





## SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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**Ascension Sunday (B)**

**12th<sup>h</sup> May 2024**



### **From Deacon Rod's desk..... Not upward but forward.**

The New Testament is not interested in the mode by which the risen Jesus was transferred to the realm of glory. Luke uses assumption language from the Old Testament (Enoch and Elijah) as an image for the reality of the final withdrawal of the risen Jesus' physical presence from the assembled disciples.

It is instructive that Luke can present the same event in two different ways. In one place ([Acts 1:6](#)), it occurs on Easter night and is described simply as being taken up into heaven; whereas in another this final withdrawal occurs forty days later, with an array of what one scholar has called “apocalyptic stage props”—movement upward into the heavens, a cloud as vehicle, and interpreting angels. ([Lk: 24:1](#)).

This language recalls the transfiguration, looks forward to Pentecost, recalls Elijah, and points toward the Parousia. In a third account, in the appendix to Mark at [Mk 16:19](#), it is pictured as happening on Easter Sunday, at an indoor setting (“while they were at table”). Each account is a way of affirming that Jesus' final physical departure was a transition leading from the glory of the resurrection to the mission of the Church empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The accounts urge us not upward but forward.

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**      **6.00 pm Ascension Sunday (B)**  
**Sunday**      **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	9.10 am	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter
Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter
Wednesday	7.00pm	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter
<u>Thursday</u>	9.10 am	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter
<u>Friday</u>	9.10pm	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter
Saturday	6.00pm	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Confessions      Saturday:      5.00-5.30 PM

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.  
**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!  
**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
<b>18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Joaquim Mendes Thomas Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
<b>25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Most Holy Trinity</b>	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villarica	Phil Tonks Vinod Nagarajan	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
<b>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>	Herminia Villiarica Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Agnes Polu Fadi Antown
<b>8<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time</b>	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan	Jovita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar

**Mount Schoenstatt Marian May Devotions**

Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine to pray, sing and honour the Blessed Mother daily in the month of May. All are welcome to join the sisters for half hour May Devotions in the Shrine on Sunday to Friday at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 5.15pm. Learn more about the May devotions on their website <https://schoenstatt.org.au/> or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/>.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **Free English and Citizenship Classes**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000

### **Intensive Retreat: 17 – 22 May**

Join the MGL Sisters for Pentecost 2024 as we discover the depths of God's love through our Banquet Intensive and accept the invitation to radical intimacy with the Trinity. The retreat will be held from Friday 17 to Wednesday 22 May at Carmel House, Varroville. Feast on God's powerful love for you, open up to the gifts of the Spirit, savour times of powerful input, prayer, and practical workshops, and find the charismatic generosity of God unleashed in your own life of mission and discipleship. To register, please visit <http://www.trybooking.com/CN5XA>. For Enquiries, please contact [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Care Mamre Supported Playgroup**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on (02) 8843 2506.

### **Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals**

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact [bernard.ellis@catholiccarewbsm.org.au](mailto:bernard.ellis@catholiccarewbsm.org.au) by 15 June 2024.

*"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace."* - Pope Francis

### **St Patrick's Cathedral Mozart Concert: 17 May**

Let the full force of River City Voices carry you through Mozart's Requiem in D Minor – a testament of power, faith, awe and hope as the choir joins for the first time with the dynamic young Western Sydney Philharmonic at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Friday 17 May from 7.30pm. Tickets are \$60 for general admission and \$45 for concessions. To purchase ticket, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/mozart-s-requiem/tickets>

### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Pentecost Eve Gathering: 18 May**

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18 May at the Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road Seven Hills, for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, so please register via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>. Any enquires, please email [email@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:email@ccrnsw.org.au)

### **CHURCH CLEANING:**

18<sup>th</sup> May:

Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala