

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ROCKINGHAM

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## ***The Ascension of the Lord May 15 / 16 2021***

### **First reading Acts 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.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9**

***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 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.

### **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**

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 will be 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.

**PARISH AGM  
SUNDAY MAY 30  
11.00AM  
PARISH HALL**

**MASS and EVENT TIMES AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm  
 Monday – Saturday 7.30am  
 Friday 8.00am – 9.00am Holy Hour  
 Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil)

**Reconciliation: (Church only)**

Saturday: 11.30am – 12.30pm; 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
*Priests can be contacted at any other time as well.*

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**LOURDESCARE - CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

**Visiting, transport for appointments and meals:** Glenda - 0439 913 621, Ana - 0437 801 085; Laurie – 0449 980 004

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**FACEBOOK PAGES**

Please look for "Rockingham Catholic Community" and "Lifted High".

**24:7 SOUTH YOUTH GROUP** meet Friday's, at 7.00pm in the Kolbe Catholic College Sports Hall.

Food, fun, faith, friends, music! Call Will on 0499 516 377 or Amanda on 0421 144 992 for more information.

**MASSES CAN BEEN SEEN ON:**

[Facebook:](#) Rockingham Catholic Community page [YouTube:](#) Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham Online channel

**RIP's:** Ida Joyce; Pekka Marttinen; Rene Nario; Sharon Williams

**TO ANYONE HAVING ANY ROLE IN THE PARISH - SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS**

This programme is a very high priority of our Archbishop, and is mandatory for anyone in any role for the parish, not just people who work with children, as the programme includes adults at risk.

To make it easy for everyone to attend, two sessions are held in our parish hall on **Tuesday 18 May 2021**, either between **1.00pm and 3.00pm, or between 7.00pm and 9.00pm**. Andrea Musulin, the Director of Safeguarding, will be delivering the sessions.

Please make it a point to attend one of these sessions. Other sessions are available at other locations - please see the notice board for details. To register, go to [safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/](http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/)

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING**

The CCR will be attending the 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar' held at Mother Teresa Church, Baldivis for 7 weeks from 21st April to 2nd June from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Any queries to Mariza D'Souza 0435 435 013.

**PARISH LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

St Teresa parish invites all to a 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar conducted in the church on Wednesday evenings from April 21st – June 2nd. This seminar of teaching and sharing will guide you into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, revealing Him as your personal Lord and Saviour, and help you to see the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in your daily life.

Through this seminar the Sacred Scriptures will come alive for you! Please try to attend all sessions as they build on each other. Attendance is free. For further details contact Sandra 0470610478 or Mariza 0435435013.

**HOLDERS OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARDS:** Please check your cards expiry date.

The department notifies by mail individually those cardholders whose clearance is soon to expire. If you have received such an advice and are yet to act on it, please do so immediately. Alternatively, you may re-new your card prior to receiving notice from the department. This reminder comes from the Archbishop and the official office of the church. Renewal forms can be collected from the post office or the parish office.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** Strive for unity

Since even before we married, we have worked to bring about unity in our love relationship. Today we are reminded that by loving one another; *"God will live in us and His love will be complete in us"*. Let's take a moment to hold hands, look at each other and say "you are my beloved 'till the end of time"

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The central point of this week's gospel is the instruction that Jesus gives to the disciples to continue his work and mission: to take the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world and to all creation.

He warns that this task may not be easy and that some will reject the message the disciples bring, but for those who do accept it the rewards will be great. They will overcome all that impedes or threatens life and will be given great gifts. In the preaching of the Gospel, Jesus is still present and working with them.

The disciples unquestioningly carry out the instructions they are given. The preaching and the sacramental life of the Christian Church is the continuation of the presence of Jesus in the world.

The final verses of the Gospel were a later addition to the original ending of the women at the empty tomb. They show that from the earliest of times, the disciples realised that although Jesus was no longer physically present, 'the Lord was working with them.'

The word *apostle* comes from the Greek for 'one who is sent out'.

