

## Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 29 May 2022



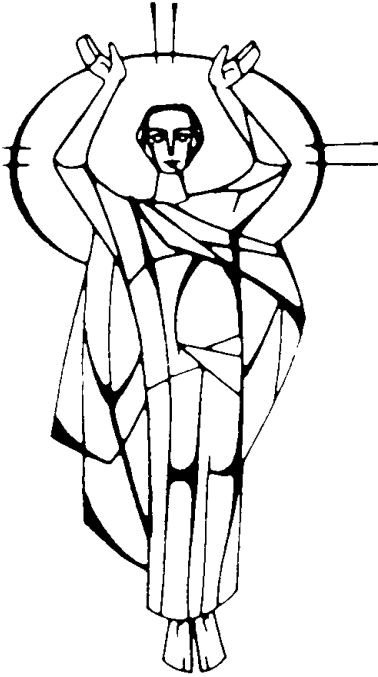
Readings for  
this Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11  
Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23  
Luke 24:46-53



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 14:15-16,23-26



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Symbols of the Ascension

While the event and mystery of the Ascension of the Lord are expressed through the readings, prayers and hymns of the feast, they fall short of expressing the marvellous actions of God and the yearnings of our hearts and minds. We also employ the arts, signs and symbols. Years ago the Paschal Candle was extinguished after the Gospel: a sign of risen Lord ascending into heaven. Now the candle is extinguished at Pentecost, the end of Easter Season. Incense is a sign of our prayers raising up with Christ to heaven. Art depicts Christ rising and seated on the throne surrounded by angels and saints, hands often outstretched both reaching upwards into heaven and embracing the world in prayer.

### Looking at the Readings

Today's Gospel ends in the temple at Jerusalem, just where the Luke's Gospel begins. Zechariah was serving in the temple when he received the message that he will have a son, John (1:5-20). The Apostles, after witnessing Jesus' "withdrawal" into heaven, returned to Jerusalem and "were continually in the temple giving thanks to God." (24:51-53). Jesus spent his last week in the temple before his death, Peter and John performed their first miracles in the temple. The First Reading starts in Jerusalem (1:1-12) and ends in Rome (Ch 28). Luke symbolises the journey of Christ and the Apostles from Jerusalem then to go out to all nations (Lk 24:47) and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

The Ascension is more than a historical event, it is a mystery of faith and an extension of Jesus' ministry to bring forgiveness of sins and to admit us into the sanctuary of heaven. We express this in images and rituals: the glory of Christ in heaven, our participation in his new life through Baptism and Eucharist.

Today we rejoice with all peoples the hope of heaven, the guarantee of new life and the commandment to go out into the world with confidence.

### Quote of a Saint on the Ascension

"On this day has ascended to heaven the new and spiritual bread, and all the mysteries have been revealed in your Body, raised like an offering. Blest be this bread, O Lord! As light falling from heaven, he was born of Mary, like a divine seed, fell from the cross like a ripe fruit, and was raised to heaven as one raises the first fruits." *St Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church (d. 373)*


### Prayer for the Day

Lord Jesus, you came to your own people and gave to all who welcomed you power to become children of God. In your merciful love watch over the Church and through her ministry bring salvation to the meek and lowly. May we avoid the snares of the impious, and come to rejoice in glory with your saints.

### On the Lighter Side

The army drill instructor yells, "Forward, march!" And the entire ranks move, all except one recruit. He's still standing at attention. The instructor strolls over to him and yells in his ears, "Are these things working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" The recruit yells. "Then why didn't you march when I gave the order?" "Sir, I didn't hear you call my name."



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Antoinetta Nigro, Gwen Dwyer, Grace Watson
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 30th May

### Weekday Mass

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> May	No Mass
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> June	11:00 am Funeral Mass
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	No Mass
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	9:15 Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> June	No Mass
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00 am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	No Mass
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> June	No Mass
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15 am Liturgy
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> June	No Mass
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15 Liturgy

### Weekend Mass

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> June	No Mass
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00 am Mass

**Reconciliation** No Reconciliation in May or June

## St Brendan's lends a helping hand.

While Fr John Paul is away, St Brendan's Parish Shepparton for helping out with Masses. We would like to extend our thanks from all our Parishioners at Sacred Heart.

