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What do we do now?



12 May 2024 Ascension Year B

Imagine how many times, through their days living with and following the Lord, that the disciples found themselves dumbstruck. His teaching fell on them like thunder. Parables, like mysterious worlds, snapped and popped about, opening new, wonderful, bottomless points of view.

And his symbolic actions! He cursed the fig tree. He forgave sins. He woke up in the boat and rebuked the storm. He marched right into the temple and, like a whirlwind, drove out the moneychangers. And, of course, there were the miracles! He touched and healed lepers, the infirm, the blind from birth. He turned water into wine. He walked on water. He even raised a man from the dead!

And all of this was like a plane on a runway, gathering speed, faster, faster, to go ... where? To the cross! The man died. The spear went into His side. They saw his blood spill. They saw His naked body hanging lifelessly from the wood. They saw him taken down and placed into the earth. They were certainly confused then: the whole movement, the whole world-changing, upside-down, inside-out revolution he started ends in total defeat?

Of course, from our place in the long line of heirs to this story, we know it's not over: on the third day He returns from death. Reading or hearing the story ourselves, we can almost taste the mixture of confusion with unutterable joy and amazement that drenches the page.

And there's more. He is with them, from that first Easter morning, for forty glorious and

strange days, days beyond comprehension, where time and space were surely refigured around his presence—heaven, as they say, on earth. There's little said about this time, but, yes, it's strange: they struggle to recognise him. He appears and disappears. He passes through locked doors. He eats fish. He breaks through Thomas' doubt: 'Here, put your hand in my wounded side!' He reconciles and recommissions Peter: 'Feed my sheep!'

And you can just as palpably taste the disciples' wondered confusion now at His ascension. Before their very eyes he passes on into the heavenly realm, the cloud of glory hiding him from their sight. He suffered, died, descended to hell, and returned—and wait, he now leaves for heaven? The story has been strange all along. But three of the gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—end with this event. 'And what do we do now?' You can almost hear the disciples saying to themselves. In the gospel story that is exactly the question we, who also believe, are supposed to ask.

The Lord ascended to heaven, to the place of all authority. He, that man, Jesus of Nazareth, sits on the divine throne. And it's still not over. The rest of the story includes us. It includes all creation. It's still being written!

Our question today is the same as the disciples' then: 'What do we do now?' Keep reading, keep listening, to find out.

W Chris Hackett

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**The Ascension of The Lord
Year B—May 12, 2024**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to our lovely South West and Parish? Please write your details in our *New Parishioners Book* in the foyer. We can then be in touch to arrange a time convenient to you to reach out with Parish information and a friendly welcome.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

For more information please contact the parish office. Our phone number for the parish office is **9797 1886**. However, the quickest way is to contact us by email so that the required forms and information can be forwarded straight back to you **admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au** The office is usually attended on a Thursday, but email is usually the best contact

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Anyone in the parish who cannot attend Mass due to illness or being house bound is welcome to contact **Anne Stanaway** who can arrange for a Special Minister to call. Anne is available on **0400 492 592**.

**SAFEGUARDING
OFFICERS**

Our parish safeguarding officers are Cath Di-Bona; Anna Stevens and Laurie Sutherland

Call 0431 502 560



to discuss any safety concerns or incidents.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please leave a message on 1300 794 054 and a member of the team will be in contact.

**Next Meeting:
Thursday 23 May at 5.30pm
New Members Welcome**

**PREGNANCY ADVICE
BUNBURY**



**PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE**

Support for any pregnancy
Call 97924759



PARISH

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Noongar people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of Christ the Living Vine, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, create a community of Christian love by reaching out to meet the needs of all in our Parish and beyond in a spirit of love, acceptance and compassion.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Ron Kenning.

Remembrances:

Prayers for the Sick of the Parish: Delores Fisher; Pat McKenna; Myrna Vandeleur; Ray Green; Rosemary Spurgeon; Robin Samuels; Sheila Tuppen; Lennie Hynes; Helen Whitcombe and Vin Hynes.

Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm. Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am

Bethanie: Liturgy of the Word: First Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Mass: Third Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5-5.45pm or by arrangement

ATTENTION GREETERS

If you are a Greeter and have not yet picked up your new Roster they are available in the Foyer

Thank you—VAL

Saturday—SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Saturday evening 25 May students from Our Lady of Mercy College will be hosting a Sausage Sizzle for our community. For a gold coin donation, enjoy an easy supper that night and catch-up with fellow parishioners. Regular Sunday parishioners might come to Mass on Saturday for the event, as they have already experienced the gracious hospitality of the OLMC team.

The Dinner table

Majellan are on a mission to reunite families at the Dinner Table.

Join Majellan to help families reconnect and communicate more effectively, help families be closer, sharing and loving. The dining table is not only for eating at, but a place for gathering, sharing, communicating and where relationships grow.

When was the last time you sat at the dinner table with your family and friends to simply share a meal and be present with each other? For more information, please visit Majellan.media/the-dinner-table/

Mother's Day Masses

Mother's Day Mass—Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May—I am looking for a mother and/or a grandmother to say a few words at homily time about living with love as a mother and/or grandmother.

