

## The Ascension of the Lord

8th May 2016

**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 from the Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11**

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of hoi: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading from St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23**

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

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 24: 46-53**

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### *Saints of the Week*

Sts Nereus & Achilleus & St Pancras (**Thur 12/5**) Our Lady of Fatima (**Fri 13/5**)  
St Matthias (**Sat 14/5**)

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:** Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Monday— Friday 9.15am

**ADDITIONAL MASSES:** 1st Friday 7.00pm/ Parish.  
Hammondville Nursing Home 1st Tuesday of the Month at 11.00am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 4.30pm—5.15pm

**MASS INTENTIONS:** There are Mass Intention envelopes in the church foyer for people to write their respective Intentions. These need to be returned to the parish office no later than one week prior to the said date. Please do not place them in the 'suggestion box'.

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Thursday 7.00pm -8.00pm except Thursday before 1st Friday of the Month.

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

**WEDDINGS:** 6 months notice is required

### **CONTACTS:**

**CATECHISTS:** Louise Hartin 9822 5040

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**ALTAR SERVERS:** Rev. Mr. Al Salu 0416 842 669

**ROSARY MAKERS GUILD:** Cyril Ferriere 9825 2008

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality, love and commitment*

**Parish Priest:**

Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen

**Assistant Priest:**

Rev. Thomas Alukka

**Permanent Deacon:**

Rev. Mr. Al Salu

**Pastoral Support**

Sr. Helen Madden *rsj*

**Secretary:**

Mrs. Anne Bennell

**Parish Office Hours**

Mon 10.00am—3.00pm

Tues & Thurs 9.00am—3.00pm

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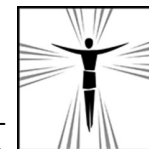
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The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work – the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus – attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

## Parish Collections 01/05/2016

**First:** \$573.80 **Second:** \$642.15

Should any parishioner wish to contribute to the Planned Giving envelopes there are forms in the church foyer. Please complete & place on any of the collections plates and the Parish Office will contact you.

### PARISH NEWS:

**The Parish Secretary is on annual leave until Monday 16th May 2016.** The Parish office will be open on Wed & Fri from 9am—11am. Should you wish to contact the parish office, other than these times, please telephone and leave a message 9825 1679. Fr Thanh will return your call.

**Parish Youth Group.** The next Youth Event will be held on Sunday, 15th May, 6:30pm (after the Mass) to 8pm in the parish hall. Young people ages 11-21 are welcome to join. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Marie at [marie.teriana@gmail.com](mailto:marie.teriana@gmail.com) to RSVP. See you there!

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF).** This parish wishes to thank each one of you for your kind support last weekend. Your donations mean continued aid for the people who benefit from the work of the CWF through these agencies: CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our Seminaries and Chaplaincies. Every dollar you give allows us to do more for our local communities, and we thank you.

**First Holy Communion Program—** We are still urgently seeking parents to volunteer as Group Leaders for this year's program. We are expecting 82 children to enrol, but presently we only have enough Group leaders to cater for 66. Therefore 16 children will miss out on receiving their First Holy Communion this year if we do not get more parents to volunteer. If you are a parent whose child will be receiving this Sacrament, please consider being a Group Leader. Please contact Cath Flavell, our co-ordinator on 0416 120 404 or [cdmflavell@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cdmflavell@optusnet.com.au). All resources & full support and guidance is provided.

**Family Mass—**next Sunday 22nd May at the 5:30pm Mass our Yr 2 children and their families have been invited to participate in this Liturgy.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY.** The Emmaus Prayer Community and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invite you to celebrate Pentecost **Sunday, 15 May 2016** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. The day starts at **11.30am and concludes at 2.30pm.** Enquiries: Merv – 9634 1654, Mike – 0401 440 094, CCR Centre – 9810 2499. Flyer attached for more information.

### PREPARING FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE? PREPARING FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE?

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places available for **27 & 28 Aug** and **12 & 13 Nov**, \$250 per couple. For more information, call **9646**

**9010** or go to [www.caec.com.au](http://www.caec.com.au) - \*A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime\*.

*Happy Mothers Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers,  
Godmothers and nurturers*



Saturday 7th May 5.30pm..... Vincent Quang & Maria Hue (RIP)  
Sunday 8th May 8.00am Parish Intentions : Thanks to God for the gift of Mothers.  
Sunday 8th May 9.30am..... Peter Hoa & Lucia Thom (RIP)  
Sunday 8th May 5.30pm..... Margaret Reynolds (RIP)  
Monday 9th May 9.15am..... Lawrence Pace & NN (RIP)  
Tuesday 10th May 9.15am ..... Australian troops serving Overseas  
Wednesday 11th May 9.15am..... Sanh & Hong (RIP)  
Thursday 12th May 9.15am..... Vocations  
Friday 13th May 9.15am..... For the Sick  
Saturday 14th May..... **No Morning Mass**.....

**PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door.** *“The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life”.* Pope Francis . Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. For more information see [www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy)

**ORDER OF MALTA, DEFENCE OF THE FAITH LECTURE SERIES.** You are invited to attend a public lecture presented by Professor Haldane on [The Challenge of Barbarianism and How to Deal with It](#). Hosted by the Institute for Ethics and Society (IES), The University of Notre Dame Australia and supported by the Order of Malta (NSW Branch) as part of its 2016 lecture series. **Thursday, 12 May 2016 - 6.30pm** (refreshments available from 6.00pm). St Benedict's Hall, The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney Broadway Campus. Attendance is free. **RSVP**, please email: [ies@nd.edu.au](mailto:ies@nd.edu.au)

**ADORATION IN THE DEANERIES: Fairfield Parish - Friday, 13 May 2016 6-9pm,** Catholics of the Fairfield/Revesby Deanery and throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney are invited to an evening of Adoration to place ourselves before the Lord, asking that He strengthen the vocations of all Catholic men and women in the Archdiocese and help young people to listen to His call to serve the people of Sydney. The evening includes meditations before the Blessed Sacrament by director of vocations, Fr Epli Qimaqima; Schoenstatt Sister of Mary, Sr M. Luka Juenemann; and seminarian Noel Custodio. **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 18 Vine St, Fairfield.** Friday, 13 May 2016 6-9pm. **Enquiries: 9307 8433.**

### We Pray For The Sick

Jeff Crouche, Frank Ilankovan, Kevin Madden & Erica Garcia Leon



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*