosaries, to be given to the poorer communities who do not have much in the way of faith resources. If you would like to donate rosaries for this cause please hand them to the hospitality ministers when you come to weekend Mass, or drop them off at the office. They may be new or preloved, as long as they are not broken. A range of rosaries is available from the Parish piety stall.

**Eucharist Hour—World Apostolate of Fatima  
 Sunday May 19 at 3pm,**

**St. Mary's Church, James Street, Guildford**

The Pilgrim statue will be present

All are welcome. Enquiries 9339 2614

"We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete" *Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, at Fatima, May 2010*

## CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASSES

All parents who wish to enrol their child for Confirmation at Infant Jesus Church this year please mark your diary to attend ONE of these enrolment

Masses:-

Sat 8 June at 6.30pm **OR**

Sun 9 June at 9.30am **OR**

Sun 9 June at 6.00pm



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