

Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
Fr. Leonides Mateo, OFM Conv., Associate Priest

Happy Ascension of the Lord Wise words from a sermon by St. Augustine of Hippo, Doctor of the Church: "He did not leave Heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into Heaven."

Congratulations to Fr. Leonides who celebrates 8 years of Ordination to the Priesthood this Tuesday, 31 May. We give thanks for your years of ministry, especially to our parish. May God continue to bless you in abundance.

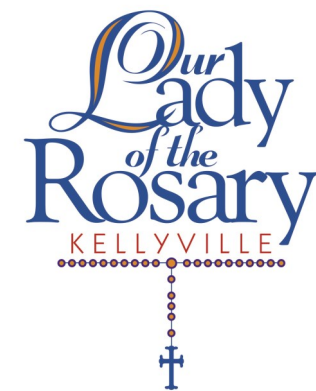
Prayers and gratitude to God for the last group of children who will be receiving First Communion this weekend. May the Lord draw them (and their families) close to Him.

Please be careful when driving in for the evening weekend Masses as there will be special 4pm Masses in the Hall. These Masses are offered for our First Holy Communicants and their families on both Saturday and Sunday for the rest of May. This means these Masses will finish at about the time that some of you might be showing up for the 6pm Masses. Your compassion and gentleness is appreciated. Perhaps *your* smile will be the smile of Christ that brings them back!



You are invited this Saturday, 28 May, to the Mass and celebration of the 27th BNP Fatima Devotion Anniversary of the Hills District in our Parish. The Rosary will begin at 5.15pm followed with Mass at 6pm. After Mass, there will be a short procession, with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, to the old hall where we will offer flowers and share in a light supper. Please join us and bring a plate to share on this special day!

The Catholic Mass is a beautiful 26 page book produced by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, explaining the parts of the Mass in lay terms. The booklet makes an excellent gift to those celebrating Sacraments. At only \$3 each from our piety store, this is a deal that won't last!



Under the Pastoral Care of the Conventual Franciscans



Pentecost Sunday is next weekend (5 June) and marks the end of the 50 days of Eastertide. It is also the Birthday of the Church. The colour for Pentecost is red! Please join us in celebrating by wearing something red, the colour of fire, blood and the Holy Spirit!

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector of the Shrine
Fr. Tony Fox, OFM Conv., Priest in residence

Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign"
On Friday 22 April, the Diocese of Parramatta responded to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv invited all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit [here](#) to download the launch video and for further information.

Youth Group News: The Pentecost Olympics are coming... next Sunday, 5 June! All high school students in Years 7-12 are welcome to compete in OLOR Youth Group's second-ever Pentecost Olympics following the Youth Mass at 6pm. Whether you take home gold or don't quite make a podium finish, everyone will receive pizza at the end of the night!

"Receive the Holy Spirit": A reflection evening for all young adults (aged 18-30) will be held at 8pm on Friday, 3 June at the Shrine Undercroft! Please bring a plate from your culture to share for dinner. Also, save the date for our young adults outing to Vivid on Friday, 17 June!!

Novena to St. Anthony begins on Saturday, 4 June You are invited to put

your petitions with offerings to assist the friars in the box near the statue of St. Anthony as we pray the annual Novena in preparation for his feast on **Monday, 13 June**. We will honour the Saint with a special blessing with his relic and the blessing of bread at the 7pm Mass on **Monday, 13 June**.



Thank you for last week's donations to the parish in the sum of \$2,230.70

Donations may be made in the black mailbox at the parish office. **Online donations** are accepted through our parish website.

Click [here](#) to donate.

- Select your donation from the list below:
- (1) **Parish Support**, helps pay our bills, staff salaries;
 - (2) **Franciscan friars**, helps pay Friary food, water, electricity;
 - (3) **Church renovations**; or
 - (4) **Shrine of the Holy Innocents**

Our "TAP-AND-GO" card devices are in the Church and can be used to donate to the parish or the friars.

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A printed Bulletin? Yes...but only if you need one because you aren't able to access it online. If you take one, please share it with your family, too. Especially share our special insert about the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance (see below). Once finished, pass it along to a friend as it is a great way to evangelize. Finally, when done, please place old bulletins in the recycle bin. That way the Word of God is not thrown away. Thanks!



Our 50th Anniversary Parish Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday, 23 July 2022** at Lily's Restaurant and Bar in Seven Hills. Tickets are \$80 each. Use this QR code to book your seats/tables (10) or contact the parish office. We'll be selling tickets after each of the Masses next weekend, with Eftpos available.

