



Catholic Diocese of Bunbury • Oblates of Saint Joseph
HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Year B

Sunday 16 May 2021

A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.



**The Ascension of the Lord, Year B
Sunday, 16 May 2021**

First Reading:
Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading:
Ephesians 1:17–23

Gospel Acclamation:
**Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always,
until the end of the world.
Alleluia!**

Gospel:
Mark 16:15–20

Communion Antiphon:
**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

The End is the Beginning

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. *Mark 16:15–16*

We celebrate today one more step in the completion of the mission of the Son of God. Humanity had sinned at the beginning of time and fallen from the Original Innocence. God immediately began to prepare the world for the gift of eternal redemption by establishing a covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses. He raised up various prophets and kings to further prepare His people for what was to come. And then, when the time was right, God entered our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, eventually entered into His public ministry, teaching, performing miracles, gathering the faithful to Himself, dying, rising, and then appearing to His disciples in preparation for the Ascension. The Ascension completes the mission of the Son of God, and today we honor that one definitive moment when God the Son, in His transformed and resurrected Human nature, ascends by His own power to the Father, bringing with Himself our humanity so that all humanity may ascend with Him.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, we must first see all that led up to that moment and seek to unite ourselves with all of those preceding events. We must listen to the words of the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. We must especially listen to the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament and embrace His words without hesitation. And we must unite ourselves with His own death, dying to sin, so that we may also share in His Resurrection. Today, we must further see the invitation we are all given to ascend with Jesus to the Father. We must understand that where Jesus has gone, we are invited to follow if we only believe, embrace, and live all that took place leading up to this glorious moment.

The Ascension was the end of Jesus’ life on Earth but also the beginning of our sharing in the life of Heaven. As Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go forth and “preach the gospel to every creature.” They were to preach to all about the saving plan of God that began at the time of Adam and Eve and was completed with the Ascension.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to not only share in this glorious moment of the Ascension of Jesus but also your calling to go forth and to do all you can to draw others into this new life. Reflect upon Jesus, Who also speaks to you today to invite you to bring others to that mountain. By teaching friends, family and all with whom God has entrusted to you to share the Gospel, you fulfill Christ’s mission to “go into the whole world” to gather the scattered people into the one fold of Christ so as to ascend with Him one day into eternity.



Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for everyone at home and around the world who have been affected by the Corona Virus Pandemic; those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONTLINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders, that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make.

We pray for the special intentions:

Wendy Stephens, Lillian Pauley, Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Maurice Byrne, Julian Letter, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Sue Dechow, Victor Cruz, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard

If you have a loved one who wishes to be included, or you would like to update your information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.

Anniversary of Death for this Month: John & Maria Meuzelaar, Emilia Bemben, Emmet Donovan, Anthony Nguyen

Recent Death: Janina Joswiak

ROSARY STATUES:

Pilgrim Statue
Julian & Anne Letter

Filipino Statue
Wilma & Ivor Ward

Our PARISH OFFICE is now OPEN

Our Parish Office will be open ONLY on Friday from 9.00am until 12noon. During all other times, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: **(08) 9841 1129**

Email: **albacath@iinet.net.au**

PARISH FINANCE

Your donation can make a big difference.

OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms are available from the parish office.

OPTION 2:

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish
BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771
Reference: Your Name-Planned Giving

Last Weekend's Collections

Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

1st Collection: \$1,280.00
2nd Collection: \$1,155.00
Direct Debit / EFT: \$27.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 23 MAY 2021

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galations 5: 16-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

Rosters

Saturday 6pm Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Peter Nagon
Readers: Helen Polette, Steph Gorman

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Stan Bemben
Readers: Anna McHale, John Kelly

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon/ Acolyte: Ron Webb
Readers: Anne Smith, Christine Liau

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Mike Matusiak
Readers: Nathan Farley, William Pauley

Liturgy and Sacraments

The Australian Catholic University Centre for Liturgy is holding an online Public Lecture via Zoom, to be presented by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin.

“Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration”.

When: Monday 17 May

Time: 8.00am - 9.30am

Where: New Camfield

No individual registration is needed, however an RSVP to Fr Chris would be appreciated.

Catholic Women's League

May Meeting will be on Tuesday 17th May at 1.00pm in New Camfield to celebrate WUCWO week. Ladies of the parish most welcome.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is often called ‘The Birthday of the Church’ as in Acts 2 we read of the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples as tongues of fire.....full of the Spirit, working in and through them, the Good News of God’s love began to be known to all people.



