

**Sunday 16th May 2021**

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year B

## The Ascension of the Lord - Year B



The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new

body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**



**Sick**

*Lois White*

**Anniversaries**

*Sheila Eichhorn*

*Ed Thomas*

*Anne Sinclair, Gay Cahir*

*Bishop Eric Perkins*

### LIVING THE GOSPEL

#### Proclaim Good News

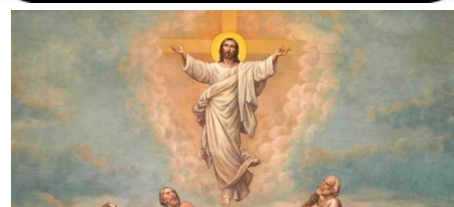
Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe – even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard! When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.

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### DIFFERENT VIEW

#### Snake handlers and Faith healers

There are certainly Christians who interpret literally Jesus' description of the signs that will be associated with believers. We have all seen images of old Revivalist meetings where people were called forth to be healed by touch and have evil spirits driven from them. Much of this practice can be traced to this week's gospel. The many evangelical churches and the tele-evangelists who dominate our early morning television screens operate out of this tradition and generally have a very literal interpretation of scripture. It is based in a belief that God acts in the world through miraculous intervention rather than through the slow and steady presence of individuals like you and me.



## MAY: Month of Mary

16th St Simon Stock

17th St Paschal Baylon

18th St Felix of Cantalice

19th St Celestine, St Yves

20th St Bernardino of Siena

21st St Constantine

22nd St Rita of Cascia

**Saint Rita of Cascia** was an Italian widow and Augustinian nun venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. After Rita's husband died, she joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters, where she was known both for practicing mortification of the flesh and for the efficacy of her prayers. Various miracles are attributed to her intercession, and she is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, which is understood to indicate a partial stigmata.



### St Finbar's QR CODE for COVID CONTACT TRACING.

**It is now compulsory for all mass attendees to sign in upon entry to the church using this code. Should you not have a mobile device, it is essential that you ask one of the greeters to register you.**

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| 23rd May<br>Pentecost LordYear B | 5.30pm           | 9.00am      | 11.00am     |
| Lectors                          | Julie McInerney  | Ian Jones   | Helen Evans |
| Special Ministers                | Clare Sabatino   | Mary Callea | Teresa Myer |
| Data Projector                   | Carmel Cristiano | C & T Dial  | Teresa Myer |

#### **Engaging Your Faith:**

#### **Spirituality and Wisdom by Dr Christopher Morris**

Through reflection on Christian wisdom, this session will explore ways to integrate spirituality into daily life, work, and ministry. *Wisdom is not about 'knowing more' but 'knowing with more of the self.'*

Bookings close: Monday 17 May at 12.00pm

*Engaging Your Faith* is a series of short online sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Church History, Reading the Church Classics, The Eucharist, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of [Catholic Theological College](#).

**Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Cost: \$20 per session**

#### **Can a Scientist Believe in God?**

Many people say (or fear?) that God and science don't mix. "I believe in science ..." is often a reason people give for not taking Christianity seriously. This session is an introduction to the 'conflict myth' and will offer some clues about how to understand the science and faith relationship as a harmonious one.

Bookings close: Friday 28th May at 12.00pm

**Monday, May 31, 2021, 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Cost: \$20 per session

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#### **SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

*St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.*