Third collection: Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal this weekend (28/29 May) The donations support the Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park. To watch a video about the appeal (which will be shown at all the Masses, click [here](#). You can give generously to the Bishop's Appeal now by clicking [here](#). Thank you for your support.

Eucharistic Vigil for Life at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated **tonight**, Friday, 27 May, with Mass at 7pm followed by Exposition and all-night Adoration. Prayers for Life will be offered starting at 10am on Saturday morning (28 May) with Eucharistic Benediction at 10.45, and Mass starting at 11am. If you would like to attend either of the Masses or the all-night Adoration, please contact Cecille on 0415 253 771 as reservations are a must. Please bring a plate to share at a Saturday luncheon that follows in the Shrine Undercroft!

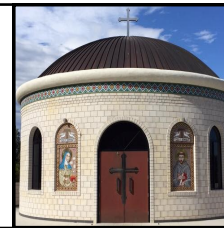
Can you help a parishioner get to Mass on Sundays? A treasured parishioner is in need of transport to Mass on Sundays. She lives in Greenwood Road (less than 5 minutes from the Church by car). She has had to sell her car since she can no longer drive due to diabetic nerve pain in her feet. Please call the parish office if you can offer help.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Maureen Hinton, Cath Dalgliesh, Andrew Foley, Tracy Capdor, Giuseppina Rossi, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Chris Ransom, Avelina Iberra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna; Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodoy Calisura, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gualarte, Monty Roughe, Garry Robinson, Ona Hobs, Christopher Dean, Charlene Lucre, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Paul Karam, Marie Adolphe, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Clement, Joseph Vella, Angela Vasta, Roy Fimmano, Rose Carroll, William and Lesley McEnally, Jacky Charles, Paula Grobbelaar, Nelson Yupangco, John Killelea, Marija Jukic, Nissaka Gunawardena, Paul Opollito, Myra Fagel, Estella Odtojan, Dolores Carreon

FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector

Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. The Chapel is open every day from 6am - 6pm.



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REGULAR PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 9:30am and 6pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sundays: 7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm

Mondays and Tuesdays: 6.45am and 7pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays : 6.45am and 9.30am
Fridays: 6.45am, 9.30am
(and 7pm on First Fridays of each month)

CONFESSION TIMES
10-10.30am on Saturdays
7.30pm - 8pm on Mondays
SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Mass Intentions: 28 May - 4 June 2022		
Sat. 28	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Intention of donor
Sun. 29	7am	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	9am	Woei Han King, Lau Gek Mia Anna, Robert Chan
	11am	Joseph and Jeanette Fares and Georgette Sioufi
	6pm	Intention of donor
Mon. 30	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
Tues. 31	6.45am	James Kuveju
	7pm	Intention of donor
Wed. 1	6.45am	Clare Hopkins
	9.30am	John Saliba
Thur. 2	6.45am	John Mizzi
	9.30am	Doris Spiteri & family
Fri. 3	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Saliba family
	7pm	Jaime Caraig & Jaime Edgardo Caraig
Sat. 4	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Nick & Joshua Caruso

For emergencies only, call 9629-2595, select 4 to leave a message and a priest will return your call.

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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!

GOSPEL Lk 24:46-53
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.
‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
REFLECTING ON OUR CALL
As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension the words of the angels to the disciples can serve as a useful reminder of the meaning of this feast: ‘Why are you standing here looking up at the sky?’ The disciples had just witnessed the departure of their Lord and while their immediate reaction was natural there was work to be done; a mission had been entrusted to them. It was no time for standing still but getting down to the work at hand.

Firstly, the Lord had given them the mission of preaching the salvation that Jesus offered to the whole world. Secondly, they had to prepare for the gift of the Spirit which would enable and empower them to undertake their task. As the Gospel of Luke concludes we find the disciples in prayer in the temple waiting for the gift of the Spirit, joyfully pondering on what they had experienced. The reading from the letter to the Ephesians calls us to share in that journey of reflection into the meaning of not only the life of Jesus but our own life as Christians. As Paul reflected on Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, he came to see that it was truly a cosmic event. Jesus was not just Lord of death but all creation. The Ephesians are invited to reflect on the richness of the gift they have all received as Christians. Today’s feast of the Ascension calls us to rejoice in, and reflect on, our call and mission.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / C

29 MAY 2022

THE LORD WILL RETURN. The Ascension of Jesus, whereby he is glorified at the Father’s right hand and made ‘ruler of everything’, does not signal his departure from our midst. It points rather to a new mode of presence that will endure ‘until the end of the world’. In the meantime, it is our vocation, as his Church, to reveal him.

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. Your 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.

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.

RESPONSORIAL 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.

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