



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

29TH MAY 2022 TIME YEAR C/2



A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

None of us can blame David for marrying our modern culture with an ancient story. In fact if some of us are honest, David's 'space shuttle Jesus' is not far from what we think as well.

The Ascension stories, however, are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven.

John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to: in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil – and even in our death.

Even though the writers of the New Testament are not too clear on the details of how the Ascension happened, what we initially see in this wonderful feast is not what we get. Thanks be to God, it's so much more.

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

ASHMORE:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY
8.00AM TO 4.00PM

SOUTHPORT OFFICE:
(ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9.00AM TO 4.30PM



SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to creating a safe working environment that fosters a culture of safeguarding and upholds the dignity and rights of each person. Vocation Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

St. Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses

7.00am & 8.30am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday 7.00am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Rosary 10.00am
Friday Mass 10.30am

Guardian Angels Church

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday Reconciliation 4.30pm

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm
Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am
Sunday 3.30pm Korean Mass

Prayers & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00noon – 1.00pm

Weekday Mass

Friday 12.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm
Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Guardian Angels Church
Saturday 4.30pm

SCL Revitalised

In once again uniting our parish community **Socially** after such a long Covid interruption and to utilise our Lumen Christi Centre at Labrador, **Southport Christian League (SCL)** is seeking parishioners who are able to offer a few hours per week teaching/managing any of the following activities:

Craft: Crochet, embroidery, or any other creative arts interests.

Exercise: Stretching, light yoga, aged movements, or any other physical practices that enhance better well-being.

Games: Card playing like 500, Bridge, Canasta, etc., board games such as mah-jong, scrabble, rummikin, etc., or any other interests that promote thinking, reasoning, or imaginative skills.

Get-togethers: Monthly events planned for our parish include Sunday morning teas after Mass with market tables (byo handicraft items to sell), Thursday bus trips e.g. to Tweed Heads for morning tea cruise, and Friday afternoon movies with wine and nibbles.

Embedded in our spiritual values, SCL now returns to assisting our clergy create a parish atmosphere whereby we listen to and action your suggestions, proposals, and ideas to grow your needs and desires for a warmly welcoming, inclusive, and evangelising Southport Catholic Parish (SCP).

In particular, we would also appreciate your thoughts related to growing our **Christianity** and nurturing **Learning**. **Through all three pillars, let us make SCP a supportive neighbourhood for everyone.**

Please contact Christine Wintour by mobile on **0431 630 446** or by email at **winlock2@hotmail.com**.

Marian Valley. Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.06.2022. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters.. The Cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573,. All are welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS. Please note that on the first Saturday of the month of **June only** the Mass will be at **8.30am** and not at 9.00am. at St Joseph the Worker Church, 44 Imperial Pde Labrador.



THE ROSARY. St Francis De Sales said “The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary” Thus, there is no better way to prepare for Mass and thank God before or after Mass than to pray together. “A Parish who prays together, stays together.” Please join us (see Parish Date Claimers on next page)



“The best way to pray the Rosary and which gives Almighty God the greatest glory, does the most for our souls and which the devil fears more than any other, is that of saying or chanting the Rosary publicly in two groups.” **St Louis De Montfort**

ST IGNATIUS' WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality presents Joan Chittister osb for the Toowong Parish's annual event celebrating women's spirituality.

Joan Chittister is a practical theologian and renowned author who has much to say on women's spirituality. Joan has written more than 50 books, including the recent *The Time is Now*. Joan's books will be available for purchase and she will be available to sign books following the event.

When: Friday 3 June 2022 **Time:** 7—9pm (AEST)
Where: Stuartholme School Chapel, 365 Birdwood Terrace, Toowong.

Tickets: \$35 each (Early Bird Special: \$30 each, for purchases until 30 April, 2022).

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BYQTJ

What is National Reconciliation Week?

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.



Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading – Genesis 11:1-9, - 2nd Reading – Romans 8:22-27
Gospel - John 7:37-39

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Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Southport Catholic Parish

Kerri Kleidon

Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Sheilah Barrett, Huia Rose

By request the names of our sick and deceased family & friends will be recorded in these books in each church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THESE BOOKS

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2022

UPCOMING EVENT

Rosary Please join in saying the rosary every **Monday and Wednesday 6.00 am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. **Tuesday & Thursday 8.00am** Mary Immaculate, Church, Ashmore.

