

SECOND READING

Eph 4: 1 - 13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

To the measure of the full stature of Christ. I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men. When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAM.

Mt 28: 19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 16: 15 - 20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord



Saint John Paul II Parish

13th May 2018

Ascension

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1 - 11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46: 2-3. 6-9

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

1. 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**
2. 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**
3. 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**



Saint John Paul II Parish Notices



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MASS TIMES Monday -Saturday 8:00am
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 6:00pm **SUNDAY MASS** 9:30am
Reconciliation Sunday 8:45am to 9:15am or by appointment.
Baptism & Weddings by appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like to offer a Mass up for a special intention, please contact Fr Vinh.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - 12/13 MAY:

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil:	Jude	Sun 9.30am: Thomas A
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil:	1. Nina 2. Ivan	Sun 9.30am: 1. Bindu 2. Reshma
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	Angela & Elsa	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am:	Cross Bearer †: Kelly Candles: Mading & Jake	

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 19/20 MAY:

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil:	Arnell	Sun 9.30am: Thomas N
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil:	1. John 2. Nenith	Sun 9.30am: 1. Nelia 2. Flora
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	Liz & Anne	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am:	Cross Bearer †: Aaliyah Candles: Jayson & Tinashe	

If you are unable to attend your rostered Mass, please arrange a swap with another person

THANK YOU We would sincerely like to thank Amy and Dominic Yam of Greenwood for their kind and generous donation of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) toward our church building fund. May God bless you and your family.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Wishing all of our special mums, grandmothers, aunties and all special mother like women in our lives, a most blessed and wonderful mother's day. May God truly bless you and reward you for all that you do for those around you.



The loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of God
is the heart of
a mother.

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SJPII YOUTH MINISTRY Fr. Vinh is calling youths (ages 13 to 21) to join the proposed Saint John Paul II Youth Ministry. Interested youths are requested to express their interest by writing their names and details in the form provided near the hall's door - this is partly in preparation for the 2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Perth. For more details please call Ken on Mob: 0466 268 707.

MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY In the liturgical calendar, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Marian devotions held especially to honour the "Queen of May". During May, we pray especially, offering our prayers to Mary from the heart, a fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

HOLY ROSARY We take this opportunity, during the month of May, to remind parishioners to join in the Holy Rosary, prayed from 5.30 pm before our Saturday Vigil Mass, and from 9.00 am before the Sunday morning Mass. All are invited to come along and spend, especially throughout May, some extra time in prayer, with our Mother, Mary.

LITURGICAL MOVEMENT Fr Vinh would like to invite the children and young people of our parish (and those young at heart) to participate in a procession and liturgical movement in homage to Our Lady. It is intended that this will be a part of the Mass at the end of May. For those who are interested please contact Sr Duyen as soon as possible! Thank you.

THE GATHERING -NORTHERN SUBURBS SENIORS You are invited to 'The Gathering' our monthly social meeting of music, entertainment and community information which will be held on Thursday 17 May at 10.30am at St Anthony's Parish hall, Wanneroo. (Parking at rear of Church). Bring a plate to share lunch and enjoy the good old sing along music, and meet new friends. Guest Speaker- Mr Kyle Smith, ECU - Vario Wellness Health Clinic. All welcome; Registration 10.15am (Gold Coin Donation). All enquiries to Sean Mc Donagh on 0431 018 388

RALLY FOR LIFE - LOVE THEM BOTH The Rally for Life will be held on Saturday 26th May, 6:30-8pm. Supreme Court Gardens. This is a special event to mark the 20th anniversary of the legalisation of abortion in Western Australia. The evening is an opportunity to support the sanctity and dignity of life, remembering the unborn and those impacted by their abortion experience. People are welcome to bring and share in a picnic meal from 5:00 pm. a prayer vigil will continue after the rally which will conclude by midnight.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT DAYS Where is God calling YOU? The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Perth will be hosting Discernment Retreat Days for both young men and women aged between 18-35. These days will be held on 23rd June for Men; 30th June for Women. If you think God may be calling you to the priesthood or religious life, please speak to Fr Vinh or the Sisters'. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP for the retreat day, please contact the Vocations Office: vocations@perthcatholic.com.au

ARE YOU A FORMER STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER? Did you go to St Joachim's, Xavier College, Our Lady Help of Christians or Ursula Frayne Catholic College? Let us help you reconnect with your old school and friends. Go to our website www.ufcc.wa.edu.au and complete the registration form (under Community) or contact Mary McGonigle on 9470 0925 or alumni@ufcc.wa.edu.au In 2019 we celebrate 120 years since our foundation school was opened and we would like to have as many former students and staff join us in celebration for this and other events as the Alumni grows.