



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

FOCUS by Denise Tuzes

I would like to share an article I recently read written by Fr. Mark De Battista.

Our Lord warns his Disciples to pray in a different manner to the pagans who believed that the more words one used, the more likely their petition would be heard by the deity. Yet, having warned about using too many words, Our Lord goes on to provide them with words of his own.

But, if our Heavenly Father already knows our prayers before we ask him, then why do we need to pray at all? The answer to this question lies in the truth that when we pray we present nothing new to God, but, we often discover something new in ourselves. Whenever we pray, we put into human words, what we had only previously felt unconsciously, or subconsciously --- at best. The action of prayer is an act of surrender to God which causes us to become aware of hidden things within.

Thus, prayer becomes a means to growth in self-knowledge. Through prayer we come to recognise our needs, our wishes and deepest desires. We come to recognise our hurts and disappointments. We come to feel our lack of forgiveness of others and even our own failure to accept the very forgiveness of God by considering ourselves to be unforgivable.

LIVE THE LITURGY

We are called to be missionaries. Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Proclaiming the Gospel means looking out at my brothers and sisters and choosing to walk with them on their journey of life. It means having a listening, loving presence that allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. In this way we can show them-not only in speech, but in action-the difference a relationship with God and a life of faith really makes. Even though Jesus has ascended to the Father, he still remains with us helping us proclaim the mission of the Gospel. Are we willing to allow him to do so?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

We are told in Scripture that in the early Church, as the first disciples went about preaching the Good News, their words were confirmed by "accompanying signs." Miracles such as healings, prophecies, and the like occurred so that others might see and believe. Jesus' disciples now continued the ministry that Jesus had begun while he walked the earth in the flesh.

We certainly do believe that miracles still occur in our world, but few of us see amazing healings and works of wonder with our own eyes. We read of a time of frequent miracles, and we wonder what it must have been like to be there during those events. We can easily fall into the trap of seeing biblical times as something far removed from ourselves and in the distant past. However, in the places we go and to the people we meet in this world, we are the signs. We give testimony to the power of the Good News, and we serve as living examples of God's work in the world

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS -

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Each person possesses a basic dignity that comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment, not from race or gender, age or economic status.

*How do I uphold that dignity? ... to the people that I love, my family & friends
...to those who are different from me.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Newly Baptised: Hamish Thomas Roffey and Quinn Anastasi Volzke

Recently Deceased: Lorna Gibbs; Br John Wright; Rina 'Rene' Nella; Harry Arirao (Philippines); Robin Wüst; Gemma Henrickson; Lachlan Roll; Mattia Pini (Italy); Phillip Marano; and Alexander 'Alex' Dalton.

NOTICES

Expressions of Interest: are invited for the position of Parish Cleaner for the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg. This position is a casual position of 24 hours per fortnight. For more information or to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666 or via email bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au. **Applications close 5.00pm, Monday 14 May 2018.**

Children's Sacramental Program: Eucharist Parent/Child Session - Sunday, 13 May 2018 at 10.30am or Wednesday, 16 May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Parish Office. **Eucharist Family Preparation Afternoon** - next Sunday, 20 May 2018 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm beginning in Holy Rosary Church. **First Communion Weekend:** 26/27 May 2018.

Celebration of Sacraments: next Sunday, 20 May 2018, during the 5.30pm Mass two young people will be baptised, confirmed and receive holy communion for the first time. They will be initiated into the life of the Church. Please keep them and all our children preparing for sacraments in your prayers.

Pentecost Sunday: is next weekend. Wear something **Red** to signify the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Bundaberg Passionist Family Group ~ Mackillop Family Group: invites you to join them for Lunch at the Bucca Hotel (Bundaberg's Favourite Country Pub) on Sunday, 20 May 2018 at 12noon. For more information, contact Geraldine ~ 0413 671 641.

Maytime Morning Tea, Fashion Parade & Mini Cent Sale: hosted by the Friends of Carinity Kepnock Grove Auxiliary is being held Tuesday, 22 May 2018 at 9.30am in the Kepnock Grove Community Centre. Admission: \$5. For bookings, contact Casimir ~ 4151 4888 or Lyn ~ 4151 6724.

Rosters: are being prepared for July, August & September. It is extremely important that you ring the Parish Office **before Friday, 25 May 2018** if you need to make changes to your Ministry &/or your contact, or if you will be away for an *extended* period of time during these three (3) months. **No changes can be made to the Rosters after 25 May 2018.**

Relay for Life High Tea: from 10.30am Saturday, 14 July 2018 in St Patrick's Hall. Tickets are \$30/person & will be available from the Parish Office from Monday, 4 June 2018. (Tables of 10 available). Donations towards the High Tea's Continuous Raffle would be greatly appreciated - Thank you.

