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at a
glance



Today's Readings

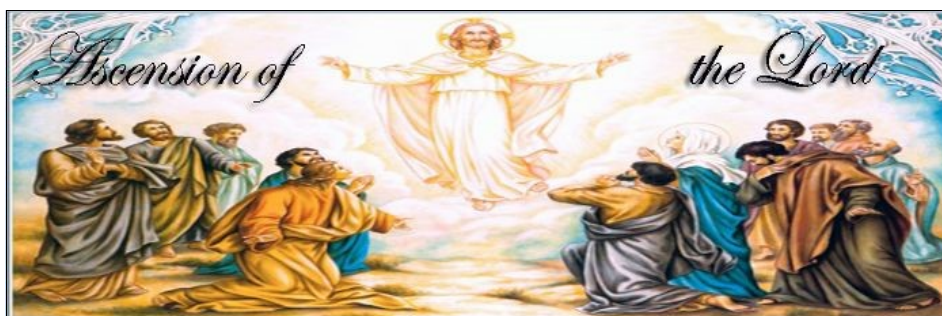
Acts 1:1-11 Why are you standing here looking at the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.
Ephesians 1:17-23 He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven
Matthew 28:16-20 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



**The Ascension
of the Lord
Year A 2017**

In a Nutshell

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared at unexpected moments. He encouraged the disciples, assured them that he was really alive, and then disappeared again. They were still looking for an earthly kingdom, so Jesus tells them to wait and pray. The Holy Spirit will come and give them courage to proclaim all that Jesus has taught them. Through his Holy Spirit Jesus will be with them always.



“Go,” says Jesus to his confused followers, “make disciples of all nations... And remember, I am with you always.” Witnesses of Jesus’ words and acts, people transformed through close relationship with him, they are instructed to build a community that embraces the whole world. Go... do... assured of the Spirit’s presence—this is their direction and ours.

The readings chosen today to mark Ascension invite us to reflect on how we are live this command, on what making “disciples of all nations” might involve in our pluralistic world.

We painfully recall some past attempts at shaping disciples—forced baptisms and the condemnation of indigenous religious values and rituals, for example—that did not reflect Jesus’ loving hospitality. And we have an increased awareness of and respect for the many paths to the divine discerned among the world’s cultures. So, as disciples today, what are we to communicate?

Answers emerge from our dynamic relationship with Christ, Paul suggests. Through prayer, sacraments and our experiences as individuals in community, we are transformed in love. Learning to see with the eyes of our heart enlightened, he suggests, allows us to experience resurrection and pass it on! As resurrection people, we witness to hope and love.

Living with Christ, 2017

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.


Response to the 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!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)
May:	Janet Neenan, Sr Jan O'Neill	May:	June Ferguson, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	
May:	Carol Miller	May:	Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
		May:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty Volunteers needed each week
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
May :	Maria Wilson, Denise Haylen	May:	Paula O'Connor, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
	Church Cleaners		Gardeners
May 28th:	John & Margaret Betros		Susan & Kevin Bradley
June 4th:	Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas		
June 11th:	Pilar & Esteban Ovelar		
June 18th:	Jim & Rhonda Uglow		
	Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required)		
May 28th: Group 3	June 4th: Group 4		
June 11th: Group 1	June 18th: Group 2		
		If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 27th May: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Year 4 Family Mass	Offertory Gifts— Sun 28th May: 7.00 am Mass Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Lisa Doolan, Fr Mark McGuinness msc, Caroline Gold, Margaret Zika, Gerard Lohan, Peter Murphy, Margaret Morgan, Lia Fracchia, Fr Jim McMahon, Bill Sissian, Karen Nixon.
Other Deceased:	Bill Swanbury, Jack & Shirley Michael, Elsie Scott, Toni Barry, Mary Ridland, Julie Ann Knight, Muriel Knight, Francis Champion.
Anniversaries:	Geoff McCabe John Dawson, Noel Hudson Snr, Cecil Byrnes, Paul Simpson, Jack & Alma Saidey, Daphne & Jack Bourke.
Sick:	Brenda Dore, Kay Wort, Mitchel Hudson, Alma & Victor Reid, Mary Kerrin, Fr John Rate msc, Jack Azar, Bill Jack, Sr Kathleen Conlan, Fr Frank Perry msc Sandra Sadlier, Kath McDonald, Nola Ryan, Renae Scarlet, Ellie Hutton, Greg Ashton & Aria Hutton, Michelle Maddy & Jack O'Connor.



The Children's liturgy is on the second Sunday of the month and is aimed at children from preschool to approximately year 2.

We are currently quite low on volunteers and really need the support of Parishioners to keep to twice a month and hopefully expand.

Everything is provided for you, you just need to lead the session. If you are interested in volunteering please contact *Itziar Hutchinson on 0400043324.*

The liturgy is held in our recently renovated room, located above the Parish Office.

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Every Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am
Communion Service	Wednesday 9.30 am Reconciliation 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 3 pm (9315 7562)

Australian Catholics magazine (winter edition) is available in the foyer. This is an excellent magazine for family reading.

An extract follows from page 13, which is an article about Dorothy Day. She writes in her autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*:

“We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know him at the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread and we are not alone any more. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.”

Please take a copy home after Mass this weekend.

Caritas—Thank you to all, for your generous contribution for our recent Lenten Caritas Project Compassion appeal. We have sent \$4,927 to Caritas on behalf of St Brigid’s Parish. Fr Phil

Community Singing Workshop—In our parish hall, singing workshops have commenced on Sunday’s 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Music is a language that we all understand intuitively. The act of singing releases endorphins, the brain’s “feel good” chemicals. Singing also has some of the same health benefits as exercise. No audition or previous experience, donations to St Brigid’s. **RSVP** email soleremedies@gmail.com or you can call Gina on 0424 185 774.

First Communion

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the **17th & 18th June**. **Rehearsals for First Communion** will take place on the weekend of the **3rd & 4th of June**, at 4.30pm if you are going to the Vigil Mass; and 10.30am straight after the 9.30am Family Mass (depending on which first communion Mass you are coming to).

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment for Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 20th June 1pm—3pm and on Thursday 22nd June 2.30—4.30pm. You will need to bring a copy of the Baptism Certificate and \$20.00 to cover the cost of materials provided. Fr Phil msc and Anne-Marie Snelling

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10.00am—Tour of the College by College Prefects 11.00am Mass at Marcellin College, Vaughan Centre 12.30pm Meet at Coogee Surf Club

Cost: \$70 RSVP: 11 August 2017 Email: sharon.elliott@syd.catholic.edu.au numbers are limited - please reserve your place early Payments can be made by EFT to: (Please include your name) Catholic Development Fund: BSB 062-784 Account Number 04953100 We also accept EFTPOS over the phone

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the John Hennessy Financial **Hardship Bursary**, please contact Mrs Sharon Elliot at the College on 9398 6355 or via email: sharon.elliott@syd.catholic.edu.au



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