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 Fr. Mirek Knap CR, Sr. Elisabeth Hariyanti SSpS, Donna Bowker, Chris Ashdowne, Rosemary Gibson, Marie Jones, Sue Hawkins, Peter Middleton, Mark Westwood, Dale Maxwell, Fran Wilmann, Georges Wilmann

St. Vincent de Paul	1800 305 330
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Communion to the Sick and RCIA Co-ordinator	
Sr. Frances Mongan PBVM	9874 3016

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

School Principal St Joseph's and St Bernadette's	
Mr. Peter Vanstan	
Assistant Principal	
St Joseph's - Leonie Sheehy	9762 3275
St Bernadette's - Judy Degenhardt	9762 5135

## OUR REGIONAL SCHOOLS

St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully	9758 2000
Principal Mrs. Cathy Livingston	
Rector Fr. John Prest,	
Mater Christi College	9754 6611
Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald	

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

### WEEK COMMENCING

Ascension of the Lord - 28 May 2017

Monday 29th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 30th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 31st	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 1st	No Mass
Friday 2nd	8:30am Adoration 9.10am Mass St Joseph's 11.00am Maryville Chapel
Saturday 3rd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6:00pm Vigil St Joseph's
Sunday 4th	Pentecost Sunday 8.00am Mass St Joseph's 9:30am Mass St Bernadette's 11.00am Mass St Joseph's
Reconciliation	Saturday 9.30am

## 28th May 2017

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Responsorial Psalm:

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

### Gospel Acclamation:-

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Go and teach all people my gospel.  
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
 Alleluia!

### Next Week's Readings – Year A

Acts 2: 1-11, Psalm: 103:1. 24. -3, 29-31, R. v. 30  
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

## Laudato Si

### ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

*Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration.*



**REFLECTION: WHERE IS THE BODY?**

When one thinks about it, our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of disciples, generation after generation, century after century – until now! But, he didn't. After appearing to 500-600 disciples after his death, Our Lord disappeared. Why? Basically, because our Lord's Resurrection isn't all about us! The disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death and its warriors – chaos, decay, entropy, exhaustion – is meant for human beings alone. But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation'. Elsewhere (in Romans) St Paul portrays the whole of creation as groaning in eager expectation that it may share in the transfiguring power of Our Lord's resurrection. The whole universe is now filled with His Resurrected presence and the power radiating out from his Risen Humanity. But dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present – in our little fraction of time – the early 21st century, in our little fraction of space – here on the banks of the Derwent. The Risen Lord is present. How? In many ways, but here are two. Of course, in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion. We Catholics are pretty familiar with that as we see Holy Communion with the eyes of faith. But, Our Lord Jesus Christ is present in another way – more challenging, more disturbing. St Paul says '... the Church is His Body'. What does that mean... 'The Church is His Body'? We are one of the ways in which Jesus, the Risen Lord of the whole universe, has chosen to be present on earth, in our little part of

the universe. Why did the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?' Because the disciples had to ready themselves for an earthly role – to be the Spirit filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place – first century Jerusalem in the first instance and then into other parts of the Roman empire. In the same way, we have to ready ourselves to be the Spirit-filled embodiment of Jesus Christ in our own time and place. That is what is disturbing and challenging, about this feast day. Our Lord still has hands and arms to embrace those needing comfort or love, to uphold, to work, to play, to create a new world. Your hands, my hands, your arms, my arms. Our Lord still has a tongue to speak the healing/consoling word, to sing a song that transforms a situation, to tell the truth under pressure. Your tongue, my tongue. Our Lord still has eyes that gaze on others, a way of looking at others which only wants the best for him or her, rather than the condemning glare which wounds. Your eyes, my eyes. During this phase of the history of planet earth Jesus wants no other hands, no other tongues, no other eyes than our hands and tongues and eyes. Here on this planet, in our time, we who are baptised are His body to continue his saving work for the earth and human history. We can only be so, if, like the disciples on this feast day, we stop staring into Heaven as though mourning an absence. Instead we need to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit. Then, we will be able to really fulfil St Paul's description of us: 'The Church which is His Body.'

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**CONFIRMATION - Friday 2 June**

Please remember, in your prayers, the candidates who will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation next Friday 2 June.

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blessed,  
and in our souls take up Your rest;  
come with Your grace and heavenly aid  
to fill the hearts which You have made.

