

Parish News

2017 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Year 4 Sacrament of the Eucharist

Session 2

Rehearsal 1
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Mon 29 May at 6.00pm or Tue 30 May at 3.30pm

Monday 05 June at 6.00pm
Monday 12 June at 6.00pm

Celebration of Sacrament: Sunday 18 June at 9am Mass (with Bishop Brian Finnigan)

Corpus Christi Procession—Sunday 18th June 2017: This year's Corpus Christi Procession will be starting at 2.00 pm. at Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, with procession through the city streets, led by Archbishop Coleridge.

CWL meeting after 9.30am Mass on Thursday 1st June 2017. All welcome.

Family Mass—Sunday 4th June 2017 with the Year 5 students of St Francis Xavier. All are welcome to attend this mass.

SVDP Local Conference will hold their Annual Winter Appeal on 10th/11th June 2017. A retiring collection will be held at the end of each Mass. A member shall speak briefly about the Appeal. Donation envelopes will be placed on the back table and on the pews over 10th/11th June. Where names/addresses are provided, Tax Deductible receipts shall be posted out.

Weekly Diary : 29th May—03rd June 2017

Monday 29 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena.
Tuesday 30 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
Wednesday 31 st	: 09.30 am. Feast of Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by Rosary
Thursday 01 st	: 09.30 am. Memorial of St Justin, martyr, followed by Christ Catholic Community Prayer
First Friday 02nd	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary. : 7.00 pm. Stations of the Cross & Confessions : 7.30 pm. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday 03 rd	: 09.30 am. Memorial of Charles Lwanga & Companions martyrs, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 03 rd	: 5.30 pm. : Solemnity of Pentecost A
Sunday 04 th	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. + 5.30 pm. : Solemnity of Pentecost A

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of July will be on the 02nd at 5.30 pm. : 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time A.

Mass Duty Roster : 3rd/4th June 2017

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm		PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THE	
7.00am		JUNE ROSTER FROM THE	
9.00am		SACRISTY.	

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 5 (29/5/17)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1183.80	\$1549.00	\$145.50	\$87.80

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)



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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at 7pm
1st Thurs of the month.

Ascension Sunday Year A 28th May 2017—Issue No. 222

LIFE MESSAGES

We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: In today's gospel, Jesus gives his mission to all the believers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." To be a Christian is to be a proclaimers and an evangelizer: We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives. Today we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives.

On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, living in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

We need to live a life of Christian joy in the presence of the ascended Lord. The disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Indeed, their Master's exaltation and final blessing gave them, as it gives us, the assurance that, though absent, he is still present. He is present even in the pain and sorrow we undergo.

That is why St. Augustine assures us, "Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?' and when he said: 'I was hungry and you gave me food.' While in heaven he is also with us; and while on earth we are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love."

We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of faith, hope, forgiveness, mercy, redemption and love. Although no longer visibly present in the world, the Lord is present in his words. We must make his words real in our lives and in the lives of others. Jesus promises to empower us with His abiding presence and that of the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all mankind should, teach us to be humble and let the Holy Spirit lead the way.

When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ is with the Father, praying for us and he will come again in glory, the same glory in which he arose from the tomb, the same glory in which he ascended, and the same glory in which he currently abides. By His ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for his Spirit to enter all times and places.

In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement. We become enlivened with his Spirit. Our actions become animated in a new way by the Spirit of the God we love and serve. We have become Christs in the world.

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11 *As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6, 7-8 *R. God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. **R.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R.**

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:17-23 *God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand.*

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 Matthew 28:16-20 *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

COMMUNION ANTIphon: Mt 28:20 *Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael John Nicholson, Merle Ash, Cecelia Joyce McCormack, Denzil Edward Godfrey, Janice M. Therese Bultitude.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Lawton, John Lawton, Maurice Vincent D'Agostina, Maurice & Mary Lawson, May & Tony Stephens, Fred Betros, Sol Betros

SICK LIST: Marg Watson, Patricia Dehnert (Pat), Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nicole Ashdown, Barbara Paton, Tony Collett, Scott Kuhnemann, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Edda Pronard, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler, David Shinners.

PRAyER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (*St Augustine*)

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