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May 21 – Ascension of our Lord (Year A)



We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives. We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and his preaching and gave us the same mission for our brothers and sisters. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, our reception of the

Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties, and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven.

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21 Maggio Ascensione del Signore (Anno A)

Il Signore risorto è ritornato nella Galilea pagana. È qui che egli aveva cominciato ad annunciare la conversione e il Vangelo del Regno (cf. Mt 4,15.17.23). È qui, in questo luogo di frontiera, che egli aveva dato appuntamento ai suoi discepoli, che si erano dispersi quando egli, il pastore, era stato ferito (cf. Mt 28,8-10). È ritornato sui luoghi dell'inizio, per dare loro la pienezza: il Risorto è la luce decisiva che rischiarerà tutti coloro che camminano nelle tenebre e nell'ombra della morte.

Egli ha convocato i discepoli - in numero di undici - su una montagna, come all'inizio li aveva condotti sulla montagna, quando parlò loro per annunciare la via della felicità del regno dei cieli (cf. Mt 5,1). Dio ha anche convocato il popolo ai piedi del Sinai quando ha voluto fare di lui la sua "ekklesia" (cf. Es 19). Il Risorto è su questa montagna in Galilea, che simboleggia l'incontro tra il cielo e la terra, dichiarandosi, solennemente, come colui che ha ricevuto tutta l'autorità nei cieli e sulla terra (cf. Mt 28,18).

Da questa montagna egli invia i discepoli - e in loro, e con loro, noi tutti che li seguiamo lungo la storia - a convocare la Chiesa per riunirla dai quattro punti cardinali del mondo nel regno; nessuno è escluso dalla parola e dalla partecipazione alla vita della famiglia divina: la comunione del battesimo con il Padre, il Figlio e lo Spirito Santo (cf. Mt 28,19-20).

St Vincent de Paul, Fawkner Conference Activity Report January-March

Families Assisted : 37
 Adults Assisted : 46
 Children Assisted : 25

Total value of aid given \$6040.

We would like to thank the parishioners of St Matthews for their continued support.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, George, Lori, Catarina Calvi, Aiden Agius, Francesco Galante

Recently deceased: Carmela Pali, Carmelo Caltabiano, Rosa Romano, Bernardo Cerra, Nelda D'Alessandro, Rosaleen Stagnitta, Amelia Testa, Anna Sicilia, Kay Conlin, John O'Sullivan, Michael Ruiz

Anniversaries: Orlando Victuelles, Gentilina Ciabotti, Herbert and Myrtle Eliyathamby, Indrawathi Lekamge, Dunston De-Zilwa, Jack McDonough, Denis Bede Negline, Graciano Madamba, Sebastian and Elizabeth Santisi, Rosaria Caruso, Audrey Tinker, Filomena Di Felice, Anna Gentile, Mary Kukola, Antonio Comito, Gino Provenzano

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

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am
 Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm
 Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times

St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

Weekday:

Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

Weekend:

Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm
 Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Rosters for weekend masses (May 27/28)

Lectors: Saturday 5.30 pm: J. George
 Sunday 9.00 am: M. Markis; 10.30 am: M. Costa
Bus driver: B. Tajhano

Statue of Our Lady

The parish statue of Our Lady has resumed her pilgrimage of our parishioner's homes after an extended pause due to COVID. Our Lady spends two weeks in each home and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to come and pray the rosary with you; for our parish and your own intentions.

If you would like to be added to the roster, please call Anna 0402741258 who will drop off and collect the statue.

The Ascension of our Lord prayer

God of heaven and earth, we celebrate the Christ who came to live as one of us. We welcome the Christ who would stop at nothing – not even death – to proclaim God's love for all people. We celebrate the Christ who rose from death to show that there is no end to God's love. And we celebrate the Christ who, in leaving this earth, entrusted to us the task of continuing this work. Amen.

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

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