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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD —YEAR C

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 29 May 2022

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky! Jesus has been
taken into heaven.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

Next week's readings: Pentecost Sunday —Year C

Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

St Anthony's Church—Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm -ADORATION

5.30 pm—Tahmoor

The Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

St Justin, martyr

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Charles Lwanga & companions,
martyrs

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Adoration: Tuesday at 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Pat McCauley, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>VIGIL:</u>	SOPHIA DE ZILVA	GAIL HANGER

8.30AM:	TRUDY HANCOCK	PAUL WYATT
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<u>CLEANERS:</u>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">MORE CLEANERS URGENTLY NEEDED</div>	COLIN DUNN
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<u>FLOWERS:</u>	JO McELGUNN	MURIELLE AZZI
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<u>SACRISTY:</u>	GILLIAN DOBSON	MARY GILBERT
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DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/onlinemass>

THE ROSARY

- Wednesday 5.00 pm

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in the park in Thirlmere, opposite the shops and beside the tennis courts. To pray for an end to pandemic and peace in the world.

MASS ON T.V.

All Masses in the area have resumed. If you are unwell, Sunday Mass can be watched on Channel 10 at 6am

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT Because of the public relevance of the Gospel and faith, because of the corrupting effects of injustice, that is, of sin, the Church cannot remain indifferent to social matters. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament on Feast of Corpus Christi, **19th June** at 2.30pm. It will include Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. This is for all Parishes in the Macarthur Region, and all are welcome to join in this witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

"DEEP CALLS TO DEEP" a deep dive into the contemplative practice of centring prayer, 20 – 26 June 2022 Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat with Sr Magdalen Mather OSB If you have a desire to go deeper in your prayer and relationship with God but have been at a loss to know how to go about it, this retreat may be of help. It takes us through the foundations, method, and practice of this simple, yet profound and transformative way of prayer. The invitation to practice and the offering of practical tips help to navigate the seas of spiritual practice and ultimately enable a whole-hearted response when 'Deep calls to Deep'. Go to <http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/> for more information/details, please

**Technology skills workshops
Friday 3rd June before
First Friday lunch**

CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. There will be a one off session held here at **St Anthony's Tahmoor, 10-12pm** followed by the parishioners and friends lunch. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. BYO laptop or tablet. Morning tea will be provided, and we encourage you to stay, bring a sandwich and continue the conversation.

For more information Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer
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Note: all NSW Health Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.

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EUCCHARIST - THE SACRIFICE WE OFFER Join Bishop Mascord and people from across the Diocese for a Workshop on Saturday 11 June 2022 Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong (38 Harbour St), 9:30am - 2:30pm, presented by Sr Carmel Pilcher RSJ, PhD

Lunch and Morning Tea provided.

An opportunity to make a donation to assist in covering costs will be provided towards the end of the workshop. At this workshop we will seek to understand what the early church understood by priestly participation in the liturgy. Namely that each of us, together with our sisters and brothers in Christ, bring to the celebration the joys and hopes, grief and anxieties of our week. Ritually we place these on the Eucharistic table along with bread and wine to become the mystery of Christ's sacrifice. From the communion table we go to continue our priestly role as witnesses of Christ's love. This is a great opportunity for formation for anyone who wishes to deepen their appreciation of Eucharist. Register by Tuesday 7 June 2022: dow.org.au/events Enquires: Anthony Rewak anthony.rewak@dow.org.au / 4222 2465

THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord's submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback. The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report will be made publicly available in coming weeks. Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.

DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES:

In our Diocese we are keenly aware of the need for more priests to serve our people now and into the future. However, the Bishop and Vocations Team want us all to go deeper than just "getting more priests" and rather to work together throughout our Diocese to create a "culture of vocation" (to borrow a phrase from St John Paul II). This will be a collaborative effort in our parishes, schools, and families, to ensure that every young Catholic will be actively seeking to discern how they are called to serve Christ and his people - whether in Marriage, Ordained Ministry, Religious Life or Single Life. The stronger this culture of vocation, the more we will find ourselves blessed with faithful priests and religious, inspiring marriages and generous single Catholics.

A Vocations Event with a panel addressing all 4

Vocations and an opportunity for Q and A. This will be a wonderful opportunity especially for young people to come together and learn how to hear and respond to God's call. There will be more details to follow but for now please invite anyone you think may be interested, and if you're interested RSVP as soon as possible!

DATE: Sunday 19th June

TIME: Light refreshments 1:30pm for 2pm start

PLACE: Xavier Centre, next to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong,

RSVP: www.dow.org.au/events

DEEPER: Pentecost Intensive Carmel House, Varroville 1-5 June 2022 Join the MGL Sisters as we deepen together in the experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Come for a five-day intensive retreat in the lead-up to Pentecost and be encouraged in discipleship, activating the charismatic gifts, and being equipped for mission through inputs, discussion, prayer, and practical workshops. Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJI>

MARY MACKILLOP AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE

18/10–29/10/2022. Commencing in Melbourne journeying through Victoria & South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information, itinerary and application form, please contact: 9012 4818 national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

LIVE Local Macarthur Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm– 8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact our deanery youth group coordinator, Luke Vail at luke.vail@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids cathfamily.org/activities/

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