

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**24 May 2020**

**Year A**  
**#26.20**

### **From the Assistant Pastor.....**

#### **Ascension of our Lord**

What we celebrate on Sunday is our destiny. We feel that the completion of Jesus' story is the goal of our lives, the complete and final fulfilment of our heart, which we call "Heaven." Our hearts were not made for this earth; nothing here on earth will ever satisfy us fully. We will never be completely at home here, for our true home is elsewhere.

Ascension is not the end of the story. He also gave his disciples, his followers the task of completing his work, by preaching the Good News to the rest of the world.

In his book 'The song of the Bird, Anthony de Mello tells this story. He puts it in the first person to give it added impact. He says:

On the street I saw a small girl cold and shivering in a thin dress with little hope for a decent meal. I became angry and said to God. ' why do you permit this? For a while God said nothing. That night he replied quite suddenly, ' I certainly did something about it. I made you` .

De Mello`s story makes the same point that today`s feast does. On the day of his ascension 2000 years ago, Jesus passed on to us the responsibility of completing the work that he began on earth. He passed on to us the responsibility of completing God`s kingdom on earth. You and I, in this church today share this responsibility. Not one of us is exempt. And Jesus is counting on us. But each one of us must decide how we can best carry out our part in this responsibility.

Let us close with a prayer: Lord Jesus on this feast of your ascension into heaven, give us new eyes to see your face in the faces of those who are in need. Give us new ears to hear your voice in the voices of those who cry out in pain. Give us new tongues to tell your story to those who have never heard it. Give us new hearts to share your love with those who have not experienced it.

**Love and Blessings,**  
**Michael msc**

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

## **COVID-19 Updated Protocols**

Our Church doors are open 8:30am 5:00pm for private prayer.

We are limited to 10 people in the church at any one time.

Register your name, contact number and time you were in the church.

Please practice physical distancing at all times.

Use Hand Sanitizer when entering and leaving.

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# Reflection

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## Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

The message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught, the apostles and evangelists.

He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do.

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost. Together we await the fullness of this body.

Resources used: *Reflection*, Dianne Bergant CSA,  
*Reflection*, Greg Sunter

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Ascension

Jesus told his disciples:

It is for your own good that I am going to my Father, because I go to prepare a place for you, and to send you the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who will teach you everything [Jn. 16:7].

The role of Jesus in heaven is the role of a mediator who never ceases to plead on our behalf and to cry aloud for God's mercy upon us:

Mediator between God and humanity [1Tim. 2:5].

"Jesus entered heaven itself, so that he could appear in the presence of God on our behalf" [Heb. 9:24].

Knowing our weakness and the dangers we incur here below, he asks without ceasing for the graces we need: living forever to intercede for us [Heb. 7:25].

Why? Because it is his wish that we may one day possess the throne he has prepared for us. Since his Heart is full of love for us, let us ask him to bless and protect us.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Méditations p. 609f, Issoudun 1891)

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## May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

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## Stewardship

We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

Like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles "to be God's witnesses... to the ends of the earth," not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

[Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

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## "Be on earth the Heart of God"

# Parish News.....

## TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

We have gaps in all of our ministries and we need new volunteers.

We need our rosters prepared and organized for when we all gather again for Mass.

Please contact the parish office for further information.

The ministry commitment period is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

We are celebrating Mass at 9:30am each weekday. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office.

## KIT @ KIPPAX

### Contributions to KIT

Thank you for your contributions to KIT. Please keep them coming. Thank you.

### CALLING KNITTERS @ SJA KIPPAX

Vinnies Night Patrol is seeking your assistance with

### Scarves, Beanies and Gloves.

You may have wool that you could knit up to keep others warm this winter.

If you are not a knitter you may consider donating an item.

Please leave items in the blue box in the Church foyer. Many thanks

For more information, contact Sabina Van Rooy mobile 0428329951 or email [sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com](mailto:sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com)



**Donations to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using Qkr.**

Download the app through the app store on your mobile phone. Contact the parish office for more information.

Let us pray for those who are sick.  
We remember them in our Masses.

**Recently Deceased:** Caleb Shaw, Win Carter, Terry Staniforth, John Toy

**Anniversary:** Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boyldew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Mary Harrison, Ruby Molloy, Kevin McAlister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack, Maxwell Harmer, Anna Pisciotta, Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynch, Wally Chymko, Eric Duve, Margaret Coker-Godson, Olga Sarran, Terry Sheppard.

*We are aware that we have a number of parishioners who are living with a terminal illness. We pray for them, their loved ones and their carer's. May God's love and courage sustain them through their illness and in their hour of need. Amen*

### VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

Thursday 18 June 2020.



our parishioner Ted Kell

is participating in the **SLEEPOUT** this year.

To donate go to

**SLEEPOUT™** [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au) and donate using his particular reference.

### Vinnies Winter Appeal



is being replaced by the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. Donations can be made online at [www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal) or by calling 13 18 12. Donations may be made at the Parish Office as well. Contact Mike for more information – 0419818410



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## Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

please contact the parish office for more information.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

## PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

### SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



**Hearing Loop:** in the central body of the church.



**TAP & GO** - The donation amount is set at \$10.

As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt

## RESPONSE TO THE 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!

## Readings – 31 May 2020

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm	Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading	1 Cir 12:3-78, 12-13
Gospel	John 20:1-23

## 31 May Reading Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## 31 May Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## 31 May Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	18 May	
Grounds	23 May	
Counting:	24 May	
Church Cleaning:	18 May	

## On a Lighter note



"That's it sorted then - this year we'll spend a fortnight in the spare bedroom."