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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church:
Psalter Week 2

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.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

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.

Congratulations To

Mitchell Rodger, Leonardo Elasi, Halle Corrigan and David Taylor whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.

The Ascension of the Lord

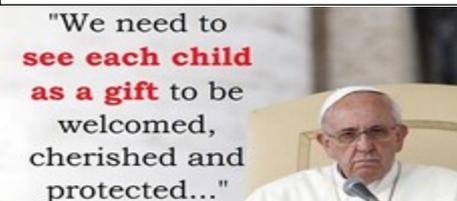
Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfilment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

His glorious Ascension signified the completion of his time on earth, which is celebrated by the Church forty days after the Resurrection and ten days before the Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us hope by promising that "when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also"



Friendship across the sea

The St Aloysius Parish Community Cronulla
linked in friendship with
St Joseph Parish Hato Udo Timor Leste





First reading: Acts 1:1-11 ::::

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 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.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9 ::::

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

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.**

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.**

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: Ephesians 1:17-23 ::::

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53 ::::

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 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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Confirmation Dates 2019

Commitment Mass: Trinity Sunday 16th June 6pm
 Session 1: 3rd September 6.30pm St Aloysius Church
 Session 2: 10th September 6.30pm St Aloysius Church
 Retreat Day: 18th September 9am—3pm Thornton Hall
 Sacrament of Confirmation: 20th September 7pm.



**DLS CRONULLA, DLS CARINGBAH
& OLMC BURRANEER
INVITE YOU TO OUR**

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

DLS CRONULLA HALL

6:30PM ARRIVAL BYO REFRESHMENTS

THEME: 80'S (DRESS UP OPTIONAL)

HOT APPETISERS & DESSERT BUFFET INCLUDED

\$30 TICKETS TABLES OF 10 BUY HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2VFM435](https://bit.ly/2VFM435)



Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am at the Chapel.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. FHC Session One 6.30pm
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm at the Chapel.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	No notice.
Saturday:	No notice.

Father Tom's Farewell Mass Sunday 30th June 10am ::::

Please save the date in your diaries: Sunday 30th June at the 10am Mass. We will farewell Father Tom as he leaves for his new appointment at San Souci.

We invite all our Parish Community to join with us in celebrating this Mass and pray in Thanksgiving for Father Tom and his time here at St Aloysius Cronulla as Parish Priest. **We will distributing farewell envelopes on the seats if you would like to contribute to a farewell gift: please put the envelope on either of the collection plates.**

After Mass let's all gather in Thornton Hall for a farewell light luncheon. We ask you all to bring along your favourite cakes, sandwiches, sausages rolls, drinks etc.

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Stand up, or lose rights: ACU Vice Chancellor warns
- * A new lease of life: After 100 yrs Cathedral Stations restored
- * Benedictines flourish in Tasmania
- * The Martyr and the Tudors
- * Movie review: *Aladdin*
- * Confession Laws can't work

Still the best Sunday Paper



If anyone can help with readers and communion ministers, especially at the 10am Mass, could they contact Kim in the office?

First Holy Communion Dates 2019



Session One 4th June 6.30pm St Aloysius Church

Session Two 11th June 6.30pm St Aloysius Church

Retreat Day and Commitment Mass 19th June 9am –3pm Thornton Hall

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 10am and 12pm Masses 23rd June.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th June at 6.30pm

for Session One of our Program.

Please note, there has been a change in the Commitment Mass date, in an effort to

accommodate more families, the Commitment Mass

will be on the same day as the Retreat,

the 19th June at 9.30am.

We warmly invite all of our First Holy Communion Families to attend this Mass.

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church, 18 Giddings Ave Cronulla, 2230. ph. 85220300

YOU ARE INVITED To The Barbara May Foundation (BMF) Cocktail Night! (Providing lifesaving maternal health in Africa)

Friday June 28th 2019 6:30 pm
Wanda Beach SLSC, Founders Room
\$80 pp

Speaker: Dr Andrew Browning

Includes: Champagne/drink on arrival, Feast gourmet roving canapes & grazing table, Desserts & coffee

(other drinks may be purchased at the bar at club prices),

Raffle & Silent Auction (all proceeds go to BMF)

Ticket Purchase: www.trybooking.com/BCLLA

or through Maryanne Ayres: 0424 440 771

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney ::::

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 8th and 9th June

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home
Acolyte						Kathy V.
Communion Ministers	N. Azar M. Remedios	F. Schembri J. Cullerton M. Hennessy C. Coady	K. Croxson K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon	P. Morris R. Driscoll M. Awad L. Overton		
Ministers Of the Word	A. Stempniak N. Azar	F. Schembri M. Hennessy	B. Slamon F. O'Driscoll	M. Awad L. Brbot	M. Hills B. Maughan	
Prayer of the Faithful	C. Henry	J. Cullerton	R. McCabe	D. DeSouza	P. Livesey	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Anne	
Cleaning (Saturday)	S. O'Neill					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 2 B. McWilliams, C. Sola, K. Burke, D. Symes		Next Week Group 3 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra			

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Mass and other Liturgical Schedules**Sunday:**

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm. Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Monday: **(No Mass)**
Mass Tuesday to Friday: 7.00am **and** 9.30am
Mass Saturday: 8.00am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) **St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:** Sat 4.00pm (or on request)
Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Before Sunday Mass.

Baptisms: By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Before Weekday 7.00am Masses. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: To be advised.

Anointing of the Sick in Mass: To be advised.

Anointing of the sick as required in the home or church. Please contact the Parish Centre.



We pray for **Alex Finlayson**, Margaret Condon, **Ivan Kovac**, **Nicholas Tee** and **Fr John Pearce** who died recently. We pray for **Gerald Donaghy** and **Michael Tangney** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Phil & Dominic Mandile, Maria Carbone, David O'Keefe, Bernard McMahon, Phyllis Mary Dwight, Mick McMahon, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Jim Downes, Helen Forbes, Mary Mullins and her sisters Monica and Julia, Jean & Jim Quinn, Paul & Jean Givney, Allan & Laurel Howarth and Megan Howarth.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

Your Contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your Parish. To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office or place it on the Sunday Collection Plate.

'It is in giving that we receive'

Planned Giving Envelope Request Form

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