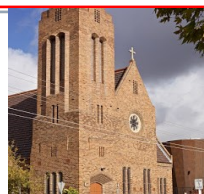


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Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am;
 Friday 11am (Mass & Exposition); Tuesday 7.30pm (Mass & Novena)
Sunday Masses: English: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
 Chin - Burmese: Sunday 2.30pm; Tongan: TBC
 Vietnamese: Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7pm



MASS INTENTIONS

17-23 May 2026

Sat 5.30pm For improvement of eyesight
 Sun 9.00am Fr Patrick Fennessy (+17.03.1973)
 First Parish Priest 1927-35
 10.30am Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving:
 Marciano & Leonora Boongaling
 5.30pm *Pro Populo*
 Mon 9.00am All Souls
 Tues 7.00pm Thanksgiving to St Joseph
 Wed 9.00am Santino Amati RIP
 Thur 9.00am Raffaella's Intentions
 Fri 11.00am Parish Intention
 Sat 9.00am Souls in Purgatory

ADORATION

**Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament**

Fridays 12pm - 3pm

*Your invitation to come and
 spend some quiet time with
 the Lord.*



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Week 4	5.30 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	5.30 pm
Lectors	M. Boongaling	Althea D'Souza	Tongan Choir	Dong Nguyen
Extraordinary Ministers	Anita Mastroianni	Geraldine Williams	Jennifer Godfrey	Filipino Choir
Data Projector	Connie Sposato	Antoinette Spiteri	Tongan Choir	A. Ramat / Choir
Weekly Counting	John Francis & Michael Payne			

First Communion Mass 10.30am

**Our prayers unite today asking God's blessing on the Children making
 their First Communion. May the presence of Jesus grow in their lives.**

Ascension Sunday Scripture Reflection

By Rev. Dr Brian Boyle EV

The time between resurrection and ascension were not idle days for the risen Lord and his disciples. Christ spent this time further instructing them about the meaning of his death and resurrection and preparing them for the coming of the Spirit.

We find accounts of the ascension of Christ in Mark's gospel and especially in the writings of Luke, in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles.

The key emphasis of the accounts of the ascension is not on the physical departure or absence of Christ but rather on his status of divine intercession now with the Father: Christ sits at God's right hand. Our attention should not be on the literal nature or otherwise of this narrative but rather on Christ's return to the Father, as our intercessor.

Two key experiences of the early Christian community come together, as it were, in the ascension of Christ: first, the community becomes aware that the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus have become less frequent and in fact have ceased, and second, the community experiences more and more the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that he would have to depart in order for the Spirit to come.

The conclusion the community draws, therefore, is that Christ has gone back to heaven. Ascension is their way of expressing this truth. John's Gospel does not use the word "ascension" nor is there a narrative of Christ's ascension as we find, for example, in Luke's writings. However, John arguably has the best theology of ascension in the New Testament writings with his theme of Jesus having come from the Father and returning to the Father, a key theme of the Gospel and developed at some length in the farewell discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper.

In Luke's account of the ascension in Acts Christ says to the gathered disciples: "... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and then you will be my witnesses". These are powerful words. The departure of Jesus means the disciples become empowered witnesses. The emphasis is on being a witness.



*** ANOINTING MASS - 11.00am Friday 12 June - Feast of the Sacred Heart**

*** KNEELERS** - The reupholstered pads will return this week. Thanks to the volunteers who helped to take off and who will come after work to reconnect with wooden kneeler

Child Safety Reminders: *Parents please accompany your child if they need to leave the church building. Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.*
Our parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and the vulnerable.

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