





# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 20th / 21st MAY 2023



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Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascends to heaven: He ascends triumphant to sit at the Father's right hand. For the disciples, their time of formation with him is over. How is their relationship with him altered?

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the Ascension. Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit to be with his disciples, to fill them with his power, so that they can witness to him 'to the ends of the earth.' The psalm emphasises Jesus' triumph in his Ascension, and the whole Church sings in praise of the Lord who reigns over all.

The Second Reading also stresses Christ's power. His Father has 'put all things under his feet.' That power is exercised for us, not only in the gifts of his grace, but also in the promise of eternal glories. Matthew's Gospel account of the Ascension focuses on Jesus' authority and his sending forth of the disciples to witness, baptise and teach. He promises to be with them 'to the end of time.'

We may want to pray today that those who are struggling to find peace, feel God's presence in their heart.

The Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, our National Patronal Feast: is celebrated on Wednesday 24th May. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church of Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

# **Prayer for Australia**

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders,

and integrity to our citizens.
Under her protection
may Australia be granted harmony, peace and justice.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirt one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians will be held at 9am on Wednesday 24th May at St Joseph's Church Corinda.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart: is celebrated on the last Saturday of May. In gratitude for all the great things the Lord has done through Mary, 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. 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.

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

Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will be held at 10am on Saturday 27th May at St Joseph's Church Corinda.



# Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

# **Priority Six: Implementing** Integral Ecology

Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

# Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

# **SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER**

SUN, 21 MAY The ASCENSION of the LORD - Solemnity (Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

MON, 22 MAY St Rita of Cascia, religious, patron saint of difficult

marriages and infertility - *Optional Memorial* Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

WED, 24 MAY OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS - Solemnity

National Patronal Feast Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; James 3:13-18;

Lk 1:39-56

TUE, 23 MAY

FRI, 26 MAY

St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor of the church, patron saint of scholars - *Optional Memorial* THU, 25 MAY

St Gregory VII, pope - *Optional Memorial* St Mary Magdakebe dé Pazzi, virgin Optional Memorial Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

St Philip Neri, priest - Memorial Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop, "Apostle of the SAT, 27 MAY

English" - Optional Memorial Our Lady of the Sacred Heart - Congregational Feast

Acts 28:16-20, 30-21; Jn 21:20-25 LAST DAY OF EASTER TIME

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Solemnity SUN, 23 MAY

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 Vigil:

Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Rosary Bead Making Workshop: our parish children will have an opportunity to experience the month of Mary with a special activity to make their very own set of Rosary beads. These rosary beads will be unique and individual to each child as they will be able to choose from a range of bright and colourful beads. Held at 6.30pm on Thursday 25th May at the Parish Centre Graceville we will explain the meaning of the Rosary and teach the children to make their own Rosary beads. Costs for participation in this activity is \$10 per child. Please talk with your family and consider whether your child would like to participate. Expressions of interest to be sent via email to sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass Count: The Archdiocese have asked that a simple head count will be taken during the homily time at each weekend Mass during the month of May - so if you see someone with a clipboard wandering around the church during Mass it's ok, they are simply counting how many people are present!

Thank you: to Fr Pius Jones SM and Fr Stephen Byrnes who are celebrating our weekday and weekend Masses whilst Fr Mark is on leave. We appreciate your generosity and assistance in the parish throughout May.

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

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep connection and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

**The Lord's Day:** When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself.

To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians it was always called the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day.

The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May 2023) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

+ Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane

Communion from the Cup: reception of Holy Communion from the cup of Christ's Blood will be re-introduced at all Masses this weekend. Reception of both the consecrated bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood is the most complete sign of our communion with God and with each other in the Eucharist as Christ commanded. It is important that we all remember that in our participation in and reception of communion from either the plate/host or from the cup/wine or from both elements (consecrated bread and wine) is full communion with our Lord. In other words, reception of either elements or of both are valid and are complete communion reception practices and choices that we can make. However, receiving both of the consecrated and transubstantiated elements is the fullest Eucharistic sign of our communion in Christ.

For the safety and health of everyone, please follow the local custom when receiving Communion: do not kneel when receiving Communion, please receive the host in your hand, not on your tongue, and please drink from the chalice (do not dip [intinct] the host into the chalice).

**Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation:** will be celebrated at all Masses this weekend. Please pray for the children of our parish who are commencing their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Choir: thank you to the parish choir who will lead our music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass.

**Children's Liturgy:** There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend due to the Rite of Welcome for Confirmation children. The next Children's Liturgy will be held on Sunday 28th May at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's, alternating between the two churches each Sunday morning. All primary school aged children, and all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program are welcome to attend.

**Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians: our National Patron:** Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Wednesday 24th May at St Joseph's Church.

Rosary Bead Making Workshop: 6.30pm on Thursday 25th May at the Parish Centre Graceville. See page 2 for details

Youth Group for high school students and young adults: 6.30pm to 8.30pm Friday 26th May (including a light dinner) at St Joseph's Meeting Room (beside the parish carpark) Corinda. Come along and meet our new Youth Worker Claire. All young people are most welcome to attend. Youth Group is held every Friday evening of the school term.



**Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart:** will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 27th May at St Joseph's Church. Fr Gerry Kalinowski will join us to celebrate the Mass. Sr Merrilyn and Sr Evelyn will be returning from NSW, along with Sr Margaret from Toowoomba, to celebrate the feast day with us. Mass will be followed by morning tea! All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

**Wear Red for Pentecost:** wear something red to Mass on 27th / 28th May to add to the festivities of this great celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: 5.30pm on Saturday 27th May at St Joseph's Church to celebrate Pentecost.

Christ the King School Sponsored Mass: 9.30am on Pentecost Sunday 28th May at Christ the King Church.

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Wednesday 31st May at St Joseph's Church.

Parish Pastoral Council: will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 1st June in the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: 8am Friday 2nd June at the Parish Office. New members are always welcome.

Parish Liturgy Team Meeting: 10am Saturday 3rd June in the Parish Office.

Christ the King School Fair: Sunday 11th June, 11am to 4pm: please come along and join in the fun, have morning tea or lunch, take home some goodies and support our wonderful Christ the King School community.



# HOLY CROSS FUNERALS





# **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

Saturday 10.00am St Joseph's - Mass of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

**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

# HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

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

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: Saturday 5.30pm

"PSALM 47: GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE"

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: Alleluia, alleluia!

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"PSALM 47: GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE"

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

# PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Saturday 5.30pm "THE FULLNESS OF GOD"

- Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
   May your hidden self grow strong! And may you live
   Strong in faith and built on love until you know
   How high and long, how wide and deep the fullness of God!
- 2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve Fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart What hope his call now holds for you: His promise true: To fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God!
- 3. Know the way you learnt from Christ: to live life anew! Let your heart be drawn to Him; let Christ renew The hope in you to grow into .... Goodness and Truth! And living so you'll come to know the fullness of God! And living so you'll come to know the fullness of God!

# COMMUNION (Sunday 6.00 pm):

"COME TO THE FEAST / VEN AL BANQUETE"

Refrain: Ven, ven al ban-que-te
Ven a la fiesta de Dios.
Here the hungry find plenty,
Here the thirsty shall drink.
Ven a la cena de Cristo,
Come to the feast.

# **SENDING FORTH:** "WITH ONE VOICE"

1. Take the Word and go out to ev'ry land: Shine the light of Christ for all to see! May the lives of those we touch Sing praise to God above Let us sing....we'll sing:



Refrain: With one voice we'll pass the Word along: With one voice, bring justice to the world.

And with - all the angels we'll spread the goodness of God. With all - power and glory the Word of God shall reign.

 Take the word to our neighbourhoods and streets, Shine the light of Christ for all to see! May we all set out to live In peace and harmony. They will see....and sing:

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

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Beryl O'Connor, Betty Donoghue, Clare Hickey

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Davis, Kevin McMonagle, Matthew Disiot, Joyce Gray, Maureen McLaughlin, Sr Louisa Fanton pbvm, Mary Hall, Gregory Kaihea, Bill Hammond, Dick Baxter, Glen Cameron, Bruce White, Khiet Dao, Phuong Nguyen, Gerry Mitchell, Mary Kalinowski, Carmel Barron, Redmond Murphy