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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

It is probably stating the obvious, but the "ascension" of Jesus is a metaphor for the fact that Jesus is no longer with us in the flesh as he was two thousand years ago. He has returned to the Father. But he left us his spirit to "clothe us with power" and he promised to come again. We live in this in-between time. Our task is to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

In the gospels we witness an amazing reversal on the part of the disciples. There is a transformation of their understanding of who Jesus is. He died as a criminal under Roman law but he now sits at the right hand of God with all authority. Amazingly, the apostles "worshipped him".

Our readings today include the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke and the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. The same author wrote both. One is a continuation of the other. Luke the Evangelist confirms that Jesus showed himself many times to various people before he was taken up into heaven. This particular event of the Ascension is what we celebrate today in this Feast of the Ascension.

Next week we liturgically celebrate Jesus' presence among us through his Spirit with the Feast of Pentecost. These are the times we live in: between Jesus' return to the Father and his second coming at the end of time.

In this period we have a special mission. We are told not to be standing around as the men from Galilee did in the story. We are to get about the work of the Kingdom: to preach and to teach, to heal and to be people of hope. We are to make disciples of all nations and to baptise them in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As we do all this we know that Jesus is always with us, as he promised. We are not to hesitate, as some did, nor are we to waste our time "looking into the sky". It is the period to evangelize, as St. Paul and the other disciples and apostles did, as witnessed to in the Acts of the Apostles.

We do this by being aware of God at work in our world and in ourselves. It is God's world in the making. We try to do the little things well; to collaborate with grace. We treat others as we would have them treat us. And we also look for ways to make the world a better place to live in.

Let me conclude with St. Paul's prayer today:

"May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."

Fr Warren Kinne

***“The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.”
As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.***

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

On May 26, 1997, the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families, called the Bringing Them Home Report was presented. It included the sad and painful stories of the removal of thousands of Indigenous children from their families. The Report recommended that a Sorry Day should be held. A year later, 26 May 1998, over half a million people responded by signing Sorry Books and joining in ceremonies for the inaugural National Sorry Day.

In response to this, members of the stolen generations came up with the idea of ‘A Journey of Healing’, a community initiative of Indigenous and non-Indigenous working together to help all who suffer as a result of the removal policies. This year, a major part of the commemoration will be the unveiling of a national memorial in honour of those who have suffered under the removal policies and practices. This memorial will be unveiled at Reconciliation Place in Canberra at the end of May.

Immediately following National Sorry Day, or Journey of Healing as it is now called, is National Reconciliation Week. This week is framed by two very significant dates. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which over 90% of Australians voted to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Indigenous people and include the original inhabitants in the census. June 3 marks the 11-year anniversary of the High Court of Australia’s decision in the MABO case. The decision recognised the Native Titles Rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the original inhabitants of the land. It overturned the myth of “terra nullius”, that the country was empty prior to colonisation. The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year is: ‘Pathways to Reconciliation: Together We’re Doing It!’

RECONCILIATION WEEK PRAYER

Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of all things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
and the sufferings of Our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness.

We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures
Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love
one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the
sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so
that we may build a better future for our Nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to
bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of
life for all groups in our communities, especially the
disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your
Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we
build our families, our communities and our Nation, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group 13 March 1997
Brisbane, Qld).*

BAPTISM PARENT MEETING: Wednesday 12th June at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church. *For parents of children under 5yrs of age.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *This Sunday June 2, a further 56 children* will make their First Holy Communion .

We congratulate these young members of our family of faith and ask all parishioners to continue to pray for them and their families at this significant point in their lives.

ANOINTING MASS TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2019:



The next **Anointing Mass** will be held **Tuesday 4th June** in **Sacred Heart Church** commencing **at 10.00am**, and will be followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hospitality Centre.

SPCL members are asked to please bring a plate, and the **SPCL** Monthly Meeting will follow the Morning Tea.

ALL NIGHT ADORATION: All night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday at Sacred Heart Church from **7pm Friday 7th June to 7am Saturday 8th June**. All welcome. Enquiries: **Jim 0424 381 096** or **Helen 0421 935 678**.

“Could you not watch one hour with Me” Matthew 26:40

A PROUD MILESTONE: This year sees the **40th anniversary** of the establishment of **Saint Kevin’s School at Benowa**.

This event was celebrated with a Mass at the school last Thursday and along with the present school community, many past students, staff and parents were present.

On behalf of the Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish we offer our congratulations to all those, who over those years, have made this school a shining example of dedication and belief in the value of Catholic education. We have every reason to be proud of the three excellent Catholic educational institutions which grow and thrive each year, and are a vital part of our parish.

VENIRE RETREAT: 8TH TO 11TH JULY AT QCCC TAMBORINE.

This year our theme is “**VISION**”, where we will be looking at the scripture **ACTS 1: 9-10**, The Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to harm you, for I have many people in this city”. We will be breaking down this scripture over the four days and hope that the retreatants feel empowered to use the gifts that God has given them to be a light to the world. Vision will be during the second week of the June/July school holidays. **Cost is \$220 and is designed for High School students and young adults (12-25yr olds)**. For more information contact us at hello@venireyouth.com or Catherine on **0466 512 811**.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Jenny & Brian Johnson of Merrimac, for the week commencing **3rd June**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

AWAKEN PENTECOST RETREAT - HOLY SPIRIT CRUSADE:

To Register for this **Holland Park/Mt Gravatt Parish** event follow: tiny.cc/pentecostretreat or email registration@awaken.org.au
Archbishop Mark Coleridge to be the main celebrant at our Mass. **Sunday 9 June from 10.30am-8.30pm at Greek Orthodox Memorial Hall, 269 Creek Road, Mt Gravatt East.**

READINGS THIS WEEK: The Ascension of the Lord. Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 46-53

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Pentecost Sunday — Using Year A Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

FEAST DAYS: Mon 3rd: Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs; Wed 5th: St Boniface, bishop, martyr.

