



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Ascension of The Lord – 13 May 2018

CHRIST'S NEW PRESENCE

In the account of the Scriptures, the 'Ascension' of Christ before his disciples (Acts 1:9; Lk 24:50-51) depicts him as returning to the Father forty days after his resurrection from the dead. As a lived faith of the New Testament, the ascension is also mentioned in devotion as the second glorious mystery of the Holy Rosary. Thus, while the Sacred Scripture provides the primary evidence of this solemnity (Mk 16:19; Acts 1:9; Eph 1:20), it's status as a lived-faith of the Church is equally established.

In celebrating the living hope of the ascension, we are not so much as called to figure out 'the how' of Christ's ascension event or 'the whereabouts' of heaven's place wherein Christ is seated. Rather than suggest simplistic descriptions to the Ascension or pretend to proffer scientific explanations of this age-old festival of faith, the Church points us to the essential message of the ascension namely, the truth that no redeemed human life on earth is finally answerable to the grave. All will return to God after the manner of Christ. This is the realm in which the ascension is believed and lived as a mystery of the Christian faith.

We are certainly invited to re-awaken our *sense of faith* so as to appreciate the *transitional order* of all earthly existence. We name the ascension a 'solemnity' to underscore that it is primarily, a celebration of faith - requiring that we work more for the treasures whose values can assist our return to an eternal union with God, whom we call 'our father'.

For the baptised or redeemed human life, this return becomes a 'glory' after the manner of the crucified and risen Lord, whose ascension to the Father restores to him, "the glory which I had with you, before ever the world was made (Jn 17:5)".

The risen and ascended Jesus is the Christ. By virtue of the ascension, Jesus only withdraws his presence in one way, to remain ever present to

us in many other ways. Indeed, Christ never ceases to be for us, the 'Emmanuel': the 'God-with-us'. And even when Christ declares, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God; he still means this in the sense that: 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age (Jn 20:17; Mt 28:20). Hence, now we see Jesus more with the eyes of faith than just by the ordinary sight.

For the early Christians as for us today, the ascension is not about absence. It is about mission because Christ himself is present where his followers gather in prayer and worship. Especially in the Holy Eucharist, we will continue to receive and revere Christ in his real presence. And, precisely because, he sacrificed himself on the cross so that we may live, Christians know that the life that we now have and live is in fact, life purchased in blood. We must strive to live the present life not only for ourselves, but for Christ who suffered and died for us.

Our mission of keeping the Christian hope alive urges us, no longer to 'stand idle' or sterile because of godless ideals. Instead, we must stand up to the times and seasons of today's world, offering to it, the Gospel of life.

The ascension prayer as led by Paul, is a worthwhile prayer. 'May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory give us, a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed; and may God enlighten the eyes of our mind to see what great hopes his call holds for us', Amen

Fr Modestus



WEEKDAY MASSES

Brighton

Monday: 9.15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7.00am

Thursday: 5.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration begins 12 noon Thursday and continues after Mass until 11pm.

Friday: 7.00am

Regis Aged Care:

Tuesday: 10.30am 15 May (Lucinda)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am
Brighton Church: 5pm

Sunday:

Brighton: 7am
Sandgate: 9am & 5pm

Name Tag Sunday:

4th weekend of the month

Parish Council Meeting:

1st Thursday of the month

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School:

9am Thursday 25 May

Principal: Ben Gray

Phone: 3269 5989

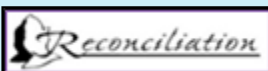
Sacred Heart School:

125yr celebration Mass

9am Sunday 10 June

Principal: Julian Cotter

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)

1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.



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ROSARY BEFORE MASS: During the month of May, the parish Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary before each weekend Mass. All are welcome to join!

PARISH ORGANS: This weekend, the new Organs will be available to check out in both churches. These Organs will be in the parish for the next 3 months and parishioners are invited to make a donation to assist in their purchase.

CHILDRENS' ROSARY: Childrens' Rosary has returned and will be offered each week during May at –

- Sacred Heart Church, Tuesday 8am; and
- St Kieran's School (under Peace Tree), Wednesday 8am.

Parents are welcome with their children. What a wonderful way to begin the day!

MORNING TEA: Monday 14 May following 9.15am Mass – Brighton Parish Office garden. Please bring a plate to share. All Welcome!

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group gathering at Shorncliffe on **Thursday 17 May** is cancelled due to an appointment. Thankyou. Christine Whitehill.

WILLS, ESTATES, POWER OF ATTORNEY!: Is the thought of discussing these subjects with your family daunting? Parishioner and Solicitor, David Whitehill, has offered to run a presentation for parishioners, at no cost, on **Sunday 20 May beginning at 10.30am** in the Sandgate Parish Hall. All Welcome!

SACRED HEART SODALITY: The next 'Core Group' meeting will be held in the Parish Office on Thursday 24 May at 10am.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Due to the Royal Commission recommendations that were handed down at the end of 2017 the training content has substantially changed. It is important that those that have not attended any safeguarding training attend however all volunteers and parishioners are invited to come. The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy applies to everyone in our parish, employees, clergy, volunteers, parishioners. Through your participation you will gain a deeper understanding of the harm caused by abuse and will help to create an extended culture of guardianship within our parish.

Venue: Sandgate Parish Hall

Time: 10.15am to 1.15pm

Date: Sunday 27 May 2018

RSVP: Registration sheets are at the back of the church.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Sunday 3 June beginning at 2pm – St Stephen's Cathedral. A bus is available, \$5 suggested donation per person, and will collect passengers –

St Benedict's Parish	11.00am
Mary, Queen of Peace	11.30am
Sacred Heart Church	12 noon

Bus will arrive at St Stephen's Cathedral by 1pm and return following the procession. For more information, please contact Francine Shepherd on 0422 582 451.

RECONCILIATION CHANGE: There will be **NO RECONCILIATION** Saturday 9 June at 11.30am due to Sacred Heart celebrations.

PARISH RACE DAY 2018: Please join our Parish gathering at the Deagon Picnic Races on **Sunday 8 July**.

Tickets \$50 per person, which includes gate entry and seating in the infield marquee for a hot and cold buffet luncheon. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase.

To support our parish function and to secure tickets at this very special price, you must book through John and Donna McKeown or Jim and Catherine Murdoch only.

Booking deadline: Friday 29 June

Enquiries/bookings: John & Donna McKeown 3269 6239
Jim & Catherine Murdoch, 0407 400 311
camurdoch02@gmail.com

Bank deposits: Westpac BSB 734 000 Ac 570014

Please use your surname as a reference and email your name, mobile number and ticket requirements to Catherine Murdoch.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to support this important parish fundraiser, donations are very welcome.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CELEBRATION: This year, Sacred Heart School is celebrating 125 years. "Memories of the Heart" will be held at the school from 11am to 7pm on **Saturday 9 June**. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrating Mass in Sacred Heart Church 9am Sunday 10 June. All are welcome to share in this special occasion for the whole parish community.

ST KIERAN'S FAMILY FUN DAY: Donations for the St Kieran's Family Fun Day (**Sunday 22 July**) Trash and Treasure stall can be dropped off Monday to Friday between 6am-6pm on the tables outside the Uniform Shop (back of the Tuckshop) and on Saturday and Sunday between 8am-4pm under the marquee in front of the Tennis Court. Please remember that all items are to be good quality in saleable condition and no electricals please. This is a great way to clean out the cupboards and help raise funds for our great school!

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STUDY: 7pm Wednesday nights at Sandgate Parish Hall. For more information, please contact: Vanessa Magrath 0403 492 879.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: meets 10am Thursdays during school terms. Venue: 18 Jetty Street, Shorncliffe. All Welcome! Contact: Christine 0402 228 837.

ADORATION: 12noon – 11pm Thursday's at Sacred Heart Church.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: meets every Sunday during school terms. This group is open to youth from Year 6 to Year 12. For more information, please contact Youth Group Co-ordinators Troy Grace 0410 335 643 or Frankie Pepper 0414 011 906.

* Brisbane archdiocese reignites its campaign against domestic violence

* Four pages shining a light on reality of domestic violence, and information for preventing it and responding to it

* Archbishop Coleridge says he'll be following the example of Pope Francis in leading Australia's bishops

* Townsville mourns death of former bishop

* Launch of Queensland Bioethics Centre at ACU

* Principal shows his artistic talent to Sunshine Coast

* Three Catholic women reflect on motherhood for Mother's Day

* Bishop calls for urgent increase in minimum wages

PARISH ROSTER

Many thanks to our valuable community of Volunteers for all that you do for our Parish in and outside of Mass.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	12-13 May 2018	19-20 May 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	H Rodrigues TBA C Hickey	C Hickey H Boon J Rosenberg
7am Sunday Brighton	R Mahon J Rosenberg D Madden	M Heap R Heap TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	W Johnson C McLaren L Kelly	R Corias C Murdoch L Butler
5pm Sunday Sandgate	T Gunn TBA Youth	R Susnja M Susnja Youth
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	12-13 May 2018	19-20 May 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	D Price L Isaak TBA	C Rosenberg K Stronias TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	D Kelly C Rosenberg TBA	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden
9am Sunday Sandgate	J North L North TBA	J Murdoch TBA L Kelly
5pm Sunday Sandgate	P Morrison B Fallis TBA	D Mitchell L Hazelman TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	12-13 May 2018	19-20 May 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Waite	P Stronias
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Bastian	I Treanor S Treanor A Grealy
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Tate	B Gunn
CHURCH CLEANING	12 May 2018	19 May 2018
Brighton	D Abberton	M Bernard
Sandgate	R & C Bolton	M Neilson
HOSPITALITY	13 May 2018	20 May 2018
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	P Morrison D Hauff-Green	Sacred Heart Families
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	13 May 2018	20 May 2018
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Bernard	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	14 May 2018	21 May 2018
Parish Office	C Rosenberg P Ryan	M Neilson A Finch
ADORATION ROSTER	May	11.45am Exposition – P Madden 5.00pm Reposition –V O'Brien-Cox 10.45pm Exposition – D Mitchell
BAPTISM PREPARATION	7 & 14 May – M Jeays K Coffey	
DINNER IN THE PARK	Saturday 12 May 2018 – F Edwards Delporte family B Fallis	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

	The Ascension of the Lord	Pentecost Sunday
1st Reading	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 2:1-11
Psalms:	Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6	Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30
2nd Reading	Eph 4:1-13	Gal 5:16-25
Gospel	Mk 16:15-20	Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN. The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Jo FLYNN, Clare LEHR, Keanu ANDES-OLSSON, Val BOEVINK, Annette BOYER, Ivy BRUCE, Pat BURNS Genevieve CANNON, Edna CARSELDINE, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Darryl GLEESON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Sheila HOBBS, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Win JOHNSON, Josiane LYNCH, Michael LYNCH, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Maria PASHEN, Trevor PAYNE, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS, Valerie WORKMAN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: Leo POWER and Damian STROHFELD who died recently and for Arthur SMITH, Pamela RAMPLING, Jim MacGINLEY and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mt 28:19, 20) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

MYSTERY OF FAITH: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Mt 28:20) Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN: LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

REFRAIN: Lift up your hearts to the Lord
In praise of His mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord:-
His love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the glory of his name!
Say to God, "How wondrous Your works,
how glorious Your name". ®

Let the earth worship, singing Your praise
Praise the glory of Your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord!
Come, worship His name! ®

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OFFERTORY HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

REFRAIN: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. ®

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. ®

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VOCATION VIEW: Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'

COMMUNION HYMN: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus, as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold I freely give the living water;
thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live'.
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: SONG OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REFRAIN: Let the trumpets sound, let the music play,
Let the song of God's people be heard,
and let the praise of God
resound throughout heaven and earth.

People of God sing out your praise
Sing of the glory of our God.
Lift up your voice and let your praise be heard. ®

The sick, the needy, the broken, the poor,
the rich, the strong, all gather as one.
blest and made whole in the love of our God. ®

In You, oh God we place our trust,
Your love and kindness, You lavish on us,
we celebrate your life in us, O God. ®

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