



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH LANE COVE

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

St Michael's Lane Cove
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass: 9.30am
Sunday Evening Mass: 6.00pm
Mon-Thu, & Sat: 9.15am
Friday: 12.00noon

Our Lady Help of Christian's Chapel
(72 Greenwich Road, Greenwich)

Sunday Morning Mass: 8.00am
Weekdays Mon-Sat: 8.30am

Dalton Memorial Chapel, Riverview
(In the grounds of St Ignatius College,
Tambourine Bay Rd, Riverview)
Sunday (during school term only) 7.30am

CONFESSION TIMES (PARISH CHURCH):

Saturdays: 8.45am - 9.10am
5.15pm - 5.45pm
Sundays: 9.00am - 9.25am
5.30pm - 5.55pm

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 12 May, 2024

The Ascension of The Lord, Year B

From the Parish Priest...

Completing the work of Salvation, Christ returns to the Father in his risen and glorified body by ascending visibly into heaven while the Apostles look on in wonder. After the mystery of faith, we proclaim that the Mass celebrates "the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord." (first Eucharistic Prayer).

Our Faith teaches us that the work of our salvation performed by Jesus Christ is encompassed by all three and is not complete until after the Lord's Ascension back to the Father. He told his disciples that if he did not go away, the Counsellor (ie the Holy Spirit) will not come to you. The Holy Spirit could only be poured out upon the Church when the work of salvation was complete when Jesus returned to the Father.

Returning to God the Father in his glorified and risen humanity he now "sits at the right hand of the Father" as we pray in the Creed, showing that Christ is both equal to God the Father (the meaning of 'sits at the right hand') and also, that he intercedes for us eternally. God, having taken to himself human nature in the person of Jesus Christ, has purified it of sin and redeemed it and taken it up into heaven.

Where the head of the mystical body of Christ has gone, we his members are now able to follow. Such is the meaning of the great feast of the Ascension and why it comes at the end of the Easter Season, even while looking forward to Pentecost.

Jesus leaves the Apostles and other disciples present to witness his ascension staring up into heaven, as we see in our first reading for this weekend. Being told by the angels that "he would return just as you have seen him go", the Church is in a certain sense still looking up towards heaven awaiting his return.

Significantly, the Apostles were looking up and to the East, which is one reason why Churches are typically arranged so the people face East when looking at the altar. It's also why the altar (which means, literally, 'the high place') is raised up. It is meant to represent heaven, where Jesus intercedes eternally for us before the Father, showing, as he did his disciples in his Resurrection appearances, the wounds on his body by which he has paid the price for sin.

Daily in the morning prayer of the church prayed by priests and religious we pray the Benedictus, the prayer attributed to the father of St John the Baptist. In it we hear of the loving kindness of the heart of our God "who visits us like the dawn from on high". I always think of this image in relation to the Mass.

In the great medieval Cathedrals, such as that at Cologne in Germany, the light of dawn falls on the altar just as Mass is being celebrated. I witnessed this at World Youth Day in 2005 and the experience and the image have stayed with me. In the Mass we celebrate the mystery of our salvation in Christ. The symbols, prayers and rituals we have surrounded it with are to remind us of the mystery we celebrate.

Fr Sam.

The Ascension of The Lord, Year B

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 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.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6)

(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.)**

Second Reading (Ephesians 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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 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 (Mark 16:15-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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 is 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

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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What's On at St Michael's

Sun 12 May 7.30am	Sunday Morning Mass Dalton Chapel, Riverview (Jesuits)
Sun 12 May 9.30am	Ascension Sunday Mass St Michael's Parish Church
Wed 15 May 10.00am	Legion of Mary Mtg Parish Hall
Thu 16 May 9.15am	Year 4 Grade Mass St Michael's Parish Church
9.35am	Parent & Parishioner Morning Tea Parish Hall
Thu 16 May 7.00pm-8.00pm	Adoration & Benediction St Michael's Parish Church
Sat 18 May 3.00pm-4.30pm	Bible Study Session 4 of 8 Parish Hall
Sun 19 May 7.30am	Sunday Morning Mass Dalton Chapel, Riverview (Jesuits)
Sun 19 May 9.30am	Pentecost Sunday Mass St Michael's Parish Church
10.30am	First Holy Communion Catechesis Parish Hall & Church
Tue 21 May 7.00pm	St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting Parish Hall
Wed 22 May 10.00am	Legion of Mary Meeting Parish Hall
Thu 23 May 9.15am	Year 3 Grade Mass St Michael's Parish Church
9.35am	Parent & Parishioner Morning Tea Parish Hall
Thu 23 May 10.00am	Women's Reflection Morning Parish Hall
Thu 23 May 7.00pm-8.00pm	Adoration & Benediction St Michael's Parish Church
Fri 24 May 9.15am	Mary Help of Christians (School Mass) St Michael's Parish Church
Sat 25 May 3.00pm-4.30pm	Bible Study Session 5 of 6 Parish Hall

