

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the lower hall. The Legion meets for 60 minutes max., leaving time for members to attend the 7:00pm Mass. The meeting opens with the Rosary, and then follow reports on work done, prayers, reflection, and assignment of works to be done in the week coming. New members are welcome: simply come to the meeting to learn how it works. Auxiliary (praying) members are also welcome to be enrolled: contact Fr Joseph who will put you in contact with the Legion president.

Holy Communion, Holy Water

Holy Communion may be received on the tongue again. If you want a blessing for yourself or your child at Holy Communion, go to the priest for this—not the acolyte. An acolyte cannot give blessings. There is Holy Water in the fonts at the entrances to the church. If you want a small container of Holy Water to take home, ask Fr Joseph or an acolyte in the sacristy before or after Mass.

Prayer meditation for the Ascension the Lord

O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work
Amen.

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Support Your Parish Online

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have been supporting our Parish. Your donations are greatly appreciated. You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

The Walk With Christ Returns Sunday 19th June, 2022

Message from Bishop Richard Umbers:

I am most please to invite you all to the first Walk with Christ Pilgrimage in two years, which we had postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On this Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we invite all the faithful in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to unite and honour the Real Presence by attending the Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession through the streets of Sydney.

The walk will take place on Sunday 19th June commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place.

Closer to the date, our parish priest will announce at what time parishioners will gather with him at Campsie Station to take the train together to the City.

Didaskō

Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation

The Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, *Didaskō* seeks to respond to Christ's Great Commission to "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev. Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland. Cost: \$25 per course.

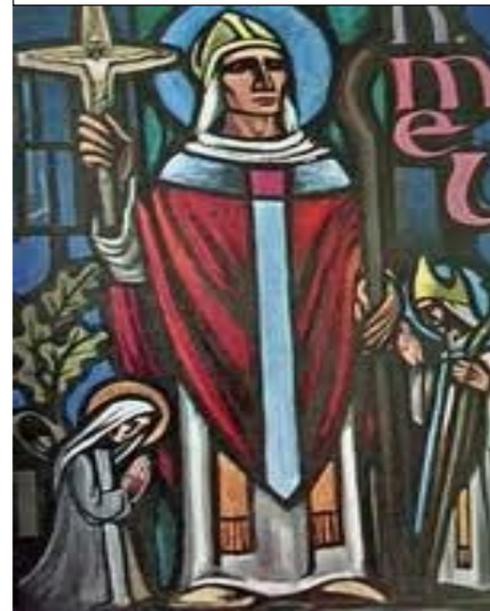
Bishop Umbers will present the first *Didaskō* course on **Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm – 8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism."

Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/. For more information, contact Helen Wagner at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org.

Prayers for the sick

If you have any names of seriously sick people you want listed in the bulletin, please send their names to the parish office. When you have a Mass offered for the sick, on the envelope you can tick the "Yes" box for inclusion in the bulletin. Of course, email the parish office when the sick person has recovered! After some time we will remove all the names that have built up, and ask you to send their names again if still needed.

29th May, A.D. 2022, The Ascension of the Lord, Year C



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St Mel's Catholic Primary School

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am

Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Wednesday: 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 8pm.

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: 4pm to 4:50pm Saturday.

Baptisms: By arrangement: please call Parish Office or download an application form from the Parish website at: www.stmelcampsie.org.au

Weddings: By arrangement with at least three months' notice.

Care for the Sick: Please call the presbytery.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after the 9am Mass.

Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass (7:30-8:00pm)

First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and Rosary; ends at 10am.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Monday 2nd May

St Athanasius (Bishop, Doctor)

Tuesday 3rd May

Saints Philip and James (Apostles)

Thursday 12th May

Saints Nereus & Achilleus (martyrs), St Pancras (martyr)

Friday 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th May

St Matthias

Wednesday 18th May

St John I (Pope, martyr)

Friday 20th May

St Bernardine of Siena (priest)

Saturday 21st May

St Christopher Magallanes (priest and companions, martyrs)

Tuesday 24th May

Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia

Wednesday 25th May

St Bede the Venerable (priest, Doctor) St Gregory VII (Pope)

Thursday 26th May

St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (Carmelite nun, virgin)

Friday 27th May

St Philip Neri (priest)

Sunday 29th May

St Augustine of Canterbury (Bishop)

Tuesday 31st May

The Ascension of the Lord

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles***

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(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 Eph 1:17-23***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians***

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23***Alleluia, alleluia!***

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

GOSPEL Lk 24:46-53

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 to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Ascension of the Lord

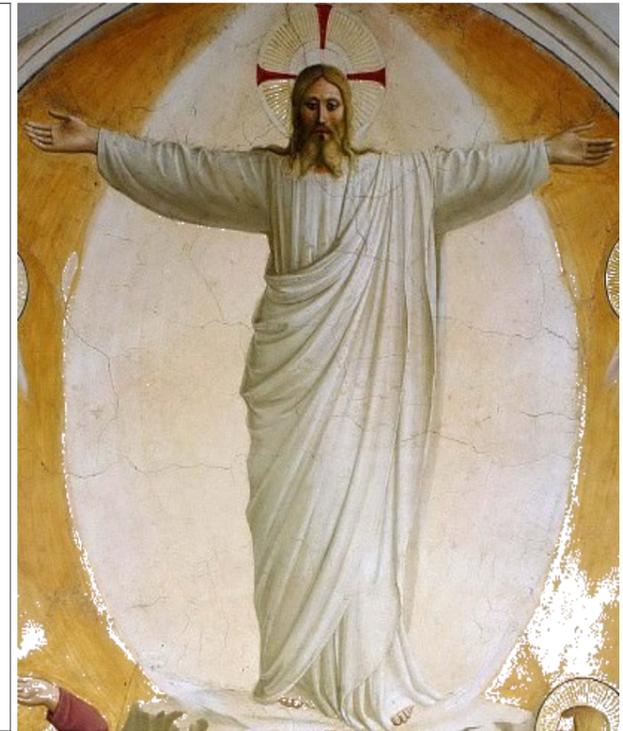
We celebrate today one more step in the completion of the mission of the Son of God. Humanity had sinned at the beginning of time and fallen from Original Innocence. God immediately began to prepare the world for the gift of eternal redemption by establishing a covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses. He raised up various prophets and kings to further prepare His people for what was to come. And then, when the time was right, God entered our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, eventually entered into His public ministry, teaching, performing miracles, gathering the faithful to Himself, dying, rising, and then appearing to His disciples in preparation for the Ascension. The Ascension completes the mission of the Son of God, and today we honor that one definitive moment when God the Son, in His transformed and resurrected Human nature, ascends by His own power to the Father, bringing with Himself our humanity so that all humanity may ascend with Him.

Regina Caeli**(said in place of the *Angelus* during Easter-tide)**

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

***We remember in our Masses***

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish. Kalim Morad

Recently deceased: Damon Charles Miller, Minda Derro, Jerald Elias, Armando Andaya.

We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed:

Peter & Remy Karam, Balbadeh Kaream, Tony Karam, Raya & Youseff Karam, Jamil Moussa, Asorl Abboud, Tony & Barbara Aboud, Shaheen family members, Assad Jabour Hanna, Riham Abou Serhal, Georges Azzi, Vincent Samuel, Pamela Jones, Martinus Mudawan Sahabu, Zacharia Sumanto, Maurice Malipe Sahabu, Ida Sahabu, Mariana Laiyo, Elizabeth Sumini, Terry D'Souza,

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Skinner, Maria Di Coio, Nancy McAppion, Thomas McAppion, Dinh Tien Sung, Elias Adoni, Rosa Dao, Giuseppe Tilocca, Rosa Hoang, Jamil Moses, Fersan Farhart, Frank Stanton, Ramez and Rada Constantine, Danilo Tuico, Fahim, Jeanette Elias, Elias Makhlof, Nakad families, Mitch Daniel, Huggette Moses, Teofisto and Maura Mandanas.

Lord, may they rest in peace.