Eucharistic Adoration at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on **Thursday from 7.45 till 8.45 am**. Rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and private prayer, followed by Mass.

Holy Hour at Guardian Angels Church, Southport - **Wednesday 12.00 noon - 1.00pm** silent prayer, hymns, rosary and spiritual reflections, benediction Confessions available on Wednesday only. Adoration **Friday from 11.30am**.

Novena at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador every **Wednesday at 6.00pm**.

1st Wednesday Rosary 6.00pm followed by Mass at **7.00pm**

First Saturday of each month, Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. (Rosary - **8.30am**) **9.00am** Mass. **PLEASE NOTE FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE MASS WILL BE AT 8.30AM**

Filipino Mass 1st Sunday of each month at **12 noon** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport.

Walking Group. St Joseph the Worker Church, Saturday at **6.30am**. contact Janece 0408 763 772.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS First Holy Communion in 2022

*****ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED*****

Please be advised that due to the Rite of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation First Rite, the Second Meeting for the First Holy Communion Program this Sunday, 29th of May has been **rescheduled to Sunday, 5th of June 10:15am** at Mary Immaculate Church after the 9am Mass.

SECOND MEETING:

**Thursday, 2nd June @ 4pm or
Sunday, 5th June at 10:5am (after 9am Mass)**

2nd Rite Reconciliation:

Tuesday, 7th June at 10am
(for **Guardian Angels' Student**) and

Tuesday, 7th June at 4pm
(for the **non-Guardian Angels Students**)

PRACTICE: Wednesday, 15th June at 4pm.

4pm - for all the candidates that selected to celebrate on Saturday, 18th of June (4:30pm)

4:30pm - for all the candidates that selected to celebrate on Sunday, 19th of June (9am)

5pm - for all the candidates that selected to celebrated on Sunday, 19th of June (5:30pm)

First Communion Ceremony:

Saturday, 18th June at 4:30pm
or Sunday, 19th June at 9am or 5:30pm Mass.

For any queries, pls contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222 or email her on MariaB@scp.org.au.



A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness. (Luke 24:46-53)



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~QUOTE~

"There is not a single thing that Jesus cannot change, control, and conquer because he is the living Lord." - **Frank Graham**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore,
let all give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love.
When he had purged our stains
he took his seat above. **R**

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THE GLORIA: (All Sung)

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, Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

Let All the Peoples

Refrain:

***Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord,***

Let all the peoples praise you.

***Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord,***

Let all the peoples praise you.

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord
and all the rulers of earth your glory,
when the Lord shall build Sion again,
coming in glory. Alleluia! **R**

Let this be written for ages to come,
peoples unborn may praise the Lord,
who has come down
from the sanctuary on high
to set the prisoners free. Alleluia! **R**

Sion shall hear the name of the Lord,
and God's praise
in the heart of the city.

Peoples and nations
shall gather to praise,
worshipping God our Lord. Alleluia! **R**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed apostles sing praise,
prophets and martyrs give glory,
“For your majesty, praise the Spirit,
praise the Son.”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

Micah's Theme

Refrain:

***Hear then what God asks of you,
to live justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God.***

I have come that you may have life
and have it to the full. **R**

Ask and you shall receive,
knock, and it shall be yours. **R**

Father, your kingdom come,
may your will be done. **R**

Take up your cross and follow me,
you shall share my life. **R**

I am with you always,
till the end of time. **R**

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

One Bread One Body

Refrain:

***One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more. **R**

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **R**

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REFLECTION

The Fullness of God

Deep in Christ I pray you know
the power he can give.
May your hidden self grow strong,
and may you live strong in faith
and built on love, until you know
how high and long, how wide and deep
the fullness of God.

May the God of Jesus Christ,
the Father we serve, fill your mind
that you may see, deep in your heart,

what hope his call now holds for you,
his promise true, to fill your heart
with power to live the fullness of God.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

A Hymn of Glory

A hymn of glory let us sing,
new hymns throughout the world
shall ring, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with the Virgin Mother see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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APOSTLES CREED

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,
(all bow)
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