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Ascension of the Lord

Year B

16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Our Pastor's Message

The last phase of the 50-day season of Easter is marked by the feasts of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost Sunday. Older readers will remember when the Ascension was celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday, on a Thursday. About 20 years ago in Australia and elsewhere the feast was moved to the seventh Sunday of Easter. The practice of commemorating the Ascension of the Lord exactly 40 days after the resurrection was based on a literal interpretation of Luke's account of events in Acts chapter one. It is important to understand that the numeral is not intended to be taken literally here. The number 40 held significance for the early Christians: the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert after his baptism, the risen Christ instructs his disciples for 40 days after the resurrection. In fact, the Lord's ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit were originally celebrated together on the 50th day after the resurrection, the feast of Pentecost. It was not until the end of the fourth century that the Ascension became a separate feast day. Leo the Great, preaching about the importance of this feast, gives an insight into its meaning: 'The Lord's resurrection filled us with joy on Easter Day; so too his ascension into heaven is the cause of our gladness now, as we commemorate and solemnise the day on which our lowly nature was raised up in Christ above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the height of all the heavenly powers, to the throne of God the Father... Though everything that seemed to move us to due reverence is removed from our sight, our faith remains constant, our hope firm and our charity warm'. The Preface of the Ascension also makes clear the purpose of the feast: "Christ the mediator between God and the human race, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow." What we celebrate is not just a past event or the hope of our own glorious future destiny but the life we share now with the risen Lord. The first reading for the feast is from Luke's prologue to the book of Acts. Jesus travelled to Jerusalem to his passion and death; now the disciples will take the Good News of his resurrection out to the world, beginning in Jerusalem and reaching to the ends of the earth. Just as the 40 days in the Acts account of the Ascension is not intended to be taken literally, the terms ascending and descending used by Paul in the reading from Ephesians today are metaphors for spiritual realities and do not refer to physical movements in certain directions. The account of the ascension that we hear this year from Mark occupies not even a full sentence in the gospel reading. The rest of the passage is about Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to go out into the whole world and proclaim the Good News.

*God Bless, Fr Mark*

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm Men's Ministry Meeting

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass, Katherine Parsonage, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral Mass, Maureen Thomsen, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 6:30pm Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 6:30pm P&F Meeting, OLR Primary School

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (LAUNCH PAD) Youth Group, CCC, OLR Primary School
- 6:30pm High School (MAGNIFY) Youth Group, CCC, OLR Primary School

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 11:00am Confirmation Preparation Meeting, OLR Primary School
- 4:00pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting, OLR Primary School
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### To Attend Weekend Mass:

Online Booking Required: [bit.ly/OLRParishtrybooking](https://bit.ly/OLRParishtrybooking)  
Or phone the Parish on 3324 3630 and staff will assist you

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 1:1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Eph 4:1-13

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for Ascension of the Lord: <https://universalis.com/20210513/mass.htm>

**Vision: To be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all.**

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### Prayer Requests

If your relative or friend has been removed from this list and you wish them to remain on it, please call the Parish Office.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember **Marion Hodge, Katherine Parsonage, Maureen Thomsen, Betty Willis** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Edward William Fitzgerald** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for **Hope Taylor, Leonard Cox**, Michael Fitzgerald, Prida Dibbayawan, Lara Dunn, Kerry Lannoy, Tony Nelson, Nicole Dyer, Mary Robba, Wayne Waters, Kurt Ebert, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Hans Gockel, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Melinda Craig, Pat Clohessy, John O'Dea, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Pat Logan, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon (Mo) Kanithasevi, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

### Men's Ministry

#### NEW PARISH MINISTRY LAUNCHED

It is the year of St Joseph. Could there be a better time for the men of our Parish to come together and grow in faith and fellowship?

During the Brother's What Must

We Do National Retreat in 2020 we were challenged to live out our Baptismal call to journey with others in sharing the Good News; we have decided to provide opportunities for the men in our parish to gather together in fellowship and faith while sharing a meal and serving the local community.

**All men over the ages of 18 are invited to our first event on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. A breakfast from 7:00am - 9:00am in the courtyard of the Kenmore Parish Office.**

This is a social event with no strings attached, simply an opportunity to get to know other men in our community. \$5.00 per person is requested to help cover the cost of the breakfast.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

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**Mark it in your diary**

Future Events: June 26 - July 31 - August 28 - September 25 - October 30 - November 27

### Thanking Our Volunteers - National Volunteer Week in May 2021

Next week (May 17—23) Australia will celebrate National Volunteer Week (NVW).

Throughout the 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 approximately.

We thank our Volunteers in our Parish Community who have continued to serve the Community during the last 12 months.



### Youth News

#### YOUNG ADULTS (18+) – Young Adult BBQ

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, after 5:30pm mass, behind Kenmore Church. **(June BBQ Cancelled due to University Exam Block)**

**Holy Hour** – Last Thursday of every month, 5:45pm - 7:00pm at Emmanuel City Mission. **Next Event Thursday 27th May**

#### HIGH SCHOOL (Yr. 7-12) – MAGNIFY (Youth Group)

Friday evenings **during the school term**, 6:30-8:30pm at the CCC, OLR School

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL (Yr. 4-6) – Launch Pad (Youth Group)

Friday afternoons **during the school terms**, 3:00-4:30pm at the CCC, OLR School

### Call to Catholics – More with Jesus Booklet

The *More with Jesus* Booklets are available for free at both churches this weekend. You are invited to think about your network of family, friends, colleagues, and neighbours, and if you feel they would benefit from this initiative, grab a copy of the booklet for them as well.

### Catholic Leader

The May 2021 edition of The Catholic Leader is now available in the church for \$4 or online via subscription:

<https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

### OLR Primary School

As Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, Kenmore, I'm proud to present our recently produced videos promoting our wonderful school. This video ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=RF9psqe2CFY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RF9psqe2CFY)) highlights our incredible facilities, but more importantly the wonderful children and staff that work together each day to make our community very special. Please feel free to book a tour of our school by contacting our office on 3378 2412.

**Mr John Bates**

### Covid Safe News

Community responsibility requires that we all play our part in keeping ourselves and others safe. Your continued cooperation by following the directions asked of all of us enables us to gather for Mass and as a community. We did this very well at Easter however some complacency has crept back in. Please be vigilant and especially please book online or through the office to attend weekend Mass to meet our capacity regulations.

### Parish Giving

Thank you for your continued financial support which sustains our Parish life and our priest's needs. To discuss your financial gift and the various methods of giving available please phone or email the Parish manager on 3324 3630 or [finchm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:finchm@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve Account**

**BSB: 064 786**

**Account: 100001192**

## Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has a number of education services, please contact these for further information

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