Mark uses the dramatic figures of speech about serpents and poisons to illustrate that those who believe in the Good News and preach it can overcome all that threatens or destroys life.

All the baptised share in this missionary task of the Church: to go out to proclaim the Good News 'to all creation'. Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis have all called on Christians to be bringers of good news to creation. We must be stewards of the earth and all its resources to ensure that future generations inherit an environment that God gifted to all humanity.

**This gospel tells of the closing of one era and the opening up of another.**

**What experiences have you had of closing off one chapter of your life and the opening of another.**

## SHALOM MEDIA RETREAT ONLINE

Shalom Media is a catholic ministry that works with the church to evangelize those who do not know Christ and strengthen those who are in Christ through all means of media. You might have taken part in the Daniel fasting we organised by us last year. This year, we bring to you an English Retreat to deepen your faith.

Lord I believe, help my Unbelief! - Mark 9:24

Fr. Bineesh Thomas OP and Dr. Zubin Paul Jacob will be leading the retreat.

**Dates: 4th, 5th, 6th June 2021**

**Time: 6:30PM TO 9:00PM AEST**

**Venue: Online via Zoom**

Registration for this event is free and easy. For more information and registration, please visit [shalommedia.org/retreat](https://shalommedia.org/retreat).

## EUCCHARISTIC MISSION IN OUR PARISH

Every year we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ by have 40 hours of adoration in the week leading up to the feast. We will do the same this year, but with a twist, as we would like to help our community to be ever more centred on the Eucharist. The 40 hours will include a mission by the Apostles of Perpetual Adoration and Fr. Doug Harris. Fr. Doug will also preach at all Masses over the weekend of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Here is the schedule:

**Wed. 2 June:** 7.00pm to 10.00pm: Opening of the 40 Hours with the Prayer Warriors night.

**Thu. 3 June and Fri. 4 June:** 6.00am to 10.00pm: 40 Hours continue.

7.00am: Morning Prayer.

7.30am: Mass followed by rosary.

7.00pm: Mission with the Apostles of Perpetual Adoration.

**Sat. 5 June, 6.00am to 3.30pm:** 7.00am: Morning Prayer.

7.30am: Mass followed by rosary.

9.00am to 3.30pm: Eucharistic retreat including a Mass by midmorning.

**Body and Blood of Christ weekend:** usual weekend timings. Fr. Doug Harris to preach at all Masses.

## PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ASSISTANT TENANT ADVOCATE, DAYDAWN ADVOCACY CENTRE, PERTH  
Applications close Monday 17 May 2021. Please see the notice board for details.

## POPE URGES CATHOLICS TO PRAY IN MAY FOR END TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020. Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

## THE ASCENSION

The Ascension is not the celebration of a physical journey into the skies or the clouds, even though religious art often portrays this event in that way. The celebration of the Ascension of the Lord developed in the early Church to mark the fact that there was a period when Jesus of Nazareth was physically present and a subsequent period when he was no longer present in the same way. Heaven is often portrayed as a 'place' in the skies, but this can diminish the Christian understanding of heaven.

Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness ... This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description.

Heaven is fully participating in the life of God. It is our ultimate destiny. St Augustine said, 'Our lives are restless until they find rest in God.'

In today's gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to continue his work of bringing the Good News. This calls to mind the 'sending out' that occurs at the end of every Mass. Not all of us can go 'to the whole world', but all are called to bring the Good News in even simple ways in our daily lives. This bringing of the Good News is not just to people, but to 'all creation.'

## PRAYER VIDEO TO HONOUR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SR IRENE MCCORMACK, RSJ

Catholic Mission invited student leaders from various Catholic schools in Perth to record their reflections on Sr Irene's story and legacy.

As a result, a 3-minute prayer video entitled 'A Life for Love' has been produced and will be officially released and distributed nationally on Friday, May 21, the 30th anniversary of Sr Irene's martyrdom.

The students reflect profoundly on her life as a gift of Love. If you would like the link to view this beautiful and inspiring commemorative prayer video, please contact Francis at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au)

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