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Ascension of the Lord

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29th May 2022

Pastor's Message

Not many years ago we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord on a Thursday, forty days after Easter Sunday. It has since been moved in Australia and elsewhere to the 7th Sunday of Easter.

In marking the ascension on the fortieth day of the Easter season, the church took literally Luke's account of events in Acts 1:3. Liturgical history indicates that the Lord's ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit were originally celebrated together on the solemnity of Pentecost. It was not until the end of the fourth century that the Ascension became a separate feast from Pentecost. Celebrating the Ascension on a Sunday of Eastertide helps give this solemnity its rightful orientation. The Ascension is not a farewell nor a time of sadness at Jesus' departure from this world. The earlier practice of extinguishing the paschal candle on this day is therefore quite inappropriate. Like every Christian festival the Ascension celebrates the on-going presence of the risen Christ in our midst. As always the readings and prayers of the Mass help us find the focus of this special day. The first reading is from Luke's prologue to the book of Acts. Just as Jesus travelled to Jerusalem to his passion and death, so the Church will take the Good News out to the world, beginning in Jerusalem and reaching to the ends of the earth. The Gospel reading from Luke the followers of Christ are sent out to preach to all the Nations. The Preface of the Ascension I provides a rich insight into the meaning 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.

In Australia the Ascension marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2) More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ. **God Bless, Fr Mark**

Parish Diary

Monday 30th May – *National Reconciliation Week*

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

Tuesday 31st May – *The Visitation of the BVM*

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Wednesday 1st June – *St Justin*

- 9:00am Year 1 Liturgy, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 2:00pm Year 2 Liturgy, OLR, Kenmore

Thursday 2nd June

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR, Kenmore

Friday 3rd June – *Charles Lwanga*

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth (Launch Pad), CCC Hall, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 6:30pm High School Youth (Magnify), CCC Hall, Kenmore

Saturday 4th June

- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 5th June – *Pentecost Sunday*

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

To receive the electronic Parish newsletter emailed each week, subscribe at: <http://bit.ly/olflock>

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading Eph 1:17-23

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the Ascension of the Lord: <https://universalis.com/20220526/mass.htm>

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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 **Walter Wood** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Juliet Quiterio**, Terry Selva, Ted Dean, Lucas Reekes-Parsons, Mary Matthews, Ellen Farkas, Harry Deans, Ian and Denise Venebles, Brenda Carlos, John O'Dea, James McGrath, Graham Jackson, Lara Dunn, Madeleine Brown, Leonard Cox, Prida Dibbayawan, Kerry Lannoy, Nicole Dyer, Mary Robba, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Hans Gockel, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Pat Clohessy, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Men's Ministry

MEN - This is for you. . .

menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gathering together to ... listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be - better husbands, fathers, and men of God! Many men from all over Australia will gather in Brisbane 8th – 10th July. So come on!! ... REassemble, REgather, to REbuild and REGain the REal you and the Fullness of Life. REjoice!! For those interested in coming along, mark the date in your calendar and keep an eye out for registration details. I would like to try and meet as a parish group of men before attending and if this is something that also interests you please email me and we can arrange it: stevenbird400@gmail.com

Response imminent for major housing project

Speaking of our housing response, I remain positive about the pending results of our application for State funding for our significant project proposal to build housing throughout the state. We are expecting a response on our application by mid-May, and I look forward to updating you on the results. It's very important Members like you are involved and have your say in these types of decisions and I thank everyone who has provided their feedback. We are continuing to hold information sessions from Members from each Diocese to provide more information on this project and answer any questions you may have. Thank you to all those who have attend so far, and for those who have not yet had the chance – I look forward to speaking with you soon. I am hopeful that with the support of our Members and the State Government, we will be able to provide more homes for our communities in need.

Kevin Mercer – Chief Executive Officer, St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland

Youth News

Primary School (Yr. 4-6) - Launch Pad Youth Group is held on Friday afternoons from 3:00-4:30pm @ the Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School.

High School (Yr. 7-12) - Magnify Youth Group is held on Friday evenings during the school term, 6:30-8:30pm @ the Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School.

Young Adults (18+) YA Holy Hour is held on the last Thursday of each month, 6:00-7:00pm @ OLR Church

Magnify (High School) Youth Camp

I'm excited to share that on the 24th - 26th of June, we will be running a youth camp for our high-school youth! I believe this will be an amazing opportunity for the youth to encounter God, come to know themselves better and connect with each other.

When I was in high school I was lucky enough to attend a few youth camps, where I can honestly say I had some life-changing experiences. I'd love to offer our youth something similar!

I also ask that you pray for this camp. I have seen how God moves powerfully in the lives of young people at events such as these so please ask that he would be with us as we prepare, and that he would bless all those who will attend!

- **Friday 24th- Sunday 26th June, 2022 @ Camp Moogerah**
- **Cost: \$60**
- **Registrations close 1st June**

We would love to offer the young people of this parish an opportunity to encounter God through this camp. We've subsidised tickets to make them more affordable, so we are turning to the parish community for financial support to help cover the cost of this event.

A couple weeks back we asked our parish community for support in fundraising for our up coming youth camp. **Thanks to the generosity of so many, I'm over the moon to say that \$1,730 has been raised!** This will go a long way in helping us make Magnify Camp an awesome experience! Please continue to pray for our team who will be running the camp, and for all the youth who will be attending.

There are envelopes marked "**Youth Camp Donations**" on the paper stands at both churches, if you would like to support us.

You can also make a contribution through electronic means:
BSB Number: 064 786
Account Number: 100001192
Account Name: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve
(please include the reference 'Youth Camp')

Peace, Matt Foxon - Youth Coordinator

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held on the first Friday of each month from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, OLR, Kenmore.

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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