**ADORATION**

**First Friday of the Month  
2 June at 8:30am.**

**St Joseph's Church**

As the days, the months and the seasons pass and a new time and season begins let us take the opportunity to spend a moment before our Lord.



**26 Club—**

Don't forget your donation for Club 26 this week. This is our opportunity to support our sister Parish in East Timor - Los Palos. A box for donations is available at the rear of the Church. If you require a tax deductible receipt, please put your donation in an envelope with your name and address on it. Thank You!!!



**THIS WEEKEND**

**Australia's  
Cancer Council  
Biggest Morning Tea**

**PLEASE STAY AFTER MASS  
AND JOIN IN OUR  
BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

**ST BERNADETTE'S  
Sunday 28th May after the 9.30am Mass**

**ST JOSEPH'S  
Saturday 27 May after 6pm mass  
Sunday 28 May after 8am and 11am masses**

Enjoy a cuppa, a chat and something yummy to eat.  
All Proceeds will go to the Anti Cancer Council

**V**INNIES are seeking a Lawn Mower for a client. If you are thinking of updating your current lawn mower and it is still in working order give Vinnies a ring on 9762 6763. Thank you



## We Pray For:-

**Sick List:** Wendy Cumming, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Margaret Beck, Halina Hart, Laurence Costello, Ben Roussety, Anton Parsons, Margaret Millard, Maureen Howard, John Murray, Margaret Singleton, Rita Steller, Theresa Gianonni, Jacqui Abel

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Ann Braganza



## BAPTISM

We Congratulate

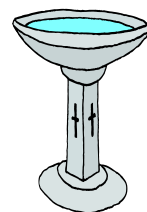
*Andrei James Olivar Beley*

*Eleanor Mae Morrissey*

*Lucas Leo Parker*

Who will be Baptised this Weekend

*May God's blessings be upon you on this special occasion and always.*



## Liturgy Roster 4th June 2017

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	G Gilfedder	P George	P Crennan, Y Johnson, P Johnson, F Mongan, C O'Connell, B White, J White	D Perlado	P Johnson
8.00am	C Hardy	J Faulkner	M Holt, N Klep, D Mason, A Schmid	A O'Riley	J Faulkner
9.30am	N Ryan	M Newbigin	M Asquith, F Roberts, A Sadler	Music Group	P & M Fitzgerald, A Sadler
11.00am	J Folino	K King	J Butterworth, E Butterworth, P Doherty, P Parlevliet, R Parlevliet, P Shanahan, F Tonis	L Reid	T Eklund

## POPE TELLS US TO GET UP AND GO

No matter your age, this is your chance! If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, here is a volunteering opportunity that will change your life. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and to improve processes and procedures for organisations, both vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those who can come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you want to find out more, please contact Christine on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



## ROSTERS:-

**Money Counters: 29 May**

David & Claire Ross, Therese Kitching, Peter Ryan

**Church Cleaning: 3 June**

Jim Ahearne, Therese Kitching, Tanya Samaraweera, David & Claire Ross

**Flowers: 3 June**

Nelly Klep

**Hospitality: 6:00pm 3 June**

Paul & Peggy Dinon

**Hospitality: 11am 4 June**

Peter Shanahan

## JOIN US AND MEET SR MARY GORETTI.



Sr Mary is Sister-in-charge at St Luke's Health Centre, Bujuni, Uganda. St Luke's is the main focus for this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. This is a very privileged opportunity to meet and hear this story directly from the person who is heading our appeal. Please book your place so catering can be prepared. Date: Monday 5 June 2017

Time: 11am

Place: St Francis Pastoral Centre St Francis church cnr Elizabeth and Lonsdale Sts Melbourne.

Lunch: A light lunch will be provided after the presentation. You will be invited to make a donation to cover costs.

RSVP: Tuesday 30 May 2017. [catholicmission@cam.org.au](mailto:catholicmission@cam.org.au) - 9631344



## ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Saturday 22 July, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Everyone is invited to and will be welcome at this special Mass to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Denis Hart's ordination to the priesthood. This Mass of Thanksgiving on the 50th anniversary of the Archbishop's priestly ordination will be followed by light refreshments at the Central Hall, 18 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

## St. Joseph's Friendship Group .....

Come join our friendly group of over 55's at St. Joseph's Parish if you have a spare Tuesday afternoon from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Open to all surrounding parishes, non-denominational, come meet with us. We play cards, several board games, and have social events each month.

