



Jesus has been taken up into heaven as we read in the First Reading. His disciples - including the Apostles and Mary - return to the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper (see Luke 22:12). There, they devote themselves with one accord to prayer, awaiting the Spirit that He promised would come upon them (see Acts 1:8). The unity of the early Church at Jerusalem is a sign of the oneness that Christ prays for in today's Gospel. The Church is to be a communion on earth that mirrors the glorious union of Father, Son and Spirit in the Trinity. Jesus has proclaimed God's name to His brethren (see Hebrews 2:12; Psalm 22:23). The prophets had foretold this revelation - a new covenant by which all flesh would have knowledge of the Lord (see Jeremiah 31:33-34; Habakkuk 2:14). By the new covenant made in His blood and remembered in every Eucharist, we know God as our Father. This is the eternal life Jesus promises. And this is the light and salvation we sing of in today's Psalm. As God made light to shine out of darkness when the world began, He has enlightened us in Baptism, making us new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), giving us knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (see Hebrews 10:32; 2 Corinthians 4:6). Our new life is a gift of "the Spirit of glory," we hear in today's Epistle (see John 7:38-39). Made one in His name, we are given a new name - "Christians" - a name used only here and in two other places in the Bible (see Acts 11:16; 26:28). We are to glorify God, though we will be insulted and suffer because of this name. But as we share in His sufferings, we know we will overcome (see Revelation 3:12) and rejoice when His glory is once more revealed. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives. (Dr. Scott Hahn)

An Office was approved by the ACBC Plenary and then announced at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in front of 3,500 young people. The operational details and staffing have been developed in recent months and have now been finalised. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, the Bishops Delegate for Youth, shared his joy at the announcement. 'This is another sign of how highly the Australian bishops prioritise young people and want to respond to their hopes and needs. This new office builds upon the graces of World Youth Day 2008 and the efforts of the Church in Australia since. 'The office will provide inspiration and formation for the Church in its mission to share the message of Jesus Christ with young people.' The ACBC Office for Youth will be staffed by a Director Malcolm Hart and a Projects Manager Gabrielle Sinclair.

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The Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention (ACYMC) is an opportunity for those working in the field of youth ministry to have professional and personal formation, and time for community, networking and discipleship.

In 2014 ACYMC will be held in Adelaide, October 3-5. There is nothing like being in a room full of youth ministers who understand the challenges you face in your ministry. ACYMC is the place where you can develop your passion and get training in key areas of youth ministry.

Join this unique community, full of passion for the graces God has for young people, it will be for a weekend you will not forget!

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1st June 2014 (A)

Ascension Sunday

1ST READING: Acts 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2ND READING: St. Paul 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Matthew 28:16-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Stn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 9:15am: †Luis Balila

Sat Vigil: †Maureen Edwards

Sun 8am: †John Heaney

Sun 9:30am: †Salvatore Blanco

Sun 5pm: †Joan McNamara

Mon: †Efren Alimario

Tue: †Gregory McShane

Wed: †Gerry Evans

Thu: †John Heaney

Fri: Jenny Yong (sick)

OUR SICK: *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari, Joy Williams, Moira Butler, Domenico Cirillo and Jenny Yong...*

Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O'Shea, the manager.

Happy Belated Birthday to Minerva Alimario (26th)

SVdP Winter Appeal: this weekend. Specially printed envelopes are on the pews for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH PARKING is available in the school grounds for weekend Masses. Please enter from Haig Avenue.

THE LAST CONFESSION: A stage play by Roger Crane based around the election and death of Pope John Paul I. The play follows Giovanni Benelli (David Suchet) who recounts, during his last confession, his role in the death of John Paul and how this led him to lose his faith. Our Parish is organising tickets for **Wed 1st Oct. @ 8pm** at Theatre Royal. Adults: \$120; Concession: \$110. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by **Mon 23rd June** as tickets are selling fast...

Anointing Masses will be held next weekend (7/8 June).

If you have any **Project Compassion boxes/envelopes** to submit, please bring in ASAP as the Parish Office will need to send in all donations to Caritas soon. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS: 1) **Sun 8th June** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm –Bible Timeline. 2) **Sun 15th June** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm – EPIC: Journey through church history.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) M Yong, J Yong (C) G Guerrera (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Brink, F De Andrade (R) G Gates, Volunteer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) S Pedisich (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), F Francis, K Kalapura (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) F Doherty, G Hage (C) G Guerrera (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) P Tjugito, A Burke (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R) C Findlay (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), L Adi / A Fernandez (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells (Wed 11/06)



Pope Francis during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land visited the authorities in the kingdom of Jordan, urging them to support efforts for peace amongst Christians and Muslims. “Religious freedom is in fact a fundamental human right and I cannot fail to express my hope that it will be upheld throughout the Middle East and the entire world,” said Pope Francis on May 24 in the Royal Palace of Amman, Jordan.

Pope Francis urged the people of different religions to live together peaceably, noting, “Christians consider themselves, and indeed are, full citizens, and as such they seek, together with their Muslim fellow citizens, to make their own particular contribution to the society in which they live.” Before the Holy Father delivered his remarks, King Abdullah II welcomed the Pope to Jordan and spoke of his hopes for continuing improved relations between Muslims and Christians. The King noted Pope Francis’ call for “dialogue” as an inspiration, saying, “you have become a conscience for the whole world.” Pope Francis responded by reiterating his “profound respect and esteem for the Muslim community,” as well as for King Abdullah II “in promoting a better understanding of the virtues taught by Islam and a climate of serene coexistence between the faithful of the different religions.” Departing from his prepared remarks, the Pope referred to King Abdullah as “a peacemaker.”



Congratulations to the following children who will make their Sacrament of Confirmation today (1st June): *Ritchie Ah-Koon, Simone Atherton, Charlie Bell, Liam Brinck, Hamish Caple, Joseph D’Arcy, Jamie Day, Ethan De Freitas, Naomi Delprado, Hannah Di Staso, Georgie Dingli, Conor Evans, Ben Gallagher, Lucas Induzzi-Bersot, Shameel Kazimierek, Kimberley Keegan, Thomas Kilby, Liam Lester, Michael Low, Thomas Martin, Vincenzo Messina, Dylan Odisho, Nadege Provenzano-Sherwood, Aaron Rana, Mitchell Reeve, Lachlan Scott, Jade Sharma, Lachlan Unsworth, Jacob Valenti and Charli Watson.*

Our grateful thanks to Bishop Peter A Comensoli for his presence to administer the Sacrament; to Fr. Anthony Simari for concelebrating the Mass; and to Anne Slattery for conducting the lessons. A BIG THANK YOU to all Catechists, Parish school staff, Youth Music ministry, parents and carers, sponsors and parishioners for your prayers, guidance and participation.