



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Year of St Joseph - Pray for us



SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2021

Lessons for Confirmation continue on the following days for EXTERNAL SCHOOLS

Wednesday 19th, 26th May & 2nd June at 4pm & Saturday 22nd May, 29th May & 5th June at 4:30pm.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for - St Joseph's Primary School Sunday 13th June 2021 – 1pm & 3pm & External Schools also – 1pm & 3pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion Dates for - St Joseph's Primary School, Saturday 14th August 2021 – 12pm noon & Sunday 15th August 2021 – 12pm noon. Enrolment & Lesson times TBA from the school.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for - External Schools Saturday 28th August 2021 – 12pm noon Enrolment day for External Students Only Wednesday 21st July at 4pm—5pm in Parish Meeting Room & Thursday 22nd July at 4pm—5pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Enrolment forms & lesson times listed on parish website.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Dates for - St Joseph's Primary School, Tuesday 16th November 2021 – 4pm & 5:30pm & Wednesday 17th November 2021 – 4pm. Enrolment & Lesson times TBA from the school.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Dates for External Schools - Wednesday 17th November at 5:30pm Enrolment day for External Students Only Wednesday 20th October at 4pm—5pm in the Parish Meeting Room & Thursday 21st October at 4pm - 5pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Enrolment forms & Lesson times listed on the parish website.



From Archbishop Anthony

Traditionally we dedicate the month of May to our Mother Mary and to praying the Rosary. It's a prayer we often turn too in difficult times and Pope Francis has launched a Rosary Marathon throughout the month of May as we unite with fellow Catholics around the world in a global prayer to end the pandemic.

In a real honour for the Church in Sydney Pope Francis has announced St Mary's Cathedral will host the Rosary Marathon on Sunday 16 May at 6pm. I warmly invite you to join with me in a prayer through the intercession of Our Lady at this time. Our specific prayer intention is for all the victims of violence and human trafficking. If you are unable to attend the Rosary prayers at St Mary's Cathedral in person, the prayers will be livestreamed on the [St Mary's Cathedral You Tube channel](#)

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE - VISIT ST JOSEPH CHURCHES AROUND SYDNEY IN 2021

We are so very excited to invite you all to join us on our Year of St Joseph Pilgrimage! As a spiritually rewarding way to commemorate this, the Year of St Joseph - teachers, staff, students, families and Parishioners from St Joseph's Enfield are invited and encouraged to become pilgrims and join us on a very special Year of St Joseph Pilgrimage by visiting the many Churches named after St Joseph in and around Sydney. A Pilgrim Passport with all the information you need is available in the basket under the statue of St Joseph near the Baptismal Font. The Passport includes information on each of the St Joseph Churches (called "Pilgrim Stops"). You will also find links on the Parish website under (Community Initiatives) to an interactive Google Map and a Padlet where you can share photos. Make it a fun family or group as part of your Year of St Joseph devotional activities. Go to Mass at different Churches each week! Just check in advance what the COVID requirements are!

SYDNEY CITY PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA - Sunday 23 May 2021

Commences 3.00pm from St Peter's Surry Hills with a pilgrim blessing and then on to St Mary's Cathedral for the 5.00pm Solemn Choral First Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact the Servants of Mary Help of Christians or Steven Buhagiar from the Archdiocesan Life Marriage and Family team if you require more information.

Pope Francis 13.05.18 Regina Caeli, St Peter's Square Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, in Italy and in many other countries, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is being celebrated.

This Solemnity embraces two elements. On the one hand it directs our gaze toward heaven, where the glorified Jesus is seated at the right hand of God (cf. Mk 16:19). On the other, it reminds us of the mission of the Church: why? Because Jesus, Risen and Ascended into heaven, sends his disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Therefore, the Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts to us.

It is what we are invited to do in the day's Gospel passage, in which the event of the Ascension occurs immediately after the mission that Jesus entrusts to the disciples. It is a boundless mission — that is, literally without boundaries — which surpasses human strength. Jesus says, in fact: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). The task which Jesus entrusts to a small group of common men lacking great intellectual capacity seems truly too bold! Yet this small company, insignificant compared to the great powers of the world, is sent to bring the message of Jesus' love and mercy to every corner of the earth.

But this plan of God can be accomplished only with the strength that God himself grants to the Apostles. In this sense, Jesus assures them that their mission will be supported by the Holy Spirit. And he says this: "you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This is how this mission was able to be accomplished, and the Apostles began this work which was then continued by their successors. The mission that Jesus entrusted to the Apostles has continued through the centuries, and continues still today: it requires the cooperation of all of us. Each one, in fact, by the power of the Baptism that he or she received, is qualified in turn to proclaim the Gospel. Baptism is precisely what qualifies us and also spurs us to be missionaries, to proclaim the Gospel.

The Lord's Ascension into heaven, while inaugurating a new form of Jesus' presence among us, calls us to keep eyes and hearts open to encounter him, to serve him and bear witness to him to others. It is a matter of being men and women of the Ascension, that is, those who seek Christ along the paths of our time, bringing his word of salvation to the ends of the earth. On this journey we encounter Christ himself in our brothers and sisters, especially in the poorest, in those who suffer in their very flesh the harsh and humiliating experience of old and new forms of poverty. As at the beginning the Risen Christ sent his Apostles with the power of the Holy Spirit, so too does he send all of us today, with the same power, so as to establish concrete and visible signs of hope. Because Jesus gives us hope. He went to heaven and opened the gates of heaven and the hope that we will reach it.