Saints & Feast Days this Week

Sun 12 May (Solemnity)	The Ascension of the Lord <i>(Completing the work of salvation that he was sent to do by God the Father, Our Lord Jesus Christ returned to God the Father bodily by Ascending into heaven, taking us with him, so to speak, in his risen humanity where he pleads eternally for us 'seated at the right hand of the Father').</i>
Mon 13 May (Opt. Mem.)	Our Lady of Fatima <i>(On May 13, 1917 the Blessed Virgin Mary began to appear to three poor shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. To them she entrusted the message to pray the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart for the salvation of sinners. She also prophesied the start of a new and more terrible war by the 'strange light' which would be seen in the sky, a prophecy fulfilled by the red light seen in the sky across Europe on the eve of Hitler's invasion of Poland).</i>
Tue 14 May (Feast)	St Matthias, Apostle <i>(With the betrayal, despair and death of the Apostle Judas, the Apostles decided under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to assign his office to another. They chose Matthias as one who had been with them from the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and was a witness to it. (cf Acts 1:12-26).</i>
Sat 18 May (Opt. Mem.)	St John I, Pope, Martyr <i>(Martyred in 526 this Pope lived in time of great dissension within the Church as the ruler of Italy of his day was an Arian Christian (ie a heretic) who ultimately imprisoned and martyred the Pope in a bid to impose the heresy on the whole Church.</i>

Anointing
PENTECOST EVE
 WORSHIP GATHERING
 HOSTED BY THE YOUTH
 18TH MAY 2024
 TIME : 4:00 - 7:00 PM
 VENUE : 15 PARK RD, SEVEN HILLS
 SERVANTS OF JESUS

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In the 1970s the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) was an active group in the parish of St Michael's Lane Cove. The Nolan family were leaders in that group.

Pope Francis has given the movement new vigour establishing a body, *Charis*, within the Vatican which is charged with co-ordinating CCR worldwide.

If there is interest in reinvigorating that movement in this parish, Tony Nolan of the Greenwich congregation would be interested. The 18 May activity in Seven Hills is an opportunity. Let the parish office know if you intend to go to be put in touch with like minded others from the parish.



Novena to the Holy Spirit in anticipation of Pentecost

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore you, and acknowledge, here in your divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without you. Come, great Paraclete, father of the poor, comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of your poor, unworthy creature, as you descended on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which you communicated to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is displeasing to you, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of you, that I may be cleansed from all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that I may be made conformable to your divine will, and be guided by your holy inspirations. Aid me by your grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life.

Oh, rend the heavens, and come down, consoling Spirit! that inspired and encouraged by you, I may faithfully comply with the duties of my state, carry my daily cross most patiently, and endeavor to accomplish the divine will with the utmost perfection. Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify my soul more and more, and give me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. Bless our Holy Father the Pope, bless the Church, bless our bishops, our priests, all Religious Orders, and all the faithful, that they may be filled with the spirit of Christ and labor earnestly for the spread of His kingdom.

O Holy Spirit, Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant me, I beseech you, the intentions of this novena. May your will be done in me and through me. May you be praised and glorified forevermore! Amen.



**St Michael's Lane Cove
May Women's Reflection Morning**

Date: Thursday, 23 May

Time: 10am – 11am

Facilitator: Elizabeth Meagher

Venue: Parish Hall

Register through the parish office by 17 May.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
"Could you not watch with me one hour?"



Monday	8.00am-9.00am
Tuesday	8.00am-9.00am
Wednesday	8.00am-9.00am
Thursday	7.00pm-8.00pm
Friday	11.30am-12noon

St Michael's Church Liturgical Roster

	This Week	Next Week
6pm Vigil Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Emmilyn Belaro	Mark Galvin
<i>Server:</i>	Paul McGregor	Paul McGregor
<i>Organist:</i>	Christine Moriarty	Anne Power
<i>Cantor:</i>	Claire Burrell-McDonald	Parish Choir
9.30am Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Liz Cashman	
<i>Server:</i>	Edith Lam Avangeline Hee	Edith Lam Avangeline Hee
<i>Organist:</i>	Mel Waters	Elizabeth Neilson
<i>Cantor:</i>	Anita Kyle	Anita Kyle
Children's Liturgy	-	Elena Kalcef
Ch. Lit. Assistant	-	Alexandra Anderson
Ch. Lit Assistant	-	Elizabeth Jones
6pm Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Marie-Lyse Eliatamby	Mike Del Maso
<i>Server:</i>	-	-
<i>Organist:</i>	Christine Moriarty	Christine Moriarty
<i>Cantor:</i>	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan

(Please SMS Fr Sam if you can't make it on the day)

In Our Prayers and Masses, we remember:

Our loved ones who are sick:

Christopher Mogan, Eugenia Kwok, Margarita Dumlaio, Damian Wyld, Diane Fountain, Perri Hallet, Richard Martin, Roque Langkay Jnr., Rebecca Shields, Jeanette Sharp, Eszter Kalotay, John Tesoriero, Pam and Paul Lenahan, Mary Ng, Vanderlita Alves, Tony Devery, Patricia Breen, Margaret Price.

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Bishop Peter Ingham, Ann Ryan, Charles Dale, Gregory Scarf, Jennifer Benson.

Anniversaries of our deceased loved ones:

Monica Turner, Michael Turner, Antoun Chehade, Antoun Bechara, Frederick Khoury.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.