Relay for Life 2018: is being held from 2.00pm Saturday, 11 August to 8.00am Sunday, 12 August 2018 at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Early Bird Registration is \$20 for Parishioners who register & pay before Friday, 25 May 2018. Registration will be \$30 after this date. To Register as member of the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Relay for Life Team please visit the Cancer Council Office at 41 Woongarra Street, (diagonally across from the Parish Office) or for more information contact Denise at the Parish Office on telephone no. 4151 6666.

Diocesan e-Newsletter: the latest edition of the Diocesan e-Newsletter is now available to read on all Church Noticeboards. To receive a copy direct to your in-box, send an email with your name to: catholicccq@catholic.net.au or contact the Parish Office on telephone no. 4151 6666.

Word Among Us ~ May Edition: is now available for collection from the Parish Office.

LITURGIES

7th Week of Easter

Monday 14 May 2018

St Matthias

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 15 May 2018

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 16 May 2018

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 17 May 2018

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 18 May 2018

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 19 May 2018

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

20 May 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Hours of Pentecost, Te Deum

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Acts 1:1-11

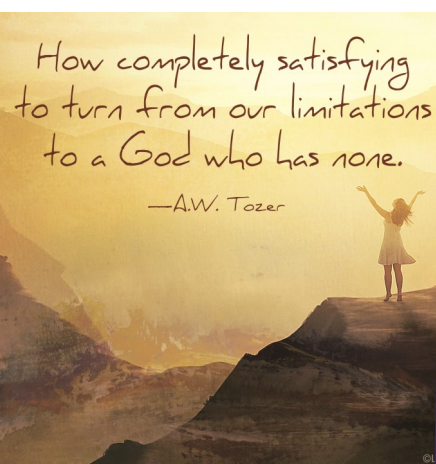
The opening scene to the Acts of the Apostles is the ascension of Jesus into heaven with Jesus' departing words to the Disciples. How well have you responded to Jesus' command to evangelize others?

Ephesians 4:1-13

Paul tells the Ephesians, "Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift." Where do you see God's grace in your life?

John 16:15-20

The final episode in the Gospel of Mark is the ascension of Jesus. What do you find most interesting in Mark's account of the ascension?



From the moment of his resurrection triumph, the Saviour was living in the bosom of the Father. The faith of the Church had its beginnings in meetings with the Risen Lord – in which he 'showed himself alive' and 'told them about the kingdom of God' - preparing them for the great mission that would be theirs. Today's celebration reminds us that these meetings finally came to an end – after 'forty days', as Luke puts it in our reading from Acts. Luke is preparing us for what will occur after 'not many days': at the Pentecostal celebration, fifty days after the Passover.

Jesus is not abandoning his friends. On the contrary, he tells them to look forward to 'what the Father has promised'. When they are 'baptised with the Holy Spirit' – the Spirit who is the very expression of the life he shares with the Father – he will be with them in all that they are called to be and do. The Lord's new presence will fill with new life the Church which is about to be launched forth on its mission - to bring the power and blessings of the Lord's Paschal Mystery 'to the ends of the earth' (Luke), 'to all creation' (Mark).

According to the Gospel of Luke the angels tell the disciples not to seek the Lord 'in the sky', but to take up the mission they have received, to be his 'witnesses' throughout their world. The era of the pilgrim Church that is about to begin – the angels tell them - will end when Jesus returns, and the Church's life in faith and sacraments gives way to the absolute fulfilment of the final Kingdom.

Our readings describe the task of the Church as it journeys through history towards the final Kingdom, bringing the 'Good News to all creation'. Its life together - in the power of the Resurrection - should be a living sign, confirming the message it brings. 'Charity, selflessness, gentleness and patience' should be an expression of the 'unity of the Spirit' – the unity which only God can give, the unity of the 'one Body' of Christ, the unity of those who know that they are called together by the 'one God who is Father of all'.

United, through their 'baptism', in the blessings of the Paschal Mystery, Church members should share the many gifts they receive from 'the one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things'. Doing so they will show their world the pattern of authentic human fulfilment, in 'the fullness of Christ'.

On Ascension Day we celebrate our Christian hope - where Jesus, our brother and our Lord has gone we shall follow. The pilgrim Church must bring to our struggling world the Good News that, through his Paschal Mystery, the Saviour calls the whole of the human family to live forever with him in the bosom of the Father.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
In relationship with Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we serve joyfully as a people
beloved and called by God.