May the Virgin Mary who, as Mother of the dead and Risen Lord, enlivened the faith of the first community of disciples, help us too to "lift up our hearts", as the Liturgy exhorts us to do. And at the same time may she help us to keep our "feet on the ground", and to bravely sow the Gospel in the practical situations of life and of history.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

22/23 May	SAT 5:30pm	SUN 9am	SUN 10:30am	SUN 6pm
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Domenic	Kevin
1st Reader	Maria	Tania	Monique	Chris
2nd Reader	Lalita	Rose T	Anne	Simran
EMHC	NOT REQUIRED AT THE MOMENT			
Music Alive	Julie & Choir	Justine & Choir	Tony & Choir	Mass
Altar Servers	Grace Niamh, Patrick & Dan	Vol	Vol	Patrick, Grace Mary & Louis
Wardens	Patrick	Rocco	Frank	Frank
Counters	NOT REQUIRED AT THE MOMENT			
Ministers To the Sick	Home Visits - Gladys T Clover Lea — ON HOLD Alwyn — ON HOLD			
Cleaning (24/30 May)	Liz & Tim			



Mary, Mother of God, first disciple of your Son, and spiritual Mother of us all, pray for us that we will say yes to life with the same readiness you did. Lay us at the feet of Jesus, and inspire us to treasure and ponder your Son with you. Cover us with your mantle of protection from those who are evil and those who do evil. Amen. Hail Mary +

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Parish Office Hours of Administration

Tue, Wed, Thur, Frid
9am - 3pm

Fr. Kim is not available on Mondays.

Fr. Kim is open to suggestions either face to face or via email only.

Catechist Co-ordinator

Margaret Drake
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Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
Family Mass Sunday 10.30am
Mon - Frid: 9.15am
Sat: 9am

Sacraments

Reconciliation
Mon-Fri 9am
Sat 4.30pm - 5:15pm

Baptism by appointment

2nd & 4th Sun of the Month at 12 noon

Marriage - Frid, Sat & Sun

Contact Parish Office (at least 6 months notice is required)

Parish Devotions

Cenacle & Rosary
Every Monday 8am

Daily Prayer

Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

Rosary & Prayer

Tue, Wed, Thur & Frid
8.30am / Saturday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Mercy

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Adoration, Prayer's & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday Adoration

9:30am —10am

Healing Mass - First Friday of the Month.

Prayer Group - Every Wednesday 7pm

Statue of Our Lady

will continue to visit homes, Contact Rosina 0414 084 574

With St Joseph

we pray ...

For the sick

Theresa Franco

Antoniette Serci

Sean Da Silva

Alfonso Costantini

Joseph You

Rocob Shi

Haishong Andy Shi

Urban Fernandez

Beatrice Fernandez

Marilene Sawaf

Edmond Morris

Liv Bar Shalom

Michelle Simpson

Jason Simpson

Nick Di Nola

Felicissima Perea

Joanne Francis

Sonia Saade

Terry Franando

Derrick Chaves

Michael Tucker

Rachael Bartolotta

Alessia Lara Sharpe

Ellie Wild

Carmelo Iardo

Mary Olivija

Nathan Kemp

Rowena B Antonio

Zachary Marsh

Cherilyn Frances

Gaetano Currenti

Elizabeth

Rita Hammond

Francis Abbott

Ljuban Martinovic

Isabella Eva Rotunno

Margarette Clark

Marie Brady

Yuban Martinovic

Eduardo Nobrega

Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby

Cvetka Cvelic

Licia Heinein

Shirley Hofman

Clyde Crow

(Evie Howard known as Evelyn Topagian)

Josephine Attard

Cholo Caparros

Vincenza Torrisi

Megan Nelson

Pochulo Caparros

Ljuban Martinovic

Dr. Margaret McGarrity

Joseph Maroun

For the Souls of

Josephine Attard

Anna Scirocco

Michael Youakim

Maria Discusso

Mona Moran

Armando Gonnella

Maria Basile

Attilio Galiotto

Catherine Gentile

Rosa Alberga

Domenico Di Marino

Ronald Hickman

Souls of Unborn Children

All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Recently Deceased

Maria Blandino

Teresa Graziano

John Hawley

Walter Raymond Kelly

Marie Louise Charlton

Anniversary

Lucy

Special Intentions from

The Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield

GOSPEL

Mk 16: 15-20

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 will be 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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray,

that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OR II OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward

to where our nature is united with you.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CALLED TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS

As I write I'm in a transit lounge and, as it turns out, it's probably the most appropriate place from which to reflect on the feast of the Ascension which was a moment of great transition for the early church. As Jesus ascended the disciples were invited to leave behind what was known and familiar. Now the time had come to begin a new stage of the journey as they continued Jesus' mission. Many questions remained and they were uncertain about their ability to cope with the changes that lay before them. Jesus had proclaimed the coming of the kingdom. Now the task had been entrusted to them.

In a time of transition and change, we can all have the need for a point of reference that helps give direction and a sense of purpose. Paul writes from prison, bound and seemingly powerless, but he knows that the most powerful bonds for the Christian are those of love. For the Christians of Ephesus, the call is to be worthy of the vocation they have received, to grow in their baptism, and in their love and care for one another.

In a sense, the Ascension is something that happens to each and every individual Christian and community when we take up the task of preaching the gospel in our own time and place. We are still called to preach the good news of the kingdom, to carry on the task which Jesus has entrusted to us. There are still many questions in the life of the Church and there always will be.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

16 MAY 2021

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN. The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.



RESP 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. (or Alleluia!)

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28: 19, 20

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

COLLECT

P. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 of 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.

R. Thanks be to God.