For more information, contact Denis 9762 3270 or Eleanor 9762 3272.

## HALL HIRE...

For any enquiries about hiring either of the Parish Halls, BBQ, Etc. please call -

**St. Joseph's Hall**

Pat Elliott

97621515

**St. Bernadette's Hall**

Gaye Smith

0447 441 923

## HOLY STITCHES

Thursday 25 May to Thursday 8 June, 10am–4pm daily,

Wednesdays 10am–8pm

Embroidery House, 170 Wattletree Road, Malvern

Holy Stitches is an exhibition of antique embroidered ecclesiastical textiles. The Embroiderers Guild Victoria will exhibit Dr Guy Churchman's private collection of vestments and church furnishings dating from the 18th to the early 20th centuries.

Details: 9509 2222 or [office@embroiderersguildvic.org](mailto:office@embroiderersguildvic.org)

Web: <http://www.embroiderersguildvic.org>

## AUGURAL MARIAN LECTURE: UNDERGROUND CATHEDRALS

Tuesday 30 May, 5.30–7.30pm

Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy campus

In 2017, the Marists, founded by St Marcellin Champagnat, celebrate their bicentennial. As part of the celebrations, a Marian lecture series will be inaugurated. Noted educator and spiritual guide Dom Mark Patrick Hederman, former Abbot of Glenstal Abbey, Limerick, will deliver the inaugural lecture 'Underground cathedrals: a spirituality for the 21st century'.

Details: [mark.oconnor@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.oconnor@marists.org.au)

## BYSTANDER INTERVENTION WORKSHOP TO PREVENT GENDER VIOLENCE

Date: Sat June 24, 2017 Time: 10.am - 2.pm

Facilitator: Dr. Ree Boddé

Hosted by St Paul's Boronia - crn Dorset Rd & William St.

Registrations by 16 June - Annette Hill

Email: [stpaulsboronia@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsboronia@gmail.com) Mobile 0429414216

\$10. donation or free event for those on fixed income or benefit.



**LITTLE JOEY'S IS BACK FOR 2017!**  
Do you sing or play an instrument?  
We invite any school aged child from the Boronia Parish to join our **LITTLE JOEY'S MUSIC GROUP.**  
We play/sing once a month at the Saturday night 6pm Mass, the next one being **SATURDAY 24 June 22**  
If you could meet us in the church at 5.30pm for a warm up/practice before Mass begins that would be appreciated.  
For further information contact **Gayle Ashdowne 0438 610 122** or **Dianne Cullinan 0422 677 458**  
**Dates for 2017:**  
**24/6; 22/7; 26/8; 23/9; 28/10**

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## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

The Ascension of Jesus is described only in the Book of Acts (1:2-11), although there is a shorter version in Luke's Gospel. There are also allusions to the event elsewhere in the New Testament, eg. Jn 6:62; Eph 4:8-10.

- In Matthew's Gospel, many of the important moments of Jesus' life are located on mountaintops – his temptation, his transfiguration, the great teaching of the 'sermon on the mount', and now this final instruction to his disciples. In this way, Matthew draws parallels with Moses the great leader and lawgiver who encountered God on the mountaintop.
- Matthew shows Jesus as fulfilling and extending the teaching of Moses. Whereas the Law had been for the people of Israel, Jesus sends his disciples to all nations; whereas the Jewish people had faith in the name of God, YHWH, Jesus sends his disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

The word 'apostle' comes from the Greek word meaning 'one who is sent out'. Jesus sends his apostles out to continue to preach the good news to the entire world. This recalls for us the 'sending out' which occurs at the end of our Mass: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. We, too, are sent to bring the truth of the gospel into our daily actions and decisions and thus give witness to the faith we profess.

'Know that I am with you always.' In what ways do sense the presence of Jesus in yourself, in the Church and in the world?

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.' How do you see your role in this great work of the Church? How can you bring the life of Christ to others?

As you near the completion of your time with the RCIA, recall what it was which first drew you to wanting to become a disciple of Jesus. Share your reflections on how you now feel about your decision. Reflect on your way forward in the life of faith.

Give witness to your faith this week by living the way of Christ: do not judge others, act with humility, respond to the needs of others, pray often.

'Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Memorise this verse to help you in times of doubt or distress.



*Gratitude*  
Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits.  
Pope Francis