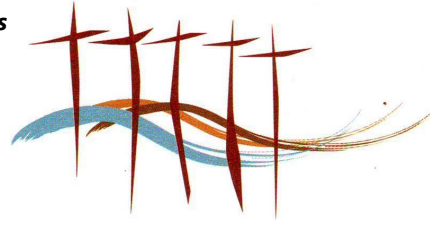


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The Ascension of the Lord

2 June, 2019

Year C: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

next week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16

Imagine what it felt like to be one of Jesus' first disciples. What a dreamworld ride they had had! There were the heady first days of traveling with him; listening to his powerful preaching; being wonder-struck as he performed miracles and feeling pride when people learned they were his intimates. Except for the arguments with Pharisees and Sadducees, things were going pretty nicely for this band of followers. Formerly, they were nobodies; now they were somebodies – they were disciples of Jesus. It was all very fine, and things seemed to be getting bigger as they entered Jerusalem with Jesus with the sound of the crowds in their ears and the feel of palm branches under their feet on the road into the city.

Then the roller coaster plunged straight down, as far down as it could go. Jesus was arrested, hastily tried and dispatched to his executioners and the burial party. The formerly enthusiastic followers fled to lay low and figure out their escape. But just days later, things took another dramatic swing – he was alive with, as Acts tells us today, "many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the reign of God." But here it is, the Ascension and their emotions are in for another rapid shift in direction, Jesus has left them again. I wonder what they were thinking as they "looked intently at the sky as he was going"? "Why can't he stay? Just when we need him the most, he leaves us. Who'll be with us to show us how to be his witnesses? Who'll intervene when we argue among ourselves? Or, when scandal rocks our community and we feel like we are going to collapse? Who'll teach us how to answer his enemies' objections? What should we do next? This evening? Tomorrow morning? Should we go home and lead good lives, or go on the road to be preachers? What does 'preach the gospel' mean anyway?"

These may have been some of their ponderings as they stared up to the heavens. It took the "two men dressed in white garments (were these the same two at the empty tomb?), to shake them out of whatever nostalgia, or anxiety they were feeling. The motion-sick disciples drag themselves from the mountain and return to the midst of the world, Jerusalem. They don't have a clue what to do next, but Acts tells us that Jesus' Spirit will find them and equip them for the tasks that lie ahead. They will discover that they won't be on their own in their uncertain future, that Jesus' life with God will be the source of more-than-enough gifts with which to spread the news of the reign of God.

The Ascension sounds like a conclusion, and in some ways it is. It concludes the earthly ministry of Jesus and ends one way the disciples have known him. But the Ascension is also a bridge to another, new and surprising way the disciples will know Jesus. This new experience of his life with them will be made known by the coming and activity of the Holy Spirit. Their Jewish belief taught that heaven is where God dwells. No human could seek to attain such a place, for the Almighty and transcendent One dwelt there. (Elijah and Enoch were taken up to heaven, but they were the exception and not the rule.) Now that Jesus had been "lifted up," his followers can believe that he had not only risen from the dead, but is in a new life with God. His being there gives us hope that one day we will also be there. Jesus is now in God's company, his appearances to his disciples have ceased. But since he is with God, like God, he is present to all, no longer limited by time and place. Absent, yet fully present. Since Jesus is alive with God, we are assured that he will come again. Meanwhile, because of his present status as Lord of all, he works with his servants to bring about God's plan. We, on our part, work diligently here on earth, in collaboration with him and as we do, we keep an eye on Jesus, for where he is, we will someday be. A

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 3 June

Charles Lwanga & Companions

9.00am **Mass** - Miami - followed by Adoration
of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 4 June

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 5 June

St Boniface

7.00am **Mass** - Miami

9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 6 June

St Marcellin Champagnat

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 7 June

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 8 June

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami

5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach

5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 8 June

Pentecost Sunday - WEAR RED

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami

Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 9 June

Pentecost Sunday - WEAR RED

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach

8.30am **Mass** - Miami

8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

MASS TIMES are available on our Website -
www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes

Blessings to all our Parish Volunteers

BOND UNIVERSITY SUNDAY MASS

7pm - in the Student Lounge

23 June

28 July

lot revolves around the Ascension. Because of it, we believe Jesus will come again; that he rules over all creation; sends us the Holy Spirit; is our priest and reveals God to us. This feast gives us great hope.

After the Ascension, what must the disciples do to get things going? There was a lot to do; a gospel to be preached, works of compassion and healing to be performed. Did some of the disciples want to get on with their assigned task? You could picture them rolling up the sleeves of their tunics, ready to get to work. Did they feel that since they had learned a lot from Jesus while they were with him and, since he had showed himself to them after his resurrection, they had more than enough experience and training to go out and change the world? Some may have felt timid and not quite ready, but there are always the enthusiastic and energized who want to do something, anything, right away. This group may have felt frustrated to hear that they must "wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak." When there is a lot to do, most people don't want to first stop and do nothing.

The early church is about to undergo a big change. The Ascension is an in-between time, when one period is ending and a new is about to begin. But not quite yet. Rather than rush off fired by their own enthusiasms and plans, the disciples are told to wait. So, they will do that, letting themselves be ready and waiting for God to have an influence over them. I think of all the church gatherings and meetings when we say a perfunctory prayer and then hurry on to the work at hand. Whether it be dealing with important home or church issues, I am so task-oriented, I forget the partnership we have in the community with the Holy Spirit, "the promise of the Father." The Spirit's coming will begin a new age, when the words and actions of the disciples are the fruits of the Spirit's life with us. With the Spirit's guidance our projects might take an unusual shape, a new routine, an unexpected turn. Maybe we will be less driven, less success oriented, more accepting of the voices of others and more willing to be flexible when change is needed. How will these disciples and us be more open to the coming Spirit?

First, the instructions are to wait and receive what God wants to give us. As a church, and as individuals, we are going to have to figure out what form our "waiting" takes, our attempts to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We need to devise "strategies for waiting" that reflect our dependence on God. More deliberate prayer for guidance by communities of faith might reflect the Ascension-hope of the community that believes Jesus' promise to give us his Spirit to guide us.

It's possible to be quite actively involved in our work for God and still keep within our busy schedule and active a sense of waiting--- even as we go about our projects. Some people start the day with a few quiet moments expressing in wordless prayer openness and dependence on God for life and nourishment. Others, busy in their world of family, work and service, carry in their hearts through the day brief mantras, short repetitious prayers, that state and reiterate openness and dependence on God for initiative and direction for the form their response to God should take. "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." "Here I am O God, ready to do your will."



Peter Rodgers (1933 -): The Ascension

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Traditionally celebrated between 18-25 January (in the northern hemisphere) or at Pentecost (in the southern hemisphere), the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity enters into congregations and parishes all over the world. Pulpits are exchanged, and special ecumenical worship services are celebrated.

Theme for 2019: "Justice and only justice you shall pursue"

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. In the southern hemisphere, where January is a vacation time, churches often find other days to celebrate it, for example around Pentecost, which is also a symbolic date for unity.

Annual Prayers are jointly prepared and published by the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. With a population of 265 million, 86% of whom are reckoned to be Muslim, Indonesia is well known as having the largest Muslim population of any country. However, about 10% of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions. In terms of both population and the vast extension of the country Indonesia is the biggest nation in South East Asia. The nation is founded on five principles called Pancasila, with the motto *Bhineka Tunggal Ika* (Unity in Diversity). Across the diversity of ethnicity, language and religion, Indonesians have lived by the principle of *gotong royong* which is to live in solidarity and by collaboration.

This always fragile harmony is today threatened in new ways. Much of the economic growth that Indonesia has experienced in recent decades has been built on a system that has competition at its heart. This is in stark contrast to the collaboration of *gotong royong*. Corruption is experienced in many forms. It infects politics and business, often with devastating consequences for the environment. In particular, corruption undermines justice and the implementation of law. Moved by these concerns, Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." (see Deut. 16:18-20) spoke powerfully to their situation and needs. Before the people of God enter the land God has promised them they renew their commitment to the Covenant God established with them.

PRAYER:

**God, our Sustainer,
we praise you for your loving kindness,
for upholding us in times of trial, and showing us your light in times of darkness.
Transform our lives so that we may be a blessing for others.
Help us to live unity in diversity as a witness to your communion,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**



The Marian shrine of Annai Velangkanni. Medan, Indonesia

Parish News and Happenings



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Envelopes will be available at Masses this weekend and next weekend. These can be returned on the collection plate or left at the Piety Stall at our Parish churches any time. Envelopes can also be mailed using the address provided. If you require a receipt, please indicate this clearly and provide a full return address.

With the generous contributions of the community, the St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland can provide food, shelter and emotional support to help local families in need through our Cornerstone Program.