STEWARDSHIP: Ascension of the Lord: :

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fay Ardron, Baby Angel Dee Nipperess, Judith Anne O’Connor, Helen Dunn, Colm Doogan (Ireland), Angela Dunnion (Ireland), Lawson Price.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Therese Dean, Marijan Persic, Mavis Joseph, Patria Connor (NZ), Antonio Tanquintic.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Bill Webb (One of the 3 Wise Men at SM), Tommy Harris, Takahashi Niroshi, Sarah Clancy, Rachel Young-Pil, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Gareth Aucock, Clive Wright, Stephen Gallagher, Tricia Baumann, Warren Gardner, Terry King, Joanne Parkes, Kim Parkes, Cecilia Calligan, Angelita Freda, Norm Harding, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Raymond Bridge, Gerard Theron, Alan Krushka, Paul Kiely, Maria Trosic, Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Rosa Michael, Catherine Palin-Brinkworth, Bernie Seeto, Michelle MacDonald, Mark Miller, Julianne Conway, John Stowers, Frank Lyons (Syd), Gus Reeves, Savannah Mary Ayoub, John & Molly Robinson, Yvonne Lofthouse, Eileen McCarthy, Mary Kerr.

ART AND CRAFT GROUP: A big thank you to everyone who supported the **ART & CRAFT SHOW** held recently at the Robina Art Gallery. It was a wonderful success and the group are very happy to advise that we are able to distribute the proceeds of sales amounting to **\$2,725** to various charities including St Vincent de Paul, Single Mothers (*supported by the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies group*), Premature Babies, the Indian Mission and the Parish.

If you are interested in joining our Group on a **Wednesday morning**, please come along and share your craft or learn a new craft with our ladies and gentlemen. **9am in the Parish Hospitality Centre**. All welcome.

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS:

Welcome to Winter! No better time to turn within and curl up with a new and stimulating book. Archbishop Anthony Fisher’s new book, “**War and Terror, Peace and Hope**”, is about building community in Australian life. If you are interested in Youth Ministries and their success or lack of it - try “**The Art of Forming Young Disciples**”.

Father Agnigi comes from Nigeria. He has written about working in a suburban Australian Church and called his book, “**A Contemporary Missionary**”.

Another challenging read is “**How Can You Still Be Catholic**”, 50 answers to a good question!?! A book of essays about the women disciples of Jesus is “**Secrets of Mary Magdalene**” and finally we offer, “**Lifting the Burden**”, St Matthews’s Gospel applied to the Church today by Brendan Byrne.

Get your mind working - it will keep you cosy this winter!

RELIGIOUS GOODS: Buy you Baptism and First Holy Communion gifts at the Sacred Heart or St Vincent’s Religious Goods Shops. Greeting cards, holy cards, books, rosaries, statues and much more.

ANNUAL ST DYMUNA’S DAY CELEBRATIONS: Sat June 8 at St Patrick’s Church in the Valley, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley. Includes a Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick concelebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at 10.00am, followed by a free barbecue lunch, raffles, a lucky wheel and cake stall. This is the annual donation day for **Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care**. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3RD JUNE	4TH JUNE	5TH JUNE	6TH JUNE	7TH JUNE	8TH JUNE
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	10.00am SACRED HEART ANOINTING MASS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am	

**FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS,
PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE**

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church

Inquiries please phone - 3252 2200 for inquiries.

Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736

Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass, 2nd June 2019, 12noon at Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will continue at Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church

Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7:15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday 18th June @ 12 noon.

BRIDGE: Mondays 12 noon & Wednesdays 1pm PHC

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 20th June 2019.

SPCL: Next meeting Tuesday 4th June 2019

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$7 per session.

YOGA: Each Tuesday 10:45am \$10/Per Session.

divinaQ YOGA: Thursdays 6am PHC Mob 0435 721 258

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: 0421 607 397 \$12 session.

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

MARRIAGES: (Min 6mths notice required) Phone 5572 5433

BENEDICTION: 1st Friday 7:30am St Vincent's Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

CARE & CONCERN: Transport to Medical Apts: 0474 211 908

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: 2nd & 23rd June

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Tuesdays 10am (PO Prayer Room) & 6pm (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

COUPLES FOR CHRIST FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY AND LIFE:

Please phone Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY: 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 16th June.**

EXPOSITION: St Vincent's Church: Monday & Friday 6am; Thursday 9:00am Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm; 1st Friday 7pm 7th June to 7am Sat 8th June.

ROSARY: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am and Mondays & Fridays 6:25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass
Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

VENIRE YOUTH MASS: Sunday 23rd June at 6pm Sacred Heart

MARIAN VALLEY: Fatima Day, Thursday 13th June. Bus will leave CIW at 8.15am. Please contact Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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- Registering in parish
 Sacrament enquiry
 Youth
 Prayer request
 Roster availability
 Other: _____
 To commence parish planned giving program

PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 55 725 433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.