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## May 29 – 7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension of the Lord) (Year C)



The reaction of the disciples to the absence of Jesus after his ascension is in stark contrast to the reaction they had to him leaving at his death. After his death on the cross, they shut themselves into the upper room in fear. Now they worship him and go joyfully rejoicing to the temple. Clearly now they have not lost the sense of his presence with them. Something has changed. His return to God opens the way to glory for all who believe, and this is the source of their joy. He is beyond their sight but truly with them, and he has repeated again his promise to send the help they will need to undertake their mission into the world. These final verses of Luke's Gospel introduce what will become the story of his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles: 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.' Acts tells the story of the Gospel being taken out to all the nations, a story that continues to this day. *(the summit)*

### VII DOMENICA DI PASQUA (Ascensione del Signore) (ANNO C)

*La morte di Gesù ha costituito uno scandalo per i suoi discepoli, perché essi si erano plasmati un Cristo senza croce. Ma Gesù di Nazaret è il Messia; e non esiste altro Messia che il crocifisso e il glorificato. È attraverso la catechesi del Signore, risuscitato, che i discepoli capiscono che il Messia doveva soffrire e risuscitare dai morti. Era il disegno di Dio manifestato nelle Scritture. Il senso della croce e dell'accompagnamento dei discepoli sulla croce, si scontra con l'intelligenza, con il cuore e con i progetti dell'uomo. Affinché i discepoli possano essere i testimoni autorizzati di Gesù Cristo, non solo devono comprendere la sua morte redentrice, ma anche ricevere lo Spirito Santo. Gesù si separa dai discepoli benedicensi e affidandoli alla protezione di Dio Padre. Ascensione del Signore al cielo e invio dello Spirito Santo, per fare dei discepoli dei testimoni coraggiosi e per accompagnarli fino al ritorno di Gesù, sono strettamente collegati.*

*Lo Spirito Santo aumenterà la potenza della parola del predicatore e aprirà l'intelligenza degli ascoltatori. Della vita fragile del missionario egli farà una testimonianza eloquente di Gesù Cristo morto sulla croce e vivo per sempre. Nel mondo, al fianco dei discepoli, lo Spirito Santo sarà il grande Testimone di Gesù.* *(lachiesa.it)*

### First Communion, and, Confirmation

Sacramental preparation for state school students in Grade 3 or up.

Please contact Anna Proud 0402741258.

### Prima Comunione, e, Cresima

Preparazione sacramentale per gli studenti delle scuole statali di grado 3 o superiore.

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake

**Recently deceased:** Rose Ficarra, Leondino Palmarella, Enrique Manalo, Venera Maiorana, Gentilina Ciabotti, Stanko Klarin, Grazielle Paliaga

**Anniversaries:** John Iapozzuto, Alma Ambrosini, Pauline De Francesco, Hertbert Eliyathamby, Myrtle Eliyathamby, Mable Florence De Zilva, Blossom Weerasinghe, Sherine Adolphus, Anna Gentile, Filomena Di Felice, Biondo Di Felice, Audrey Tinker, Percy Tinker, Garry Tinker, Gina Bencic, Rosaria Caruso, Sebastiana and Elisabetta Santisi, Tereza and Charles Mondy, Maria, Francesca, and, Stefano Nemesio, Aldo Sacco, Stella Ingrassia, Giuseppe Accardi, Maria Cecchin, Tereza and Charles Mondy, Maria, Francesca, and, Stefano Nemesio, Aldo Sacco, Stella Ingrassia, Giuseppe Accardi, Maria Cecchin, Fr. Antonio Comito, Jack McDonough, Eustachio and Giannina Quattrocelli, Vito Lombardo

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

### Rosters for weekend masses (June 4/5)

#### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: L. Psaila

Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake

Sunday 10.30 am : R. Odoardi

**Bus driver:** P. Capasso

### Mass times

#### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

**Novena masses will not be held between April 26 and May 25. Masses will resume June 1**

#### Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

### 2022 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, works on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world. Thanks to the generosity of Australians like you, last year we were able to support life-giving programs run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, where pregnant women and mothers from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds are given a helping hand to create a brighter future for themselves and their precious babies.

This year, we invite parishioners to support families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Ethiopia. Due to ongoing droughts and failed harvests, many families in the rural township of Emdibir are unable to provide enough food for their loved ones. In collaboration with the local community, Fr Habtesilassie Antuan and the Church dream of building a goat rearing centre, which will provide nourishing goats' milk for families in need and nutrition programs at local health clinics. However, the Centre can only be built with partnership and support. Through this appeal, Catholic Mission invites parishioners to be part of this life-changing mission program from the beginning, and by doing so, commit to being witnesses of Jesus Christ.

**Envelopes have been placed on church pews throughout the church—please donate to this appeal.**

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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