

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Ascension of the Lord

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Luke is the only Gospel writer to give a forty-day time frame for the events of Easter:

Stage 1. The risen Jesus is present with his disciples for forty days, confirming their faith and preparing them for their future mission. This time is followed by Jesus' return to his Father.

Stage 2. Ten days later, the Spirit comes upon the disciples.

You might also notice that Luke in fact gives us two different times for Jesus' Ascension. In Luke 24, Jesus gathers his disciples on the same day as the Resurrection. All the events in Luke 24 are situated on the first day of the week. Then, in the Acts of the Apostles, also written by Luke, he provides a longer time-frame that separates Easter, the Ascension, Pentecost.

This fifty day time frame, found in the Acts, may well be governed by the Jewish liturgical calendar where the Feast of Pentecost or 'First Fruits' occurs fifty days after Passover (Easter). Within the Jewish Liturgy, Pentecost/First Fruits celebrates the arrival of the Israelites at Mt Sinai, following their escape from Egypt and crossing the Sea, which was celebrated at Passover.

The Ascension celebrates Jesus returning to God and his glorification at God's right

hand. It is a further dimension of the Easter experience that Jesus has triumphed over evil and death, and his humanity is now within the Godhead. The Ascension also celebrates an experience of the early Christian communities. There was a time when they knew Jesus of Nazareth. He lived among them and they were attracted by his vision of God's reign. Then, following his death, there were brief moments of his presence. But there came a time when even these Risen appearances finished. The time of the Jesus bound by human history had come to an end.

And yet, when they gathered to share their memories and to celebrate the Lord's Supper, they knew that he was still a presence in their midst. In fact, in the absence of Jesus of Nazareth, they had a new certainty of faith and an enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel message. This empowering and enlivening presence they called the Spirit, drawing on the words of their Jewish Scriptures that described the power of God's Spirit in people's lives. The Greek word for the power of the Spirit is *dunamis*, from where we get words such as 'dynamic' and 'dynamite'.

With the new experience of the Spirit as a power and presence in their lives, Jesus' return to his Father is not a cause of grief but one of joy, for now people of all times can share the experience of those first disciples. The Risen Jesus lives on with us. Alleluia.

The reading from Hebrews moves from the Greek image of the exaltation in heaven, to the Jewish image of Jesus now present with God in the Temple's inner sanctuary, the Holy of Holies. The anonymous author likens Jesus' ascension into Heaven, to the Jewish High Priest entering once every year into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle the blood from the lamb sacrificed for atonement from sin. This letter's theology is that through Christ's death, sin has been vanquished so that now there is no need for further sacrifices. Because of him, we now have the right/privilege of coming into God's presence.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Deb Hegarty
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	Antonia Chandra
	Counters	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	Colleen & Pat Lowry

Parish Calendar		
May Mon 30	8.00am	Communion Service (Seventh week of Easter) Church
Tue 31	8.00am	Mass (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
June Wed 1	8.00am	Mass (St Justin) Church
Thu 2	8.00am	Mass (Seventh week of Easter) Church
Fri 3	8.00am	Mass (Charles Lwanga & companions) Church
Sat 4	8.00am	Mass (Seventh week of Easter) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Pentecost Sunday Year C) Church
Sun 5	7.30am	Mass (Pentecost Sunday Year C) Church
	9.00am	Mass (Pentecost Sunday Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Pentecost Sunday Year C) Church



2022 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation

6.30pm Friday, 10 June 2022

Commitment Mass Completed

First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 11 September 2022

Commitment Mass 6pm 30 July 2022

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12pm

Saturday, 29 October 2022

Commitment Mass 6pm 15 Oct 2022

Special Ministers Roster (Old or New)

We are considering using Special Ministers on Saturdays 6.00pm and Sundays 7.30am and 9.00am Masses and rosters are being prepared for the next six months (July - December 2022)

If you would like to assist, please put your name on the list provided in the foyer. Training will be provided for new Special Ministers.

Old & New Readers

We are in the process of preparing a roster for July - December 2022 at all Masses. We need more volunteers and if you would like to assist, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer.

If you have not read before, there will be training before you do it for the first time.



Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers Online

We invite ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) to attend an online safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

To register please visit:
www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au or phone 9221 7762

Available dates are:

Friday, 03 June 2022 at 10.00am
Tuesday, 14 June 2022 at 7.00pm
Thursday, 30 June 2022 at 1.00pm

Geraldton Pilgrimage

The Goan association with the Hawes Heritage Events is holding a Hawes Heritage Trail Pilgrimage from 25th August to 27 August 2022. Monsignor John Hawes arrived in Geraldton in 1915 and worked initially in several outback parishes before being assigned to the Mullewa Parish. During his time with the Geraldton Diocese, as well as ministering as a priest, he designed 44 buildings, 29 of which were built. St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Geraldton is one of his creations. Today his buildings are being restored and a Heritage Centre (Monsignor Hawes Heritage Inc) exists to make him better known to Australians. As well as visiting Hawes Heritage Trail sites, the Pilgrimage will include visits to the Kalbarri Skywalk, the Pink Lake, and will take in the local wildflowers. For a brochure on the two- and half-day pilgrimage and registering procedures please contact Adolph de Sousa mob 0413129707 or email adolphdesousa@hotmail.com For more information on John Hawes visit www.monsignorhawes.com

Planned-Giving 2022/2023

Dear Parishioners, we would like to thank you for your continuous financial support of your parish and priest. Due to COVID-19 we have not been taking up First and Second Collections and the income has been reduced though we are still managing due to constrain in spending. It is great that quite a number of parishioners have taken up Electronic Fund Transfer and Direct Debit in the Planned-Giving. We would like to have more parishioners to follow this path of Planned-Giving and it would help with the running of your parish.

We have now employed a parishioner, Vinita Rai, to run our administration, so that Father Pat would be able to concentrate in his pastoral ministry. For the moment she is working 3 days, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday for 3 hours each day, and she has generously accepted the minimum wages offered to her but we would like to see that she gets a fair wage in the near future. We can only do this if we increased our income. So we are asking those who are not giving regularly or have not been giving to support your parish financially and to consider to be part of our Planned-Giving.

Basil Conti, Chairperson of Finance Committee

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. 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.
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.
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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

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

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Reflection for Young People By Greg Sunter

Questions for Adolescents

Q. In what way does Jesus make sure that the disciples (and we) aren't left feeling abandoned?

Q. Why was the Ascension a 'necessary' event?

Q. In what ways are you able to be 'a witness' of Jesus?

Q. Why is it really impossible to be a believer but not a witness?

Next Sunday Readings

5 June 2022

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26



Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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