



ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA TO *Mary Help of Christians*

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

24 / 25 May 2020

Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal

24th/25th May, 2020

Sunday Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9am, 5:30pm

Daily Mass Times:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 5:45pm

Tuesday / Thursday: 7.00am

Saturday: 9.30am

Parish Sec: Roxy Locke
(Mon. Thurs. Fri. 9am-2pm)
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Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.
Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack J. McGlynn, Robert Larkin, Joan Lowe, Margaret Hogan, Thomas (Kerry) McDonnell, Mary McInnes, Dr. Phil Zammit, John Loth CFC, Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Sr. Rita Corbett rsj.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:

SICK: Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Bob Barclay, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Allan Davis.

MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH STARTING MONDAY

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday at 5:45pm

Saturday at 9:30am

Sunday Mass: through Zoom at 10am

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

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

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. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 46*

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mt 28: 19*

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

GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:16-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I have you. And know that I am with you always: yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Don't Just Stand There: DO Something

The Ascension is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts recorded several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples - the ones in 'longer Mark' being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do this is up to us. If you want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to the foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missioned corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it 'good news' for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you? Allow someone's testimony of faith to speak into your life: read a biography of a holy person. Allow your testimony to speak to someone else. Practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity until they become the 'new normal' for you.

Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one all. Go today! (gpbs.com.au)