

Update from Father Troy on the PPC

In late April, I said that I wanted us to rethink and look differently at the way our parish organises and communicates with each other. Since then, the PPC and I have been reflecting on this, and we have agreed to establish six groups within the Parish:

1. Liturgy and worship – including a particular focus on the major feasts
2. Faith formation and development – encouraging lifelong learning and growth in faith
3. Parish community and social activities – bringing us together as a community
4. Social Justice – living out our Christianity in the social challenges affecting Queanbeyan and the wider community
5. Laudato Si' – responding to the ecological crisis
6. Extension into Googong – finding new ways to do church in this emerging community

Two people from each group will then form the new Parish Community Council, ensuring that there is regular communication from the groups to the wider Parish community and that the groups work well together.

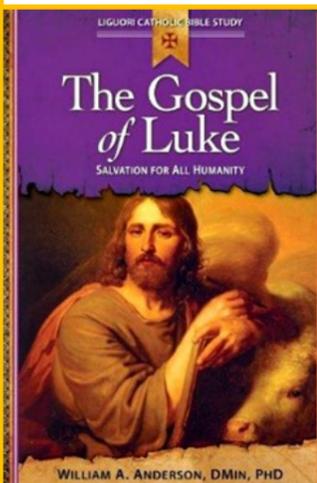
While the main criteria for joining a group will be a genuine interest in the subject area, each group will also need a range of skills and experience, which may include organizational, technical and social, so that there will be many ways that people can contribute. There is no limit to the amount of people who can join a group and indeed if so inclined you can join as many groups that you have a passion for.

Next steps

Over the coming week, please:

- Contact me or the office if you think there are gaps in the planned groups
- Reflect about which group you may be drawn to, where God is calling you in the next stage of your discipleship journey

Further details are in a brochure at the information table and a sign-up sheet will be available from next week as part of the Pentecost celebrations.



Bible study group - Gospel of Luke

Let's study together - delving into Luke's Gospel he's telling us salvation is for all.

There will be 10 sessions starting on:

Thursday 4th August - Thursday 6th October

7pm - 8.15pm The Parish meeting room, Lowe Street

There will be a limit of 10 people to attend so if you are interested please place your name on the attendance sheet located in the events hub.

Also you will need to purchase the book which is \$20 for the sessions.

We can order this for you and if you could place your request on the form also.



St Gregory's Parish Faith Community

47 Lowe St, Queanbeyan NSW

PH: 02 6299 4611

St Raphael's (main church), St Gregory's (no weekend services),
and St Patrick's Michelago.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YR C

28th & 29th May 2022

VISION: Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

MISSION: To go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus; sustained by the LOVE of God; and inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.



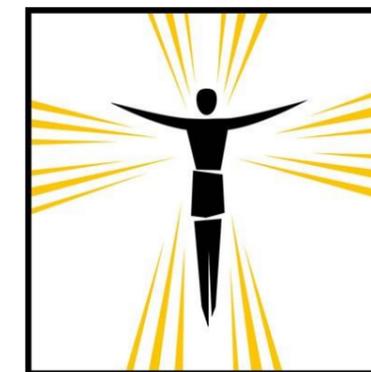
REFLECTION

The ascension does not represent Jesus' removal from the earth.

It represents his liberation from all restrictions of time and space, so that he can be present everywhere on earth.

Stay with us, Lord, and let your presence inflame our hearts and raise our spirits, so that we may journey towards your kingdom with undimmed hope.

Flor McCarthy SDB



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
9.00am Mass
Sunday 5.30pm Mass

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
5.30pm Mass

Wednesday
12noon Mass

Thursday
7am Mass

Friday
12noon Mass
11.00-11.55 Exposition & Adoration

Baptisms
St Raphael's Church
Sundays 10:30am

Marriages By appointment
Reconciliation by appointment

Michelago 2nd Saturday of the month
5.30pm or 6pm during Daylight Savings time

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Please pray for our sick:

Phillip Roy Anderson
Carmelo Bautista
Florence Bowell
John Church
Iole Cicolini
Elaine Cliff
Emmanuel Corpuz
Juliet and Rommel Estabillo
Helen Fraser
David Goldsmith
Gary Grady
Corazon Guemo
Anthony McGlynn
Gywen McIntyre
Anne McTernan
Loretta & Geoff Percival
Regina Paredes
Hayden Paterson
Maria Picker
Trishy Mary Rankin
Nathan Reynolds
Barbara Samuel-Pope
Jack Sealey
Luz G Sinay
Mary Skidmore
Elisabeth Smyth
Miyako Sturgess (Tokyo)
Rosario B Surmiella
Ljubica Vricic
John Warner
George Forbes House Residents
Warrigal & Heritage Residents

May they rest in peace:

Victor Camilleri
Terry (Tex the Cowboy)
O'Callaghan
Joy McGann
Anica Prpic-Risteski
Barbara O'Reilly

Anniversary of Death:

Woodward & O'Flaherty
Families

Wedding:

Nicholas Mutton &
Kendall Wegener

We welcome into our
Parish family through
Baptism

Layla Perre
Joseph & Chloe
Donnelly
Daniel Collier
Eden Walsh
Anita Di Dio

Entrance Antiphon Vigil Mass

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

Entrance Antiphon Day Mass

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.

First Reading Apostles 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

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

L. 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.

C. 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.

ALL. 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 Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

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

Here are next weekend's Mass readings: **Pentecost**
Sat night Acts 28: 16-20.30-31 Romans 8:8-17 John 21: 20-25
Sunday Acts 2:1-11 Romans 8:8-17 John 20:19-23
Let's prepare before we come to Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL STAY AT HOME

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - For the month of May we will be collecting for the SVDP Night Van. With the funds raised we will purchase socks, gloves & beanies. If you would like to donate any of these the favored colour is **BLACK**. Collection for May so far is \$271.75 Total running balance is ➡



Many thanks for your continuing generosity!

- ◆ **Next weekend we are having a Pentecost celebration for 2022 with the theme "United by the Spirit".** We are having a special gathering/ morning tea after Sunday 9am mass on Pentecost Sunday, 5th June. If you are attending this mass, please bring a dish from your country of origin/ cultural heritage to share at morning tea. We have around 30 countries of origin represented in our parish so far so we should have a wonderful celebration. Thanking you in advance.
- ◆ **Rosters** have been prepared and are available for viewing on the parish website. Hard copies are available from the events hub or a larger copy will be on the notice board near the front entrance of the church.
- ◆ There will be a bookshelf placed in the church near the gift shop with spiritual literature available. Please feel free to take these to read and if you can return back when you have finished.
- ◆ Expressions of interest - we are preparing to start a new craft project and looking again for knitters and crocheters in the parish. More details to come, just let the parish office know if your interested.
- ◆ **PG envelopes-** we have previously asked parishioners if they wanted to continue with their PG envelopes. If you would like us to prepare these envelopes again this year could you please advise the parish office. Or alternatively you can still change over to electronic giving. If this is something you would like to do please call or email the parish office and we can give you the forms for this. Thank you Lorraine
- ◆ **Good Shepherd Appeal** - \$730 was **Collected for formation and education of our seminarians in our Parish**

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We wish Juan Bernabe a very happy and blessed 90th Birthday.