We would like to hear about the challenges and joys and where you get the strength and gifts needed to be a mother or grandmother. This would be for about 3 minutes and I would like people to offer to do one or both Masses over the Mother's Day weekend. Thank you – Fr Pat.

FOR THE ONE WHO GIVES SO MUCH TO OTHERS

It's not the things that can be bought
that are life's richest treasure,
It's just the little "heart gifts"
that money cannot measure....

A cheerful smile, a friendly word, a sympathetic nod
Are priceless little treasures from the storehouse of our
God...

They are the things that can't be bought
with silver or with gold,
For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold...
They are the priceless things in life
For which no one can pay,
And the give finds rich recompense in Giving Them Away...
And who on earth gives more away
and does more good for others
Than understanding, kind and wise
and selfless, loving Mothers
Who ask no more than just the joy
of helping those they love
To find in life the happiness that they are dreaming of.

Helen Steiner Rice

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

Don't forget to make good use of our suggestion box. Look for it in the foyer this weekend and come along armed with your best ideas to make the Parish prosper. While we have a Parish Pastoral Council to help with the big direction setting, it takes more than a council to make a Parish. Each of us has a role in making sure that our parish fulfils its Mission of creating a community of Christian love. How we could be going about reaching out to meet the needs of all is a responsibility to be shared by all parishioners.



NOTICE Board Please see notice board for:

- Upcoming events at The Spirituality Hub at the Church of the Holy Family in Kirup
- The Spring 2023 edition of Mary's News Today will be on display on our Notice Board. We receive this from Mary MacKillop Today as a result of our parishioners who donate their used stamps.
- A basket will be periodically placed in the Church foyer for anyone wishing to donate pantry foods for our St Vincent pantry to help local families.

PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW BISHOP

Shepherding God, you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion, knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them. We, your people of the Bunbury Diocese, are without a bishop to shepherd us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians: *pray for us.*
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: *pray for us.*

SAVE THOSE STAMPS FOR CHARITY

Want a simple and easy way to help Mary MacKillop Today?

Our parish can help by collecting stamps!

There is a labelled box on a shelf in the church's foyer, so please collect your stamps and drop them off.

Mary MacKillop Today receive thousands of stamps each year which are trimmed and sorted by volunteers, then sent to an auction house to be sold to collectors.

Mary MacKillop Today works with the poorest communities in Australia and internationally, in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji to support and empower local communities. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, their focus is on building dignity through education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods.

If you have any queries, please speak to **Anna Stevens** or send an email to the parish office
admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au

MARY MACKILLOP
today

PARISH DATES

Mass at Bethanie—Thursday 16 May—11.00am

St Vincent de Paul Meeting—Thursday 23 May—5.30pm

Baptism—Sunday 26 May—Jovian Pascoe

Morning Tea—Sunday 19 May—After Mass

Sausage Sizzle—Saturday 25 May—After 6pm Mass

Confirmation Lessons—Monday 17 June

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Thursday 27 June—7.00pm

CONFIRMATION LESSONS

Confirmation lessons for after school sacramental students will begin on
Monday 17th June.

Please contact Mel Ryan on mobile: 0491662641 to confirm or book attendance.

MORNING TEA

Morning Tea will be on **Sunday 19 May** to coincide with the great feast of PENTECOST.

Come along after Mass on Sunday and enjoy celebrating the Church's birthday with fellow parishioners. Perhaps we could also wear something **red** for the day.



Special Mass in Subiaco

On 18 May in Subiaco, there will be a Mass and blessing for medical professionals - Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health.

What an excellent opportunity this will be to get to know your fellow Catholic medical colleagues!

This is being hosted by the West Australian branch of the Australian Catholic Medical Association.

Space is limited and people wishing to attend will need to book via the below link:

[White Mass for Catholic Medical Professionals | Humanitix](#)

Date: Sat 18th May 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: **St John of God Subiaco Hospital Chapel**
12 Salvado Rd, Subiaco WA 6008, Australia

	11-May	12-May	18-May	19-May
ROSTERS	SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM	SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM
ACOLYTE	John	Paddy	Laurie	Alex
LECTOR/s	Pia Doyle	Sam Galati Judith Mills	Karyn Cronin	Angela Kietzmann Oliver Kietzmann
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FLOWERS	Toni Hynes			
MORNING TEA	Catholic Women's League			
COUNTERS	Richard and Gwenda Panizza			



PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

Melissa Ryan (Chair)
Karyn Cronin (OLMC)
Jo Mincham
Daniel Graves (LCPS)
Penny Elliott
Colin Fredericks
Cathryn Cox

Sacrificial Giving Program

05 May, 2024

Loose	\$	1028.05
Other Tai-Chi	\$	50.00
Total	\$	1223.05



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 46)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23 or 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost, Year B) Acts 2: 1-11; Ps 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5: 16-25; John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

*The art of
listening while
praying*

Prayer is Life

Fr David Hore CSsR shares his insights on the significance of thankfulness, reminding us to appreciate the ultimate gift of Jesus and the countless blessings already bestowed upon us in the Prayer is Life podcast titled Prayer and Listening. Go to: <https://majellan.media/prayer-is-life-podcast/>

