

The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year B	
FIRST READING <i>Acts 1:1-11</i>	
<i>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles</i>	
<p>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.'</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.</p>	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM <i>Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6</i>	
<p>(R.) <i>God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.</i></p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p>	
SECOND READING <i>Eph 1:17-23</i>	
<i>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians</i>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.</p>	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION <i>Mt 28:19. 20</i>	
<p><i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. <i>Alleluia!</i></p>	
GOSPEL <i>Mk 16:15-20</i>	
<i>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark</i>	
<p>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 is 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.'</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ</p>	
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Tuesday 15 May
Edith's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 6/5/2018
1st Collection \$1,312.05 goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.
2nd Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1894.10 and \$799.45 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

PASCHAL PRECEPT
Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and **Trinity Sunday** unless for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



Special Mass for Mother's & Children
Sunday 13th May ~10:30am Mass
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All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for Mothers young and old.

We pray for mothers, who give life and love and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves

With great joy.

We pray for mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember Mothers. Grandmothers, and Great-Grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**  
Tuesday 22nd May 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**  
Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass  
**Next Mass: Sunday 6 May at 6pm**  
Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.  
**All Youth Welcome!**  
**YOUTH PROGRAM: 20 May 2018**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

**Rosary**  
*Please join us for the Rosary week nights at 7pm in St Therese's Church, Fairfield West during the month of May.*

**Oz Rosary ~ National Day of Prayer**  
*Our parish of Smithfield has responded to this by saying the Rosary on:*  
*Saturday 12th May following the 6 pm Vigil Mass.*  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,*  
*Rosary, Benediction & Parish BBQ in the Montefano Hall.*  
<https://catholicoutlook.org/oz-rosary-around-australia/>

**CONFIRMATION 2018**  
Important dates for your diary:

- **SMALL GROUP SESSIONS** – continue for a further 3 weeks.
- **PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP** – TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY at 7:30 p.m. in the Montefano Hall.
- **RETREAT** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **REHEARSALS:**
  - Ceremony 1 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m.
  - Ceremony 2 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m.
- **CONFIRMATION MASSES:**
  - Ceremony 1 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m.
  - Ceremony 2 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 4 p.m.

**Charitable Works Fund**  
Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2312.85** which was collected last weekend.


**Men's Rosary Group**  
Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
7pm ~ In St Benedict's Church

**Nine Day Novena to the Holy Spirit**  
**At each Mass**  
Starting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
~ In preparation for Pentecost ~

**Feast Day**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
St Matthias ~ Apostle

**Br Jeremy Santoso**  
Celebrated his Diaconate Ordination  
On May 8<sup>th</sup> in Poland.  
Please continue to keep Br Deacon Jeremy  
In your prayers.

**Ordination to the Priesthood**



You are invited to the Ordination of  
**Br Deacon Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE**  
**11am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**At Marian Valley, Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians Canungra Queensland.**  
**Celebrated by**  
**Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE**  
*Please remember Br Joseph in your prayers.*

**Safeguarding Training**  
Safeguarding training will be conducted on **Thursday 17th May at 7 pm** in the Parish Office.

All Parish volunteers who DID NOT attend training in May or November last year, will need to attend.

This includes volunteers who assist in the following ministries: maintenance, cleaning, reading, Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the sick, Acolytes, adult servers, people who assist in any way with the youth group/children's liturgies, Parish BBQ volunteers, choir members and ushers.

If you are a counter or you assist with collections, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to meet with the Parish Safeguarding Support Officers – Helena/Maria, to sign a Code of Conduct.

The Archdiocese of Sydney requires EVERY Parish Volunteer to sign a Code of Conduct regardless of whether or not you directly work with children. If by the end of May you have not signed the Code of Conduct, you will need to cease in your ministry until this requirement has been met.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199 or email [psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:psso@stgertrude.org.au)

**Walk with Christ – 3 June 2018**  
All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018.

Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm.

The procession will help mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church. In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony.

Please look for the **Books of Life** in your parish to write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.

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