We look forward to celebrating Mass with Fr Joe Taylor (Parish Priest), Fr Paul Sireh, Fr Jophin Joy and Fr Jackson Saunders during this time.

In case of an emergency, please contact Trish Warnett on mobile 0410 094 323.

## Sandhurst Scripture Talks

"Growing faith communities for our mission today: Insights from the genius of St Paul"

In June 2022, the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst will be hosting a series of Zoom talks on Sacred Scripture which inform and support the faith-life of the people of God in the Diocese of Sandhurst, particularly in the light of our present context: the diocesan Go Forth review, the Plenary Council of the Australian Church, the Synod on Synodality and our socio-cultural reality.

The series will start on 9 June with Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission and Pastoral Life, talking about the social context of the Church today. On June 16, Rev Dr Brian Boyle EV, a scripture scholar, will focus on 'Paul the Man, the Preacher, the Strategist'. And on June 23 and June 30, Dr Rosemary Canavan will speak on the themes "1 Thessalonians, Paul's first letter: forming the Ekklesia as the family of God" and "Living and Walking in the Spirit" respectively.

More information and registration details will be made available via the Sandpiper e-News and on the website [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Diary Dates for June & July

### June

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	2pm Ladies Chat
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Italian Rosary
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation of Sacramental Candidates <b>Cuppa After Mass</b>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm PPC Meeting
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 School Mass – Feast of Sacred Heart
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am Feast of Sacred Heart for Parish <b>Cuppa after Mass</b>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	5pm Italian Mass

### July

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30am Reconciliation
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Ladies Chat
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Italian Rosary
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am Children's Mass <b>Cuppa After Mass</b>
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6pm Parish BBQ/ Casserole</b>
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Presentation of Sacramental Candidates <b>Cuppa After Mass</b>

## Celebrating Synodality in Sandhurst.

Video 5: Bishop Shane on Synodality in Sandhurst  
Bishop Shane summarises what we have seen and heard on Synodality in Sandhurst, the ways we are listening to the Holy Spirit and how we can create a "dynamism of mutual listening".

The Video can be viewed on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube Channel or on a link on our Facebook page.

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Screen/Organ
5 <sup>th</sup> June	R Miller	K Gaffy	S De Lai	B & J Lowe	R Kelly C Serra	T Smith T Warnett
12 June	A Nihill	R Kelly	B Maher	P Moroney D Corrigan	S De Lai A Ciavarella	D Worm T Warnett
<b>CUPPA AFTER MASS</b>						
19 June	<b>CONFIRMATION &amp; EUCHARIST</b>					
26 June	M Gale	R Kelly	K Gaffy	M Normington N Basile	D Worm L McGrath	T Warnett Choir
<b>CUPPA AFTER MASS</b>						

## Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage 18/10 - 29/10/202

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the itinerary and application form, contact Annie Bond rsj on email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or phone 02 89124818.

A copy of the brochure is in the Narthex

### Vinnies Winter Appeal

The theme of this year's Winter Appeal is 'Make it Stop', focusing on the importance of providing safety to families and individuals fleeing domestic violence. During a time where the community has been routinely told to stay home in the interests of public health and safety, a perfect storm has arisen where women and children experiencing domestic and family

### **St Vincent de Paul Society Mid-Murray Regional Council Festival Mass – Saturday 22nd October 11am**

Come and join us at the below annual Festival Mass which bring together the members of various local Parish Conferences from local regions, for commissioning of presidents, recognition of service and to gather in prayer and fellowship.

**Date:** Saturday 22nd May **Time:** 11am

**Place:** St Mary's Catholic Church,  
224 Anstruther Street, Echuca

Followed by a gathering with lunch provided and guest speaker.