As our Church uses the colour Red to symbolise the fire of the Holy Spirit, all parishioners are invited to wear something RED to Mass next weekend, May 22-23.

Pentecost Sunday provides a special reminder for Godparents and those who have been Sponsors for the Sacraments, of their role. It is an opportunity to remember and pray for our Godchildren and those for whom we have provided support on their journey toward full membership of our Church.

Pentecost Vigil Mass

6.00pm Saturday 22 May

First Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 22-27

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 7: 37-39



Calling all Musicians and Singers

We invite you to join the Holy Family Parish Children's Choir!
(Joseph Mareello Choir)
Under the direction of Angela Gorman we provide the Music Ministry for 2 Masses each month
(You can choose 1 or both Masses to join in!)

We rehearse 30 minutes prior to each of those Masses

For dates and additional information, or to register your interest, please contact Angela Gorman on **0407389751**
angelabendotti@hotmail.com

The choir is open to any child from Year 1 to Year 6.

We'd love to see you!

Mother's Day Raffle

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who supported the Holy Family Youth Group Mother's Day Raffle. We raised \$500 through ticket sales and very generous donations. The winners were:



1st Prize Rachael Keenan

2nd Prize C Rule

3rd Prize Stef Hanlon

Simone Meuzelaar: *Youth Coordinator*

Firewood for Sale

The firewood collected from the Woodman's Retreat is now available for purchase by parishioners. Money received will be a donation to the parish for ongoing maintenance to both churches. The wood (Yate) is dry and split, so no further chopping is required.

If you're interested in a load of firewood or further details please contact Peter Yuswak: 0437 844 721 or Julian Letter: 0427 258 230



PARISH COMMUNITY

Catholic Women's League

Meet: Monthly, Third Tuesday
Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Jenny Dul
Mobile: 0438 241 100

Knights of the Southern Cross

Meet: Monthly, First Wednesday
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Steve Amato
Mobile: 0409 370 414
Contact: Mike Matusiak
Mobile: 0457 064 154

Legion of Mary

Meet: Weekly, Thursday
Time: 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Anne Letter
Mobile: 0447 258 232

Men's Fellowship Group

Meet: Monthly, Second Saturday
Time: 8.00am - 9.45am
Place: Venue Varies
Contact: Michael Collins
Mobile: 0428 746 734

Sewing & Craft Group

Meet: Bi-Monthly,
Second & Fourth Monday
Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Helen Anderson
Mobile: 0427 108 810

Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea

Place: Stella Maris Centre
Princess Royal Drive, Albany
Contact: Marilou Lomas
Mobile: 0423 866 932

St Vincent de Paul

Meet: Bi-Monthly
Second & Fourth Friday
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Place: 17 Chevalier Street, Albany
Contact: Anne Smith
Mobile: 0478 616 137

CONTACT REGISTER

Places of Worship have now been given an exemption from the 2 square metre ruling and allowed to have 100% capacity in attendance. However, to assist with COVID-19 Contact Tracing the WA Government has stipulated we must maintain a **Mandatory Contact Register**. There are 2 options available to register your contact details each time you attend church.

Option 1: Write your name and phone number on the Contact Register in the foyer of the church.

Option 2: Download the SafeWA app on your phone and scan the QR code which is on the posters displayed.

I ask everyone to please still strictly observe the following:

- **Sanitise your hands thoroughly.**
- **COMMUNION is to be received by the hand.**
- Sanitising wipes are available to wipe over your seat.
- **MASS COLLECTION:** A collector will use a basket on a stick to refrain from passing the basket. In **St Joseph's Church**, we will only have one collection so you may include your Planned Giving Envelopes with the first. At **Holy Family Church**, we will still have the two collections.

Thank you for your kind understanding! Fr Chris, OSJ

OUR TIMETABLE

DAILY MASSES

In St Joseph's Church ONLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: 9:00am Mass

Friday: 12:00noon Mass

First Friday of the month: Healing Mass

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Mon, Wed and Thurs: 8:30am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday: 8:30am ROSARY

**Friday: 10:00am Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament;
Divine Chaplet before the Mass**

Saturday: 9:45am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Thursday of the month: 6:00pm Holy Hour

Third Sunday of the month: 3:00pm Benediction and Rosary

St Joseph's Church is open for personal prayer and devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.

WEEKEND MASSES

Holy Family Church

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

St Joseph's Church

Sunday 7:30am

Sunday 5:00pm

STATION MASSES

Gnowangerup

2nd & 4th Sunday: 9:30am

Bremer Bay

3rd Sunday: 9:30am

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2nd Sunday: 11:30am