

1st reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same

Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm 46

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

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

R.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R.

God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

R.

2nd reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'





ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YEAR A—21ST MAY 2023



OUR PARISH VISION:

We are a Parish community embracing our Catholic faith and cherishing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Enriched by our diversity, we reach out to others and welcome all into our Parish. In the spirit of Mother Teresa and through our living and praying together, we want to grow strong in faith, hope and in our love for God and one another.

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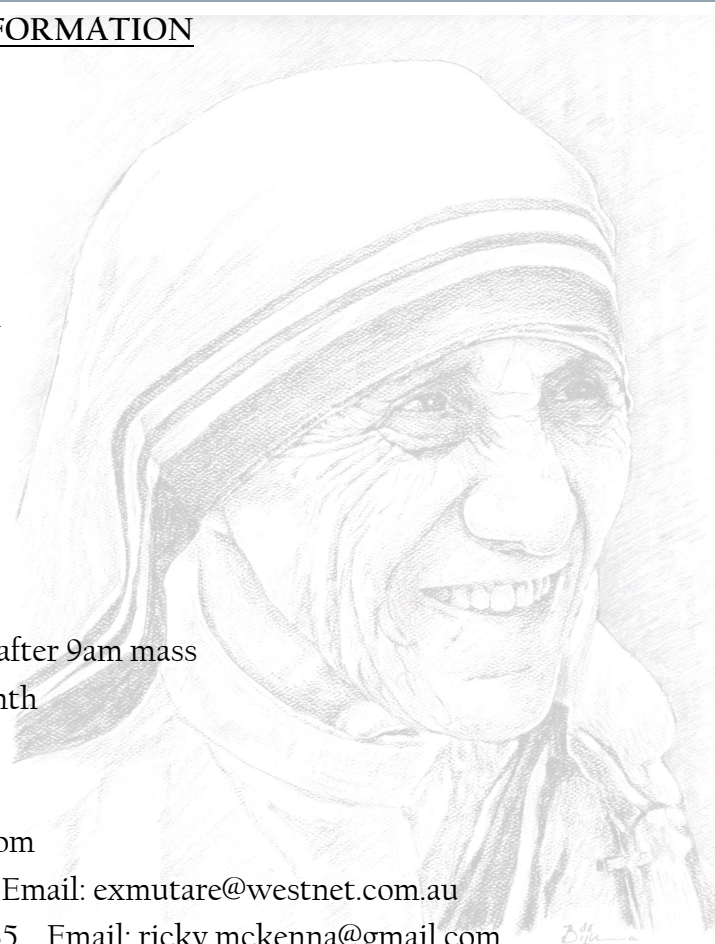
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Parish Calendar—Seventh Week of Easter

Sun, 21st May

The Ascension of the Lord

9:30am Mass

Tue, 23rd May

9am Mass

Wed, 24th May

Our Lady Help of Christians

9am Mass

Thu, 25th May

St John I

9am Mass

Fri, 26th May

9am Mass

Sat, 27th May

5:30pm Confessions

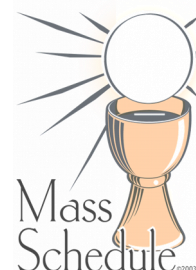
6pm Mass

Sun, 28th May

Pentecost Sunday

9:30am Mass

5pm Mass



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REFLECTION

The Feast of Jesus' Ascension celebrates the end of Jesus' work on earth for us and his return to God his Father. Luke's Gospel and its sequel – the Acts of the Apostles – describe Jesus as leaving his disciples and rising into heaven. His Ascension is followed almost immediately by the sending of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, Jesus remains present with us as we trust in his promise that he will return at the end of time. Taken together, the stories of the Ascension and Pentecost explore the way in which Jesus is now both present to us and distant from us.

The image of Jesus rising through the clouds into heaven is in harmony with the way Luke and his contemporaries saw the world. They imagined our world as like a bowl with a spherical cover. Above the vault were the heavens, the world of God and the spirits. Our image of the world is unimaginably larger, measured in light-years. We see rockets go into the sky above us, parachutists come down, and spaceships travel to nearby planets which were once seen as belonging to the heavens. In this world, the image of Jesus rising to heaven can seem a little quaint.