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RSVP by Friday 7th October to:

[Wangaratta.rc.pres@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:Wangaratta.rc.pres@svdp-vic.org.au) or  
[rosannehill@hotmail.com](mailto:rosannehill@hotmail.com)

## Baptism



**We congratulate Amina Rose Crisera, daughter of Michael and Gracie on her Baptism this weekend and welcome her into our parish community.**

### **To Know Him is to Love Him: Unpacking the Teachings of the Church**

Come to a deeper knowledge of Christ and His teachings with an in-depth look at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, led weekly by a local Theology teacher. Runs every **Tuesday, 7:30pm-8:30pm** at the St. Brendan's Parish Centre, Shepparton. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Winona on 0432 865 933.

### **St Vincent de Paul Society Upper Murray/Wangaratta Regions Combined Festival Mass – Sunday 16th October 10.30am**

Come and join us at the below annual Festival Mass which bring together the members of various local Parish Conferences from local regions, for commissioning of presidents, recognition of service and to gather in prayer and fellowship.

**Date:** Sunday 16th October **Time:** 10.30am

**Place:** Our Lady of the Snows

2 Coronation Avenue, Bright

Followed by a gathering with lunch provided.

RSVP by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October to:

[Wangaratta.rc.pres@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:Wangaratta.rc.pres@svdp-vic.org.au) or  
[rosannehill@hotmail.com](mailto:rosannehill@hotmail.com)

## **World MS Day (30 May)**

World MS Day (30 May) brings the community together to share stories, raise awareness, and campaign with everyone affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The 'Connections' campaign is all about building community connection, self-connection and connections to quality care. It challenges social barriers that leave people affected by MS feeling lonely and socially isolated. It builds communities that support and nurture people affected by MS. It's about lobbying decision makers for better services and effective treatment for people with MS. Today, 2.8 million people around the world have MS, one of the most common diseases of the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). The loss of myelin (insulates nerves) affects the way nerves conduct electrical impulses to and from the brain. MS is 2-3 times more common in women than men, and most are diagnosed between 20 and 40 years. Symptoms can include blurred vision, weak limbs, tingling sensations, unsteadiness, memory problems and fatigue. There is no cure, but treatments can modify the course of the disease.

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.

In Australia the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is scheduled from May 29th to June 5th. This is the 114th year that Christian Churches across the world have celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Holy Father, Pope Francis is very dedicated to strengthening ecumenism, by frequently traveling and engaging with other Christian Churches. We are challenged to follow his lead.

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is:

We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him (Mt 2:2)

The following webpage provides some useful resources for Australian Christian communities to use during the week and over the year <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>.

## **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022**

On 26<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated NATIONAL SORRY DAY when we commemorate the Stolen Generation and we are now in NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK with the theme **BE BRAVE, MAKE CHANGE** – a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

### **COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE: DAILY STEPS TOWARDS RECONCILIATION**

Today I will treat everyone equally and fairly.  
Today I will respect the rights of others no matter who they are.  
Today I will be sensitive and thoughtful to those around me.  
Today I will see people and not colours or race or clothes labels.  
Today I will accept that everybody is unique and special in some way.  
Today I will talk to someone I don't usually talk to.  
Today I will speak out against racism, discrimination and injustice.  
Today I won't shut out someone because they don't fit with my group.  
Today I won't laugh at racist jokes.  
Today I won't make fun of someone who cannot speak English.  
Today I won't be condescending and patronising towards others.  
Today I won't judge someone on how they look.  
Today I won't start a sentence with "I'm not racist but..."  
Today I will speak out against racism, discrimination and injustice.

## **Social Justice & Advocacy Committee Forum**

***Understanding the effects of family & domestic violence– how Conferences can prepare to provide assistance.***

**DATE:** Tuesday 7 June

**TIME:** 11.00am to 12.00pm

**VENUE:** Zoom

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Felicity Rorke Executive Director, Good Samaritan Inn, Jarryd Pantazis Sunbury Community Health Centre, Rachel W Program Manager, Marian Community Specialist Family Violence Services, Registration: Tracey Thomas ([tracey.thomas@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:tracey.thomas@svdp-vic.org.au)) by close of business, 2 June