

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowiedjaja, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Antonia Simeone, George Voss,

Anniversary: Peter Baulman, Maria Binh Nguyen, Patrick Mulholland, Hermann Reinke, Eileen May Shannahan, Jessie Harriet Kerr, Arthur Falleiro, Jack Mitchell, Jaroslaw Mantoszko, Salvador De Guzman Sr., Peter Butler, Peter Cleary, James Brown, George Pinto, Mary Quinlan, Mary Semrany, Mick Carroll, Bernard Cudmore, Pasqualina Cuiuli, Thomas Boyle, Vito Luigina Carlucci, Victor Ladyga, Guido Ravagnani, Victor Litvensky, Dennis Lawler, Ida Wighton, Alan Garretty

PRAYER LIST for the SICK

Is the list above up to date? If your loved one is now well, please let us know by email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com. Thanks.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If you know someone is unable to come to Mass, but they want to receive Communion, please tell Fr Laurie.

Choir Practice

There will be choir practice on Thursday 20 May at 7.00pm in preparation for the 8.00am Mass on Sunday 23 May 2021. New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425-219-660.

Bus trip to Woronora Dam

Join us this **Tuesday 18 May 2021** on a bus Trip to Woronora Dam and surrounding area. 8.30am - join the bus for a 9.00am departure. Lunch will be provided, but drinks - extra. Still some seats on the bus. Cost \$30. Please contact Lorraine: 9724 9519



Supporting our Parish

There are many ways we can support our parish financially: 1) Offering envelopes/ Planned Giving Program (2) Online Donations via the website. (3) Cashless tap devices (4) Collection taken up during Sunday Mass. The 1st collection is for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish's expenses.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Youth Group: Ephesus

Have you ever wondered if the Resurrection is real? Join us this Sunday to find out! Bring a friend. Instagram: @smghephesus Contact: Grace Mokdassi gracemokdassi@gmail.com
See you at the 5pm Mass.

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Helping those in need.

We are helping our friends at the **House of Welcome** by asking for donations of **laundry powder**. Please place in the basket at the back of the church.
Thank you for your generosity.



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm
(Preceded by Holy Hour - 5pm)
Wednesday - Friday: 9am
(Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am)

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

16 May 2021 – The Ascension of the Lord - Year B



Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the HOLY SPIRIT one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

May - the month of Mary

May is traditionally the month of Mary. We will be honouring Mary by having Rosary and Benediction Fridays of May at 7.00pm.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal - this weekend 15/16 May
Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal for 2021 will be held this weekend. The CWF is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. **Donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.**

Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021.

Lesson 1 this week – Monday 6.00pm or Wednesday 6.30pm nights. If your child is not enrolled and you want them to be, please contact Fr Laurie asap. Children must attend Mass every weekend during the program. Please help your children by sitting closer to the altar so they can see better and really feel they are part of our Eucharistic celebration.



National Count of Mass Attendance

We will be counting the congregation again this weekend during the second collection. This will be done for statistical purposes throughout Australia for future planning.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. 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 and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of 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!

Gospel

Mk 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned.

These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please pray for the parents of children
preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation.
May they help their children understand that
we believe in a very forgiving God.*

Reflection

Resurrection for the whole cosmos

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

- Fr Michael Tate

Next Week: Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-23