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**Feast of the Ascension**

**13th May 2018**

Acts 1:1-11

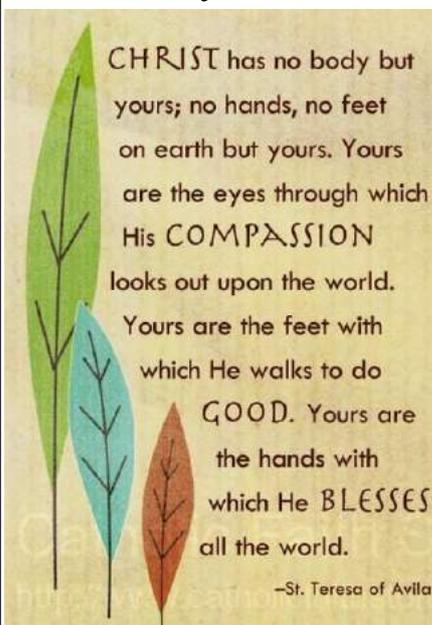
Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

**“There's always another level up. There's always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow”- Elizabeth Gilbert**

The Country Fair 2018 was another remarkable event in our parish as hundreds of people thronged to and enjoyed the day in the glorious sunny weather. I heard a lot of positive feedback from people of all ages as to how this event was, bringing the community together and providing an opportunity for the people to meet one another and have great fun. It was a joyful occasion for the children to enjoy the rides and other entertainment. I really appreciate the tireless efforts of Kim Parslow and Sally Coppini, the organizers of the country fair and the team of men and women who orchestrated this event with them. I am happy to see the hard work of every one of you, the volunteers, those who run various stalls, the sponsors, resulting in such great success. My heartfelt thanks to every one of you for your great contribution in building up our community! You may be anxious to know the outcome of the event. We will let you know by next week.

*There is an ancient legend about the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. According to the legend, when Jesus reached heaven, his body still showed the wounds of his crucifixion. When the people in heaven saw these marks, they fell on their faces before Jesus. Then angel Gabriel rose up and said to Jesus: "Lord, do all the people on earth know and appreciate how much you went through for them?" Jesus replied: "Oh no! Only a handful of people in Palestine know that. The rest haven't even heard of me. They don't know how much I suffered, and how much I love them." Then Gabriel said to Jesus: "How will the rest of the people on earth ever learn about your suffering and your love?" Jesus said: "Just before I left I told Peter, James and John and a few of their friends to tell the rest of the world for me. They'll tell as many people as they can. Those people in turn will tell other people. In this way the whole world will eventually learn about my love for them." Gabriel looked even more confused now. He knew how fickle and forgetful people are. So he turned to Jesus and said: "But*



*Lord, what if Peter, James and John grow tired and frustrated? And even if none of these things happen, what if the people they tell become frustrated? What if they begin to have doubts about you? Didn't you take these things into account? Don't you have a back-up plan just in case?" Jesus answered: "I did take all these things into account, but I decided against a back-up plan. This is the only plan I have. I'm counting on Peter, James and John not to let me down. I'm counting on the people they tell not to let me down." Twenty centuries later, Jesus still has no other plan, He is counting on us. (Mark Link in 'Sunday Homilies').*

It is crystal clear that we are the vehicles by which His presence is made manifest. We are to take His presence in the universe to every spectrum of life not limiting Jesus to 'religious matters'. His presence has to penetrate into our concern for environment, politics, economics, medicine, culture, morals and so on. Jesus is counting on us that we will be able to make changes and save the planet for the future generations. In every area of existence, we must be witnessing to him. Witness and proclaim are the two key words for the early church: "one was descriptive of what they must be, the other a command as to what they must do" (Thomas O' Laughlin). The conscious experience of Jesus within us should propel us to permeate the presence of Jesus into every fibre of the society at large.

*Ruddell Norris was a conscientious young man. But he was also a shy young man. He found it hard just to talk to people, much less to discuss religion with them. Then one day he got an idea. Ruddell did a lot of reading, and he was aware of the many pamphlets about the catholic faith. So he decided to set aside a part of his weekly allowance to buy pamphlets. Ruddell placed his pamphlets in places where he thought people would pick them up and read them. For example, he placed them in waiting rooms and in reception areas. One day a young woman who was a friend of his family told his parents how she became a convert and how her husband returned to the Church. "It all started with a pamphlet," she said. "I found it in the hospital waiting room." You can imagine the boy's excitement when he learned of the impact just one of his pamphlets had. (Anonymous)*

Simple ways are the best manners of making Jesus present in our midst!

**God's blessings! -Fr. Vince**



Today, **The Catholic Foundation** will launch its May appeal which supports our works of Faith, particularly our seminarians and their good works within the wider community.

Meet Seminarian Tom Green (above)

He joined the seminary in 2016, and embodies a generous spirit of charity and service, committed to serving God and others.

Throughout 2017, Tom visited students in state schools and provided catechises, scripture studies and taught children how to pray.

Every Friday, Tom also visits the local refugee centre and provides food hampers to the less fortunate. His team also provides financial and medical support to those in desperate need.

A gift for our seminarians is also a gift to the wider community.

Please become an Ambassador of Faith today and donate a \$7 monthly gift – that's less than \$2 per week.

Donate today and sustain our works of Faith across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

For more information, or to donate online, please visit [www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) or call 02 8838 3482

**More musicians and voices are more than welcome!**  
**We would love to see you at the next practice on Tuesday, 15th May at 7pm.**



**Learn new hymns, review the old ones, and meet other people from the parish!**

**You are also invited to a catch-up meeting on Thursday, 24th May at 7pm.**

**You are invited to join the HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018 with extension in Jordan and Italy 16 November, departs Sydney for 2 weeks Pilgrimage Chaplain: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu**

For your Expression of Interest, please contact Susan Clark  
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## RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation begin with an **Information Session on 22nd May**. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the program, you **MUST** attend either the **4:30 or 7pm** session.