- **PENTECOST SUNDAY** 8/9 June - All parishioners and friends are invited to wear Red Clothing at Mass next weekend.
- All are invited to our **MONTHLY LUNCH**, to be held at Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av, on Thursday 6 June. Please arrive by 11.45am for a 12 noon ordering of meals. Shuttle bus available for surrounding area (contact club directly on 5576 3177). Please phone Margaret - 5535 8714 - if you would like to attend.
- **PARISH SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** - Every Saturday, 9am, Infant Saviour meeting room. All resources and notes provided. Cost by donation. All welcome.
- Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society would like to hear from parishioners who could spare some time to assist current members in visitation to people/families in need. Christ asks us to put our faith and love for others into action. This is a very rewarding way to do this. If you are interested please contact 0428 971121.
- **MOTHER EFFECT GROUP - a new initiative in our Parish.** You are invited to join this mother's group with elements of fun, faith and life. Meeting each Tuesday, 9 - 10.30am in Mary, Mother of Mercy Liturgy Room. Express your interest at the Parish Office - phone 5576 6466.
- **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** - You are most welcome to join the Support Group which will meet in the Parish Office boardroom on Wednesday 5 June, 1 - 2.30pm. A safe place for you to seek the support you need. Any questions to Pat Tomlinson via the Parish Office.

PASTORAL ENTREPRENEURS COUNCIL MEETING

This Council is for the gathering of all Mass Co-ordinators and Leaders of Groups within the parish to share successes and growth areas and to have a common share point for information in our diverse Parish.

Meeting Points from 25th May

- Success of the school Masses at 10am Mass Friday and Connect Masses.
- Positive feedback from the Palm Beach and Miami communities about the proposed building programs
- Success of evangelisation of children's ministry at Mudgeeraba
- Good partnering with Rosies and Care and Concern and now Marymount students coming on board.
- Multi faith initiative of council discussed
- Ecumenical outreach successes, especially on Good Friday.
- Success of the Fire Warden program and perhaps a need to extend this and think about the need to have guardians and safety spotters.
- Hospitality for late comers. Perhaps it is an opportunity to welcome back.

Padre then updated the group on various matters to share with the communities:

- Facebook is being used as a great outreach tool with numbers of followers increasing
- Web page is out of date and will be updated in the future
- "Welcome to the parish brochures" are being accessed.
- Australian Catholic Bishops will have an external audit on Safeguarding processes in the parish.
- Reminder that every person involved in ministry needs to complete a volunteer form, view Safeguarding No1 as outlined in the newsletter and introduce themselves to the priest before or after Mass.
- The ministry of apprenticeship for those young people preparing for the sacraments has been commended by the Archbishop and taken up by the children.
- There will be 15 minutes training for Eucharistic and Reading ministers after Masses being made available soon. More about this later in the newsletter.
- The first Recovery program is underway.
- MULTI CULTURAL MASS - date to note is the weekend of 26th August. All Masses across the parish will be invited to highlight Multi-cultural Sunday with the focus on celebrating our parishioners' diverse culture.

Next Meeting: 24th August 2019

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Ida Elda Bonke, Leigh Boulcher, Peter Briggs, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Joyce Cabral, Jan Carmont, John Costigan, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Angelita Freda, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Veronica James, Terry Maguire, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Terry Miners, John Mooney, Stephen Murray, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Odette Sweeney, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Dan Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Doreen & Vince McCall, Lea Dunlea, Frank Kelly, Sr Clara Condon.

May the choir of angels come to greet you ...

May you find eternal life.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Heads

2018 EXPENSES:

Staff Amenities - \$4800.00

Family Groups

Goannas Sunday 2 June

12 noon, Burleigh Bears Leagues Club,
Pacific Av, Miami.
Phone Margaret 5534 2654.



VINNIES GOLD COAST CEO SLEEPOUT

Together with the business leaders on the Gold Coast, we will be raising funds to assist the homeless and disadvantaged on the Gold Coast.

Your donations are tax deductible.

To assist:

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/rex-bransdon/gold-coast>



Mondays, 6.30pm
Infant Saviour
meeting room

please pray for Recovery

Damien Kinnear 0401313258

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Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Tuesday: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Wednesday: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Thursday: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Friday: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

Saturday: The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

Liturgical Music for Ascension of the Lord

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Sing We Triumphant Hymns Of Praise

Sing we triumphant hymns of praise
to greet Our Lord these festive days,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Who by a road before untrod
ascended to the throne of God,
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

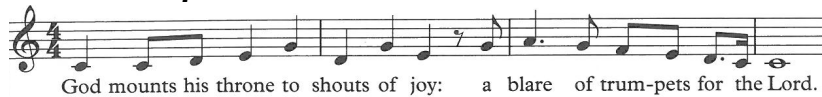
In wond'ring awe his faithful band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with the virgin mother see
their Lord ascend in majesty,
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father let us sing,
to God the Son, our risen king.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And equally let us adore
the Holy Spirit evermore,
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

CONCLUDING RITES *Dismissal:* Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

The Body Of Christ

*This is the body of Christ,
blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ.*

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life.

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within.

If you would live in my love,
hold my word, my promise in your heart.

Gathered as one in my name,
take my joy, my freedom to the world.

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Thanksgiving: We Remember

*We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

Now we recreate your love,
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
the presence of the Lord.

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,
peace beyond all telling,
and freedom from all fear.

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