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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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World Communications Day

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Go out to the whole world! The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry as he returns to the Father and promises to send the Holy Spirit.

The Psalm is a joyful prayer of praise and an acclamation of Christ's victory. He is Lord of all people, of the universe.

St Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (Second Reading) describes the meaning of the Ascension – the Father has raised Jesus above all powers and made him Lord of creation. The gifts of the Spirit are given for the good of all, to lead us to full maturity in Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus ascends to heaven and continues to work with his disciples as they preach the Good News. The signs he works confirm their message.

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

World Communications Day: is celebrated today, Sunday 16th May with the theme, 'Come and See'.

In his message for this day Pope Francis says that the invitation to 'Come and See' was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, and is also the method for all authentic human communication.

'Come and See', is an invitation central to the Gospel and to the ongoing proclamation of the Christian faith, a proclamation that is not just about words, but is made up of looks, testimonies, experiences, encounters, closeness. In a word, life.

In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history, we need to go and see for ourselves, spend time with people, listen to their stories and confront reality, which always in some way surprises.

In a time that obliges us to social distance due to the pandemic, communication can make possible the closeness that is necessary to recognise what is essential and to understand truly the meaning of things

This year the Australian Catholic Media Council has proposed a modest campaign drawing upon this theme which is drawn from the Gospels. Invite people to 'Come and See' where Jesus lives, encourage people to think about how the Church's ministries make Jesus present in the lives of people they serve. The campaign is aimed primarily at people who are already connected to the Catholic Church including practising Catholics, non-practising Catholics and those working in the many Catholic ministries. The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.

Planned Giving envelopes are now available in the pigeon holes at the front entrances at both churches.

In these Covid times, if you wish to stop physically handling money and want to swap to Direct Debit or Credit Card, simply contact the Parish Office before collecting your envelope packs and we will provide you with the necessary form.

Please remember to be Covid safe

and do not handle any envelope packs that are not yours.

If you are not already a Planned Giver and wish to be commence,

either via envelope, Direct Debit, or Credit Card,

please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Your support of the parish, its ministries and its maintenance is greatly appreciated.

2021 PRAYER CALENDAR FOR SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS

The Annual Prayer Calendar to assist in praying for our Seminarians and Priests has arrived and are located in the perspex stands at the main doors of the churches.

You are welcome to take a prayer calendar home.

Please do not remove a calendar from the stands and then put it back.

In these Covid times we ask for minimal handling of anything placed in the churches. Like the newsletter, if you pick up a prayer calendar, please take it home with you.



Continuing looking at “Finding Saints”

Husband and Father - Catechist and Martyr ~ Blessed PETER TO ROT

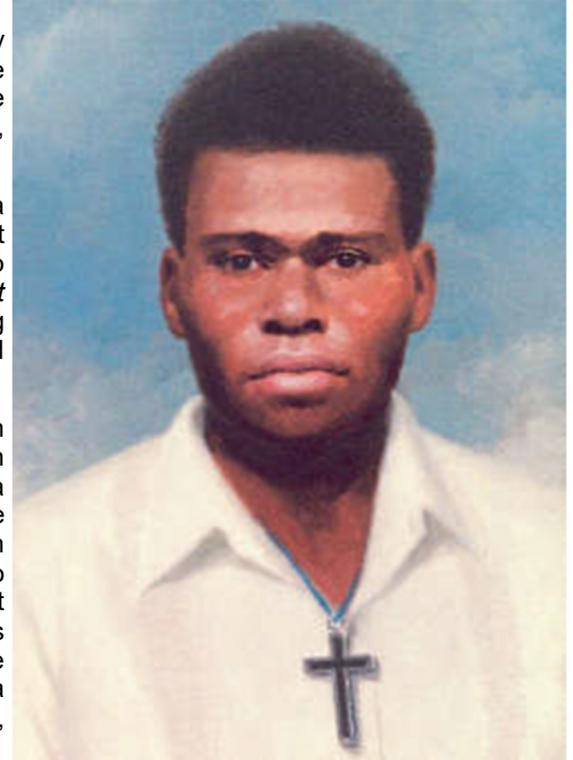
Peter To Rot (1912-1945) was caught up in the Japanese invasion of Papua New Guinea in 1942 and in the growing repression during the years of World War II.

He was born in the village of Rakunai on the island of New Britain to the east of PNG, the son of the respected village chief. The Catholic faith was a recent arrival in the area: fourteen years before Peter was born, his parents became first generation Catholics on the island. Peter was sent to the local mission school and proved to be an able student. When he was eighteen, the parish priest recommended him for the seminary, but he went to study to become a catechist at a college run by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart about 8km to the south. In 1933, he was invested with the catechist cross and assigned to his own village to assist the MSC pastor.

Three years later he married a young girl from a neighbouring village and they went on to have three children, only one of whom survived childhood. The Catholic couple lived their faith actively as Peter committed himself to the pastoral ministry of teaching in the school and visiting the sick. Calm and kind, he was never without his bible.