This is offered to children in Year 3 and older. You will be required to present your child's baptismal certificate.

Preparations for First Communion will begin in August.

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd June at 4:30-5:30pm**

at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1461.40  
**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1342.30  
**Loose** = \$ 1048.95  
**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107  
**TOTAL** = \$ 4498.25 (target = \$5577)

**If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.**  
 Thank you for your generosity!

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### **For the recently deceased**

Tony Tallaridi, Rosaria Nucifora, Neil Palmer, Jodie Gillett, Sarah Corrigan, Marylyn Ayoub

#### **For the dearly departed**

Faraj Ayoub, Setna Mulvihill, Herman Estacio, Emerita Estacio David, Giovanni Cristaldi, Orazia Cristaldi, Santo Cristaldi, and Salvatore Campo, Norman and Chahide Hajje, Shedly and Chahide Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, George Baynie, Giovanni Gazzola, Breda Sherlock, deceased of the Sherlock, Loughlan, and Kinsella families, Annamaria Boffo, Noeleen Hennessy, Adelaide & Davide Baldi Paula & Ben Dieudonne, Giovanni Battista, Giovanna Maria Luca, Vince Finocchiaro, Martin Mileto, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, and Paul Cascun



#### **For healing of the sick**

Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, Ivan Ceccato, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Biford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.

*Next weekend,  
on the 19th and 20th of May,  
we will be celebrating the  
Feast of Pentecost!  
The weekend will also mark  
the 30th Anniversary  
of St Madeleine's Parish!!  
Let us come together to  
celebrate our faith  
and our community!*

*\* Please stay after the 8am or 10am Masses.  
Bring a plate to share at a special morning tea.*

## **OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND**

### **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK SURVEY**

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook.

All responses are anonymous and confidential.

Take the survey here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

### **FORMATION 2018**

Formation 2018 presented by 'Live Christ Share Christ' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta have been holding monthly formation talks for the past eighteen months. Topics have included: Sacraments, An Introduction & Overview of the Gospel of Mark, The Temptation of Jesus (Mark) and weekly Lenten reflections. Our speakers are clergy from the Diocese of Parramatta and other special guests. Sessions alternate from Friday nights to Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be included on our mailing list for upcoming talks, please email Pat, Parish Secretary on [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au).

### **COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES: 20 MAY**

Find out more about this important issue and take part in a table talk discussion. Blackheath Community Centre Hall, 2.00pm-4.30pm, 20 May. RSVP Celia 0499 077 511.

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

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Casual Housekeeper - Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills

More details at: [Natalie.Acton@goodsams.org.au](mailto:Natalie.Acton@goodsams.org.au)

### **PARISH TEAM**

#### **Parish Priest:**

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

#### **Parish Secretary:**

Lisa Echevarria

#### **Sacramental Coordinator**

Sally Coppini

#### **St Madeleine's Primary School**

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

#### **Marian College**

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

### **PARISH SERVICES**

#### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

#### **Children's Liturgy**

10am Mass during School terms

#### **Weekday Masses:**

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

**Playgroup** - Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.00pm

**Baptisms:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,

or during 10am Masses

**Weddings:** By appointment

### **A Story for Mother's Day**

A man went to a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to a distant place. The flowers were to be sent to his mother who lived three hundred miles away.

As the man got out of shop and went to his car, he noticed a young girl sitting alone on the footpath crying.

He went to girl and asked her, "Are you ok?"

She replied, "I want to buy a rose for my mother but I have only one dollar and a single rose costs 2 dollars."

The man smiled toward that girl and said, "Come with me. I will buy that rose for you."

He took the girl into flower shop and asked her to order a rose for her mother.

As the girl was leaving shop, the man offered to give her ride. She accepted and said, "Yes please.. take me to my mother."

She directed him toward the cemetery where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

At that moment the man realised something and went back to the flower shop, cancelled the order he placed before, and then picked up a bouquet and drove three hundred miles to his mother's house.

Moral: Life is too short. We should spend as much as time with loved ones while we can. Love your parents and give time to them as there is nothing important than family.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

### **PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS**

**Welcomers Coordinator:** Amira Campo

**Music Coordinators:**

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

**Junior Ministers Coordinator:** Maree McNeil

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Deb Rankin

**Baptism Preparation:** Angelique Easton

**RCIA Coordinator:** Steve Fry

**Playgroup Coordinator:** Grainne Barker

**SRE Coordinator:** Maureen Jones

**Friendship Group:** Jenny Puleo

**Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:**

Peter Balnaves

**Property Maintenance Manager:** Angelo Roia

**Piety Stall:** Sandra Tabone

**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Catherine Diekman

**Parish Council Chair:** Patrick Tuttle

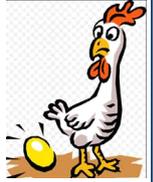
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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Youth Group
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Kathy White Deb Copperfield	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington	Vincent Macdonald	Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS	Alexandra	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(15 May) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Back next week
FLOWERS	From the Nucifora family		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Barbara Madafiglio	
19/20 MAY	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Adriana Kennedy Michelle Eamer	Margaret & Michael Foley
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Careyanne Moylan	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer		Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling Annabelle Rogers	Jack & Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS		Joan & David	Bobby, Matt, and JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(22 May) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Marie Coddington
	FLOWERS	Vince & Miranda Luca, arr'd by Joy R & Carmel H		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman