

**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10am-4.00pm;
Friday 10am-3.00pm. Other times - we respond when able to.

Sunday Masses: *English* - Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Mass in other languages: *Chin - Burmese* Sundays 2.30pm; *Tongan* TBC

Vietnamese Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7pm

Weekday Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am; Friday 11am Tuesday 7.30pm,
Confessions: Saturdays 9.30am (*English or Vietnamese*) **Novena:** Tuesday 8.00pm



Saint Eugene de Mazenod: We remember his anniversary of death, 21 May 1861
Saint Paul Tong Viet Buong: Recognised by Pope Leo XIII & Beatified, 27 May 1900
May their prayers help us all, especially our young families. At the Dedication of the new Altar in 2012, a relic each, the witness and example of these two saints were offered to us.

MASS INTENTIONS 20 - 27 May 2023

Sat	5.30pm	Olivia da Costa RIP
Sun	9.00am	Healing Prayers Angela & John Spiteri RIP
	10.30am	Emma & Santino Amati RIP
	5.30pm	Pro Populo
Mon	9.00am	Peter Loi RIP
Tues	7.30pm	Lewis Sciberras & Lisa Dib RIP
Wed	9.00am	Gioakim Nguyen Xuan Duc RIP
Thur	9.00am	Mary Vassallo RIP Maria Vu & Francis Nguyen RIP
Fri	11.00am	Peter Le & Maria Nguyen RIP
Sat	9.00am	Chris Basadur RIP

*We Pray for the soul of
+PASAWM LYHYM+
16 years old Chin young man
tragically killed Thursday
afternoon a few minutes walk
from here at
Station Place.*



*“Come and rest
awhile.”
Mark 6:31*

**Come and spend some
quiet time with Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament.
Fridays 12noon until 3pm.**

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Week 4: May 27/28	5.30 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	5.30 pm
Lectors	Bradley Borges	Althea D'Souza	Tongan Choir	Filipino Choir
Extraordinary Ministers	Anita Mastroianni	Sr. Shirani Britto	Jennifer Godfrey	Filipino Choir
Data Projector	Connie Sposato	Antoinette Spiteri	Tongan Choir	A. Ramat / Choir

**Congratulations this weekend to our Year Four Children receiving the
Sacrament of the Eucharist** *May God bless you and accompany you on your faith journey*

The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. **The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.**

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf.

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: **"in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit"**. The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. **On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that.**

Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children.

To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit.

To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord". **The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.**

The Second Reading strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace. **Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,"** he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension.

It's the good news we must spread today.



Child Safety Reminders & Important notice for Parents

- Please accompany your child if they need to leave the building.
- Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and vulnerable people.