We need to attend to the larger reality that underlies the image of Jesus being taken into heaven. It speaks of the journey of the Son of God into the human world, his work for us in Jesus, his killing at the hands of other human beings, his rising from the dead into a new life with God, his opening for us the way to follow him and share in his new life, and

his coming again at the end of time. The Ascension is the closing of one stage of God's presence with us and the opening of a new stage of our presence with God.

The Ascension of Jesus is surrounded by rich symbolism that is easy to miss. It is said to take place forty days after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Gospels place his death around the Jewish feast of the Passover which celebrated their freedom from slavery in Egypt. Jesus' death was his passing over from death to life and freeing us from freedom from slavery to sin. The interval between his Resurrection and his Ascension and sending of the Spirit associated these events with another Jewish feast. It celebrated God's giving the Law through Moses to the people in the desert and God's promise to be present to them through the Law and the Temple. This association makes it clear that the Ascension of Jesus is about presence, not absence.

In the story of the Ascension, Jesus instructs his disciples to go to Bethany where he farewells them. In the Gospels, Bethany was closely associated with Jesus during his ministry, most notably in John's Gospel as the place where he raised Lazarus to life. It was some distance outside Jerusalem, a safe place to which he retired when under threat of death. In Jerusalem by his death and rising he had conquered death. At his Ascension he could now send the disciples back from Bethany to Jerusalem to share the Good News.

Feast of the Week – 24th May 2023



The Feast Day of Our Lady Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day, dates back to the start of the 1800's at a time when Napoleon Bonaparte had gaoled Pius VI (who also died in gaol). The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May, 1814 Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the Feast of Our Lady Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May. The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, 'Mary Help of Christians' as principle Patroness. Australia also became the first country to have a cathedral dedicated in Our Lady, Mary's name. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney was dedicated in her honour.

Rosters—Weekend 27th–28th May 2023

Readers

Sat 6pm: Ferdinand Prajogi and Sid James
Sun 9:30am: Nia Parker and Michael Parker
Sun 5pm: Judy Hook

Acolytes:

Sat 6pm: Patrick Dwyer
Sun 9:30am: David Autagavaia and Chuks Osuji
Sun 5pm: Paul Dwyer

JNR SERVERS

Sat 6pm: Louise and Emily Murphy
Sun 9:30am: Alex Hales and Stig Kalande
Sun 5pm: Carlos Autagavaia and Abigail Dwyer

COUNTERS:

Das and Nisha

COLLECTIONS 13th–14th May 2023

1st Collection: \$ 714.75
2nd Collection: \$ 1,986.10

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Parish News



INSTALLATION OF FATHER ALEXIS VEGA OSORIO TO ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH BALDIVIS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

To Bishop Donald Sproxton

Thank you for presiding over this Installation Mass for Father Alexis today, for your leadership and encouragement and for your ongoing interest in support of this Baldivis Parish.

To Father Alexis Vega Osorio

Thank you for being a loving Father and a wise teacher to our Parish. We acknowledge that you will lead us to Christ who will strengthen all that you do.

To all Parishioners of St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Baldivis

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as we welcome our newly installed Father Alexis to our Parish.

CARITAS—PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who contributed to **Caritas—Project Compassion**. The total amount raised from St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Baldivis amounted to **\$2,364.70**

REMEMBER WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PORTUGAL

Group of 12 youths still fundraising to go to Portugal for World Youth Day and to meet with the Pope.

If you wish to donate—please call SABINA on 0410 817 635

Thank you for your generosity

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY - ROSARY IN THE HOME

Thankyou to all those who have responded to Mary's Month of May by having the Rosary in their home.

Details of the Rosary for this coming week :

Georgina Kandie—22 Spinifex Road, Baldivis
0432 989 894-Friday 26th May @ 6.00pm

Sid James—7 Niagara Street, Baldivis
0459 721 392 –Saturday 27th May at 1pm

*Remember there is **ROSARY** every Tue-Friday at 8.30am in the church led by The Legion of Mary*

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

- Coordinator, Vocations Project – Fixed Term (12 Months), Part-Time
- [Manager, Executive Services \(Episcopal Services\) – Permanent, Full-Time](#)
- [Manager, Well-being Health and Safety – Permanent, Full-Time](#)
- [Catholic Youth Ministry: Events Coordinator – Fixed Term \(12 Months\), Full-Time](#)
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