With the arrival of the invading forces, all foreign missionaries were sent to a prison camp. Peter, a local layman, could remain. The departing parish priest shook hands with Peter and commended the pastoral work of the parish to him. *Look after these people well. Help them so that they don't forget about God.* So Peter's ministry expanded to include celebrating baptism, witnessing marriages, caring for the sick and poor, as well as preaching the Gospel and gathering the people for prayer.

Eventually all religious observance was forbidden, but Peter continued in secret to teach, to encourage the community and to lead them in prayer. Then the Japanese, in an effort to get the collaboration of local chiefs, reverted to a pre-Christian custom and legalised the taking of a second wife. Peter spoke strongly against the practice and tried to care for the women who had been abducted as second wives. In 1945, he was arrested and sentenced to two months imprisonment. Peter To Rot said he was not afraid and was adamant that he would remain faithful to Christ and the community he served. His mother and wife both visited regularly, bringing him food. Towards the end, he asked them to bring clean clothes and his cross, telling his mother that a Japanese doctor was coming to give him medicine. *Surprising*, he remarked, *since I'm not sick. I suspect this is a lie.*



On a Friday in July 1945, an eye witness saw the doctor give him something to drink and a lethal injection. He was struck in the neck and held down as he suffered convulsions. The following morning the jailers feigned surprise to find him dead and suggested he died of natural causes. His body however bore the wounds of his martyrdom. A large crowd attended the funeral of their beloved lay pastor, but it was held in complete silence because of the ban on religious rites.

After the Holy See allowed the Cause for his canonisation to proceed, he was declared *Servant of God* on 14 January 1986. Things unfolded rapidly and his beatification was approved in 1993. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on a pastoral visit to Port Moresby in 1995 and his feast day was established as 7 July. Because of the links between Australia and PNG, especially during the war, he is also included in the Australian calendar on 7 July.

Extracted and adapted from Liturgy News by Fr Tom Elich.

*Gracious God,
You chose Peter To Rot to serve your people as a catechist,
who took delight in Your work and performed it loyally.
Through the intercession of Blessed Peter To Rot
strengthen our faith in times of trial and suffering.
Let us always teach and profess our faith.
We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

Pope establishes 'ministry of catechist': Calling for formal recognition of “those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis”, Pope Francis has instituted the “ministry of catechist.” “The Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Christian faith,” the Pope wrote in *Antiquum Ministerium* (Ancient Ministry), his document released at the Vatican this week.

Pastors must support laypeople in answering the Spirit's call and “enrich the life of the Christian community through the recognition of lay ministries capable of contributing to the transformation of society through the ‘penetration of Christian values into the social, political and economic sectors,’” the Pope said, quoting what he had written about the vocation of lay people in his 2013 document, “The Joy of the Gospel.”

Bishops' conferences will need to determine the “process of formation and the normative criteria for admission to this ministry” and devise “the most appropriate forms for the service which these men and women will be called to exercise,” the Pope said. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, he said, “will soon publish the Rite of Institution of the lay ministry of catechist.” The congregation already is working on revised rites for the ministries of lector and acolyte, which Pope Francis opened to women in January.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: today Sunday 16th May at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King Church then on Sunday 6th June at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Church.

The Funeral Service for Judy Timmins: will be held at 1pm on Tuesday 18th May at St Joseph's Church.

Choir Practice: Thursday 20th May at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church Corinda. New choristers always welcome.

SVdP Meeting: 8am Friday 21st May at the Parish Office. New members are always welcome.

Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation: will be held at all Masses next weekend for children enrolling in the 2021 Sacramental Program. Please remember to book for Mass via the parish website.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: will be held next Saturday evening at the 5.30pm Mass. We welcome St Joseph's families, particularly the Year 6 and Prep classes. Book your place at Mass via the parish website.

Friends and Neighbours Anointing Mass: 10.00am Wednesday 2nd June at St Joseph's Church Corinda. Please book in the usual way via the parish website or contact the parish office by phone. If you require transport please contact Maureen Doherty on 3375 4483. All welcome!

The annual Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane City on Friday 21 May from 11am to Noon. Representatives of seven different Christian traditions will lead prayer, and all Catholics are welcome to join in praying for Christian unity To register for this event, head to app.tickets.org.au/eb/weekofprayer2021 or you are most welcome to offer prayers at home. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity grew out of an initiative of Rev Paul Wattson of Graymoor Episcopal Community in New York, in 1908, to observe a "Church Unity Octave". It has since grown to an annual international event, celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere from 18 to 25 January and in the Southern Hemisphere from Ascension to Pentecost.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 17-23 MAY 2021. Throughout parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, the Archdiocese has one of the largest numbers of volunteer groups throughout the state - around 10,000 people. This year's theme is apt in the wake of the COVID19 pandemic - "Recognise, Reconnect, Re-Imagine". Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who help in so many ways with so many ministries. You help keep the parish and in deed the Word of God alive!

LITURGY SNIPPET: History and Use of Sequences in the Liturgy

The Sequence is generally thought to have begun, as a genre of poetry, around the 9th Century, when Roman chant was flourishing and spreading throughout Europe. As Roman chant was intended primarily as a musical meditation upon the Word of God, so the Sequences at Mass were intended as musical, meditative extensions of the Alleluia verse. In certain places within the western Church, a Sequence was employed for nearly every Sunday and holyday of the year. Historically, the Sequence has been sung at various locations within Alleluia/Gospel Acclamation. The positioning of the Sequence allowed it to act as an extension of the Alleluia verse and as a processional chant for a more solemn procession with the Book of the Gospels.

The 2011 General Instruction of the Roman Missal specifies that the Sequence is now to be sung before the Alleluia. Its placement today preserves a stronger connection between the Alleluia and the Gospel, and transforms the Sequence into a more contemplative meditation on the mystery of the day in preparation for the Gospel. The assembly remains seated, in a posture of meditation, for the Sequence, and stands when the Alleluia is begun. There are now only two days of the calendar when the Sequence is obligatory, with one being **Pentecost Sunday**. As is the custom of our parish, we will sing the Sequence before the Gospel Acclamation next Sunday. (Source: Living Liturgy, Diocese of Sale)

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We remember and pray for all parishioners living in aged care.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Kath Weldon, Patricia Hegerty, Fleur Bennell, Roseen Wode, Judy Timmins, Veronica Plummer, Chris Ferguson, Lex Heinemann

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Carmel Barron, Bruce White, Gerry Mitchell, Mary Kalinowski, Redmond Murphy, Matthew Disiot, Maureen Kent, Minnie Kerry, Annie Attwood, Glen Cameron, Laura Bowe, Herb McDonnell, Jarryd Nelson, Wally Parsons, Margaret Melgert, Esma O'Hanlon, Hazel Phillips, Zoe O'Shea, Harry McKee, Mary Hogan, Bill Cowie, Helen Cheyne, Jim Barron, Carolyn Hughes, James McCormack, Darryl Lynch



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's – Mass
 Thursday 9.00 am St Joseph's – Mass
 Friday 9.30 am Christ the King – Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 pm St Joseph's
 Sunday 8.00 am St Joseph's
 9.30 am Christ the King
 6.00 pm Christ the King

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's
 4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

May is the month of Mary in the Church.

Mary did not receive the Son of God only into her body, but into her entire being as woman. By Jesus becoming human, God assures us that the unique condition of woman is an essential element in his extraordinary and wonderful plan of coming to live among us. When we reflect on the way Mary herself sees her life journey, we see that she creates space in her being in order to accept the human Jesus and all the Good News of salvation. She enters into a personal relationship with Christ, developing her gifts of tenderness, perceptivity, and listening. Mary makes her special gifts of intuition and sensitivity effective in the service of Christ's mission.

As the first disciple, Mary is a role model for each of us in our relationship with God, through the heart of Jesus, and in our relationships with others.

In gratitude for all the great things the Lord has done through her, the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and also of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Fr Jules Chevalier, gave Mary the title Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. This title focuses on the relationship of love between Jesus and Mary, the same relationship of love we are invited to participate in and have with each other.

Father Jules Chevalier gave us this name to honour Mary as Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the one chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. By her response in love and in total availability to the Holy Spirit, she gave Jesus his humanity, following him even to the cross.

The Memorare of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Remember, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
 the great things the Lord has done for you.
 He chose you for his Mother.
 He wanted you close to his Cross
 He gives you a share in his glory.
 He listens to your prayer.

Offer him our prayers of
 praise and thanksgiving;
 present our petitions to him.
 Let us live like you in the love of your Son
 that his Kingdom may come.

Lead all people to the source of living water
 that flows from His Heart, spreading over the world
 hope and salvation, justice and peace.
 See our trust in you; answer our prayer
 Show yourself always our Mother.
 Amen



HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!"

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!
 New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Christ, by a road before untrod,
 ascends unto the throne of God.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The holy apostolic band
 upon the Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, alleluia!
 And with the virgin mother see
 their Lord ascend in majesty.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. To whom the shining angels cry,
 "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia, alleluia!
 "This is the Saviour!" thus they say;
 "This is his glorious triumph day!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 with Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
 "PSALM 47: GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE"

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy,
 O sing your praises to the Lord!

COMMUNION: "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Refrain: And I will raise you up,
 And I will raise you up,
 And I will raise you up on the last day.

SENDING FORTH: "TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU"

1. Take the word of God with you as you go.
 Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.
Refrain: Go in peace to serve the world,
 in peace to serve the world.
 Take the love of God, the love of God
 with you as you go.
2. Take the peace of God with you as you go.
 Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

SUN, 16 MAY	The ASCENSION of the LORD - <i>Solemnity</i> Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20
MON, 17 MAY	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
TUE, 18 MAY	St John I, pope, martyr - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11
WED, 19 MAY	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19
THU, 20 MAY	St Bernardine of Siena, priest, Franciscan, patron saint of Italy, devised symbol IHS - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
FRI, 21 MAY	St Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs in Mexico - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19
SAT, 22 MAY	St Rita of Cascia, religious, patron saint of difficult marriages and infertility - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Acts 28:16-20, 30-21; Jn 21:20-25
LAST DAY OF EASTER TIME	
SUN, 23 MAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY - <i>Solemnity</i> <i>Vigil:</i> Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19: 3-8, 16-20 or Ezek 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

ALLELUIA!