

Parish News

Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) Year 4

Lessons 3 & 4 Monday 14 May from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.
 Tuesday 15 May from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm.

Rehearsal 1 Monday 21 May from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.
 Rehearsal 2 Monday 28 May from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.

Celebration of Sacrament Sunday 03 June at 9.00 am Mass

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church: On Saturday, 3rd March, 2018, Pope Francis declared that, henceforward, **the Monday after Pentecost Sunday** will be celebrated as the **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**. The Holy Father's wishes for this new feast day is that it will foster Marian piety and the maternal sense of the Church.

Saint Augustine wrote, *"Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church."*

Saint Leo the Great taught that, *"The birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church."*

Monday 21st May at 08.00 am. : Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

Weekly Diary : 14th—19th May 2018

Monday 14th : 08.00 am. Mass, **Feast of St Matthias, apostle** followed by Novena
 Tuesday 15th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Service at Tricare Bayview.

Wednesday 16th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
 Thursday 17th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
 First Friday 18th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary
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 Saturday 19th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

Saturday 19th : 5.30 pm. : Pentecost Sunday Year B
Sunday 20th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : Pentecost Sunday Year B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of June will be on the 3rd at 5.30 pm. : Solemnity of Corpus Christi B.

Mass Duty Roster : 19th /20th 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino	Rachelle Broughton Clive Broughton	June Molloy, Dot Baker Pierrette Serra, Helen Topham	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	John Carter Danielle Carter	Rose Hessen, Margaret McNamara, Michael Nicholson Colleen McCormack, Celine Lobb	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Jane Howard Rose Lopez	John Lynch, Marie Roberts Pam Nelson, Denise Moar	Jamili Maatouk

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (21/05/2018)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1100.00	\$1627.60	\$38.30	\$72.50

If we are generous in our giving, and if all of us are prepared to share the load, then together we can help our Parish to move forward. (Fr. John Khoai)



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



Ascension Sunday Year B 13th May 2018—Issue No. 275

LASTING AND PERFECT JOY

The angels with their question, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" are making light of the extraordinary event occurring before their eyes. They are challenging us today not to stay within the comfortable boundaries of familiar experience, but to see reality from God's perspective.

In the preface for today's Mass we will pray, *"Overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise..."* The joy of Easter arises in our hearts, because Jesus has overcome death and ascended to the Father's right hand. This gives us two certainties that answer some of our deepest yearnings.

The first is that he is with us always, but now in a new and astonishing way. *"So then the Lord Jesus... was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them..."* How is it that the Lord Jesus can be taken up to God's right hand, and yet continue to work alongside the apostles in the preaching of the Gospel?

Jesus can now be with the apostles, and with us, in a new and powerful way precisely because he is definitively and entirely in the presence and reality of God the Father. We have the Lord Jesus with us in a way that is deeper and more intimate because he is at God's right hand. He is with us and with all those whom we love, because he is at God's right hand. His presence with and in us is absolutely certain, but is grasped only in faith, and bears fruit only through charity. The chief sign of this presence is the Eucharist, by which our union with the Lord is consummated and renewed in his own body through the sacrament.

The second certainty that causes us joy today is what the preface states, *"that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."* We have, in Christ, who has entered heaven itself on our behalf (cf Heb 9:24), the assurance of eternal salvation, the perfection of our existence and all our faculties and desires. There we will *"enter into joy,"* as St Augustine was wont to say. And the promise of certain, lasting and perfect joy, brings to us already a joy in hope.

Today we ought to rejoice as we look forward the fullness of eternal life. Jesus has gone ahead of us, and is now in the fullness of God. He is present to God in the fullness of his humanity, which includes his body. The flesh of Christ has now become divine in a definitive and surpassing way. He loves us now in a way that is most fully divine and most fully human. This again, we only grasp through faith, and so we must make our own the prayer of St Paul, *"May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call..."*

The disciples were commanded to go forth and proclaim the gospel to every creature. What is it we most desire to share with others, if not our joy? Pope Francis is continually reminding us of the joy of the Gospel. This is the joy we proclaim today, on this Solemnity of the Ascension. This is the joy we are bound to proclaim to every creature. The Lord Jesus is with us, and where he has gone, we also follow.

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

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 Ps 47:1-8 **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 4:1-13 *We build up the body of Christ, until we come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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 Mark 16:15-20 *The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.*

Jesus appeared to the eleven, and he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 28:20 Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia!

Fr. John's 43 Anniversary of Priestly Ordination!

Our Holy Family Parish Community wish to congratulate you on the anniversary of your 43 years being ordained a priest: Saturday 12 May. May God continue to sustain you with His Grace, guide and protect you on this journey and grant you many BLESSINGS.

It is a blessing for us to have you as our Parish Priest and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! May the good Lord continue blessing you in a special way for the love and concern with which you minister to all those entrusted to your care. May your life be filled with God's good gifts, and abundant joy. Happy Anniversary, Fr John. Continue to love and enjoy the work God has called you for!

Kind regards, Mrs Ronnie Wilson, Chairperson of Parish Pastoral Council.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Glenn, Joan Elizabeth Patmore

ANNIVERSARIES: John Lawton, Peter Lawton, Patricia Maud Dehnert, May McAloon

SICK LIST: Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Ann Morrison, Gwen Zeitzen, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, soothe 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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