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Mass Times

Sunday– 8:30am & 10:30am
Tuesday to Friday– 7:00am
Saturday– 9:00am Vigil- 6:00pm
Public Holidays– 9:00am

Reconciliation

Before Vigil & Sunday Masses or on request

Anointing

Healing Mass

11:00am - First Friday of each month - otherwise by request

The Ascension of the Lord

“Til We Meet Again”

We have many ways of saying goodbye – ‘God be with you’, ‘So long’, ‘See you later’, ‘Hoo Roo’.

Goodbyes are softened with the promise of another meeting. ‘Til we meet again’. The time between the goodbye and the reunion is filled with joyful hope and anxious waiting.

Surely the disciples wondered if they had the tools they needed to survive that time. Jesus had been their leader, friend, visionary and Messiah. Without him life would lose its centre.

Jesus’ goodbye came with two promises; he promised the Holy Spirit would guide them in his absence, and he promised that he would come again. That left them in an in-between time. After the goodbye, they waited for his coming again.

In fact, that’s where we are too. We are in between the visits of Jesus, a time of hope and anxiety. We wonder if we have the tools we need to survive. We need vision and companionship on life’s long road. We have at our disposal that first promise of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit will guide us through our aloneness to good decisions, amid the sorrows and sad goodbyes. The Spirit is our centre, our Advocate.

This Ascension Day, we can rejoice too, in the assurance that where Jesus is, we, one day, shall be also.

Fr Chris



Entrance Antiphon

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.

Entrance Hymn: No 395 (Gather) All Creatures of our God and King

Opening Prayer

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.

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This", he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Responsorial Psalm: **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.** (Gather)

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised 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

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. "And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Offertory Hymn: No 187 (Gather) An Upper Room

Communion Antiphon

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

Communion Hymn: No 544 (Gather) Hail Mary Gentle Woman

Recessional: No 452 (Gather) On Eagles Wings

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Baby Noah Thomas Purcell, Lillian Celio, Sr Anne Manning, Enriquete De La Cruz, Mona Israel, Henry Strasburger, Ian Fairweather, David Thompson, Vicci Mabbutt, Cynthia Klipper, Bob Borger

Anniversaries: John Patrick Brien, Brian Loughry, Mina D’Cruz, Greg Doyle, Gertrude Brennan, William (Bill) Harding, Charles John Grace, Constance Musgrave, Candelario (Eliot) Perez-Rull, Ilva Pepper

Recently ill: Bruce Conolly, Elizabeth Johnson, Dolly East, Margaret, John D. Campbell, Galen Robertson, Cynthia Klippel, Sr. Marie Langtry, Archbishop Anthony Fisher *OP*, Ben Licuanan, Mark Fitzgerald, David Miron, Sarah Kerr McPake, Diana Reid, Judy Hughes, Kerin Star, Dorothy Harding

Next Week’s Readings: 15 May 2016

First Reading: Apostles 2: 1-11

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-17

Gospel: John 14: 15-16, 23-26

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
14-15 May 2016	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G Losurdo		C Coggins
Readers	S Wittenoom	M Topui	G Brennan
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S Buckingham B Campbell B Clulow T Hunt

PARISH NOTICES:

PARENT INFORMATION DAY: Parents, find out how to support your son or daughter through the transition from high school to university at the Notre Dame University Parent Info Evening on **Tuesday, 03 May** at 104 Broadway, Chippendale from 6pm. Please **RSVP** on **02 8204 4404** or go to sydney@nd.edu.au for more information.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION - MAKING THE DIFFERENCE: A seminar on *Catholic Education at a Crossroads: Future Perils and Hopes* will be held **Friday, 06 May** from **10am – 4pm** at Notre Dame University’s Sydney Campus. Education leaders, administrators and senior teachers are invited. Guest speaker will be Professor John Haldane, one of the world’s foremost theoreticians and practitioners in the field of education today. For more information go to ies@nd.edu.au or Phone **8204 4240**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2016: Canice's Parish will be offering the sacrament of Holy Communion to children within our local community. Prior to receiving this important sacrament, your child will be required to participate in some preparation training. Our parish warmly welcomes you and your family to be part of this special occasion. If you are interested in your child receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office on [9358 5229](tel:93585229).

PLACEMENT OF MARG WALSH'S ASHES IN THE COLUMBARIUM: A short ceremony will be held after the May 15th 10.30 am Mass on the-above-date, to inter Marg Walsh's ashes in the Columbarium. Kevin and members of the Walsh family will attend. A light luncheon will be served in the hall after the ceremony and parishioners who knew Marg are invited to attend. We would appreciate contributions of plates of sandwiches and cakes for the lunch. Would those who are able to assist with bringing "a plate" please contact Elizabeth ([9358 5229](tel:93585229)) before next Friday, May 6th.

AMORIS LAETITIA: On April 8 Pope Francis published AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family), his response to the bishops Synod on the family. It is a long document and covers a lot of ground on marriage and the family. It does not go beyond authoritative church teaching but explores its possibilities; the Pope writes directly for married people. He avoids technical language, speaks about the lived reality of marriage rather than its ideals, and is not interested in condemning people who live or think differently.

The Exhortation can be read at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/blog> - its worth a look! Fr Chis

PARISH RENEWAL: OUR COMMON HOME: The UNSW Design Studio held an open evening in the church hall at the end of April to share their initial findings and first thoughts on their final year Masters' projects. A good representation from the parish came along to learn more about the project. More details can be found on the parish website - on this link <http://www.stcanice.org.au/wordpress/?p=3855>

LAUDATO SI, THE POPE AND CLIMATE CHANGE: Speakers: Neil Ormerod is a theologian at the Australian Catholic University and Thea Ormerod is President of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change. Pope Francis' encyclical looks at the environmental sustainability from the perspective of the poor of the earth. **Sunday, 15 May 4.00 – 6.00pm.** St Joseph's Church, Cnr Bedford and Station Sts, Newtown. Free Details: newtownfaith.blogspot.com.au



"Aloys' boys "seeing the humanity in everyone"

Students in Year 10 at St Aloysius at Milsons Point are involved in a variety of activities in fulfilling their 'Faith in Service' responsibilities. In addition to Canice Kitchen, the boys visit the deaf and blind, engage with people in nursing homes and homes for the disabled, and spend time in areas of disadvantage like Mt Druitt.

Long-serving Canice Kitchen volunteer John Dahdah often pointed out to the boys from Aloys' the different Kitchen guests from the streets who were educated in GPS schools. He would ask some of these guests to tell their stories to the boys to reinforce the notion that people who choose life on the street for whatever reason have a family too.

Year 10 student from St Aloysius, Thomas, (whose mother volunteers in the Kitchen) mirrors that sentiment today when he says, "A lot of these people have stuff happen to them. They are not different to me at all. If it was me, I'd want a place

like this to come to". Classmate Angus says that time spent in the kitchen preparing and serving is his opportunity 'to give back'.

Caroline, who looks after the rosters for mothers from Aloys' and other schools who volunteer in the Kitchen tells of the change of heart of her son Jackson. She tells of how he will now stop to talk to people he knows from the kitchen when he is out in the city and not just for a cursory hello.

"He bothers to really listen to their stories and waits to hear them out when he asks how they are even if it means catching up with his friends later. This also extends to when he finds himself approached by a homeless person while waiting for a friend.

That comes from *seeing the humanity in everyone* and that is what he has learned at the kitchen".



Stella Robin ~~with~~ a teacher at St Aloysius with year 10 students Angus and Thomas



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