



ST. PAUL PARISH

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Commitment Ceremony – At the masses of the Pentecost (27th and 28th of May), all people who work in the parish will be making their commitment to the St Paul's Church. Brother Joe will be available after all English masses to talk to readers, ministers of Holy Communion and all others who work at St Paul's Church. He will be available after all masses for 2 weekends 13/14th and 20/21st May. Please see him especially those who are new and need training.

St Paul's Legion of Mary are looking for new members. They meet once a week to say the Rosary and discuss issues, they also visit our two local nursing homes to distribute Holy Communion and visit with the patients. If you would like to be a part of providing a great service please contact Sylvia on 9311 3591

Congratulations to all the Mother's day raffle winners. Winning ticket numbers were : 1st Prize - Purple A52, 2nd Prize - Green B46 and lucky last 3rd Prize - Red D71.

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Carol McGloughlan, Pat & Skyla Reynolds, Charlie Zarb, Charlie Bonello, **Recently Deceased:** Antonia Fenech, Michael Muscat, Joan Marie Bettin, Conchetta Di Stefano, Maria DeBono, Anthony Spiteri, **Anniversaries:** Maryanne, Margaret & Sylvia Vella, Frances, Laurie, Anthony Caruana, Maria & Anthony Sant, Golina, Michael & Laurie Cini, George & Joe Spiteri, Frank & Max Cini, Charlie Spiteri, Joe, Anthony & Zaren Vella, Ted & Michelle Caruana, Frank & Doris Spiteri, Rita & Wayne Vella, Amelia, Theresa & Tony Fenech, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, , and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 21st May 2023)

Saturday 20th/21st May Baptism: Josiah Del a Torre & Johan Cuasay **The Ascension of the Lord**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Mary Calleja & Calleja Family, + Tarcisio Cutajar

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + John M Vella

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri + Michael & Jerry Borg, + Carmen & Frank Mangion, Thanks giving - Greta Garcia & Marcus Emmanuel Atienza, + Edwin & Marc Rainer Galan & Ian Pulan

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass + Van Thi Le, Michael My Quan Le & Maria Kiem Thi Nguyen

Monday 22nd May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

11.00am Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Mass

Tuesday 23rd May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 24th May

8.00am English Mass + Mary Calleja & Calleja Family

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.15am Funeral for Antonia Fenech

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

Thursday 25th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

10.00am to 10pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 26th May

Saint Philip

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

7.00pm Mass + Maria Doris DeBono

Saturday 27th/28th May

Baptism: **Pentecost Sunday**

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9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

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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.

■ **The word of 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!

GOSPEL Mt 28:16-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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PRESENT IN ALL CREATION

The resurrection of Jesus was clearly a moment of healing victory and the basis of hope for the early Church. While the victory over sin and death had been won a whole new set of questions arose for the first generation of Christians. Where do we go now? What does the Risen Lord ask of us? How will the Lord continue to be present among us? The early Christians reflected on Jesus' Ascension and used this moment of transition to address these questions for themselves and to instruct future generations of Christians.

Much had already been achieved but the time had come for the Risen Lord to entrust the next stage of the mission into the hands of the disciples. Having been schooled for forty days by the Risen Lord they were now entrusted with the mission of bringing the message of Jesus to the world around them. While they would not have looked forward to the day when Jesus would pass from their midst, they were nonetheless reminded that while the quality of his presence had changed, he would never leave them.

While the letter to the Ephesians does not speak explicitly of the Ascension it does reflect on how the Pauline communities saw this change in Jesus' presence among them. Christians are encouraged to see that by being exalted to God's right-hand Jesus is now able to be present throughout all of creation, no longer limited by space and time. They are called to see that he is not absent but is now even more powerfully present.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

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 of 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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. 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.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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