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# Dominews

The Ascension of the Lord - Year B  
May 12, 2024  
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## Mass Timings

### **Rosary Church**

Thursday, Friday  
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday:  
12 noon

Saturday Vigil:  
6pm

Sunday:  
8am, 10am, 5:30 pm

### **St Laurence's**

Monday, Tuesday, 2nd  
& 4th Saturday:  
12 noon

Wed School Term  
7:45 am

Wed School Hols and  
every Saturday  
8:30 am

Sunday:  
9 am, 11 am

Friday 7 pm  
Adoration and  
Confession

### **Calvary Chapel**

Wednesday 12 noon

Confessions will be  
available  
before 12 pm Mass,  
Monday- Saturday and  
Saturday Vigil Mass

## Parish Office

If you need to visit the  
Parish Office, please  
note it will be open by  
appointment only.

Email:

[office@napparish.org.au](mailto:office@napparish.org.au)  
8344 1347

If you need a priest  
urgently: contact  
St Laurence's Priory on  
**08-8267 2674.**

## St Laurence's Priory

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP  
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Br Frank McKinnon OP  
Fr Kieran Adams OP  
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## The Purpose of the Human Person

In his *Summa Theologiae* St Thomas Aquinas spends sometime meditating on the purpose of human existence. He asks for what ultimate end was the human person made? Aquinas' answer falls upon one word "happiness". The Angelic Doctor then discerns what kind of things can bring happiness; can wealth bring perfect happiness? Can honour, fame or glory? Can power? Can any bodily good? Can pleasure? Can any spiritual good?

All of these things however do not pass St Thomas' test because all these so called goods, which one may seek so as to acquire happiness, are created, material goods. These types of goods are limited, transitory, capable of corruption, or are concluded in their usufruct by the death of the one that experiences them. St Thomas is a lot more optimistic than we are though! Most of us would probably settle for a few more dollars in the bank, or a bit of fame or power, or maybe non stop pleasure. Not Thomas. He will only settle for perfect, interminable happiness which can only be found in the supreme good which is God.

God's goodness then is not something that is added to God accidentally, it is not a quality like one might talk of a good apple or a good cricket bat. Goodness is not essential to apples or cricket bats, because there are some real crumby ones. For God to be called good we mean that it is essential for God to be good. If we speak of goodness we must have some standard by which to judge, and God is just that, the perfect good by which all good things are measured.

Realising then that God is what it means to be total, perfect goodness, the human heart inclines towards this good even if it doesn't immediately recognise it. The human will tends to the perfect good because that is what fulfils it ultimately. A materialistic pursuit will never cut it.

This is where our feast comes into the equation. Jesus' ascension points out the purpose of human existence, namely, to embrace perfect happiness in the life of God. Jesus ascends not to go on some heavenly journey through the clouds to some outer space location, rather the ascension into heaven means the elevating of the human person into a dimension which transcends this existence. The clouds and upward facing movement of the Lord are metaphoric for this translation of our human nature to the locus of the divine.

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### St Vincent de Paul Conference

We would greatly appreciate donations of any of the following goods: Cereal, tea, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, soup. Boxes will be available in the Churches for your donations.



### MARRIAGE MATTERS

Strive for Unity

Today we are reminded to "Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience." Let us apply this to our married life - even when you have your differences. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.

### Parish Calendar

May 12	2:50 pm Divine Mercy Service at Rosary Church. All are welcome.
May 17	7 pm Adoration & Confessions at St Laurence's
May 18	12 pm Mass at Rosary Church
May 18	7 pm Nocturnal Adoration in the Parish hall

### Feasts & Solemnities

May 12	Ascension of the Lord
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	St Matthias, apostle

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Of import for us is that Jesus ascends in his earthly but resurrected human body, the mysterious body which could pass through closed doors, or disappear from sight in the blink of an eye, yet, the same body which had flesh that could be touched and bones that could be handled, the same body that could eat a piece of fish, the same body which still displayed the wounds of the passion, all very human yet also paradoxically unearthly.

It is with this body that the risen Lord enters into the new existence of the Father. Yet, in keeping this human body Jesus symbolically brings all humanity to the source of its purpose. Jesus' true humanity in the flesh even now interfaces with the divine representing for us the destiny for which we were made. Indeed the Lord Jesus blazes a trail for us in this feast signposting that our desires will be met, our yearning will cease, our joy will be unalloyed and it will only be found in God.

### Praying the Rosary Together

*This Sunday, May 12, we will not be praying the Rosary at 2pm at the Fatima Shrine.*

*Please join us again on May 19.*

## Jesus has Gone Back into Heaven

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is always us- particularly every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion.

Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven!

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus, Your only Son, to die for our sin. We know that He has risen from the dead and has returned to heaven. Bless us today as we worship Him with great joy! In Jesus' name, amen.



## *Mother's Day Blessing*

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless all the women in our lives- living or deceased- who have nurtured us, as we celebrate this day in their honour.*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

### **PARISH**

#### **Parish Office**

The office will be closed from May 27 to June 19 however phone messages and emails will be attended to during this time. If you need a Priest urgently, please call 8267 2674

#### **Parish Knitting and Craft Group**

The Parish Knitting and Craft Group will be meeting on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.



Contact Marie Whitehead for details: 0428 768 333

#### **Mass Volunteers**

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be a reader or Eucharistic Minister.

### **ARCHDIOCESE:**

#### **Study Tour to Greece and Turkey**

Fr Michael Trainor is inviting you to come with him in January to Greece and Turkey for an instructive, insightful, and spiritually uplifting engagement with the New Testament letters and sites associated with St Paul and the Book of Revelation.

For details or to register contact Fr Michael on [blstadelade@gmail.com](mailto:blstadelade@gmail.com)

#### **Power up 2024**

Come join COYYA and young people of Adelaide at Blackfriars Priory School on Saturday May 18, 3pm to 9.30pm. The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults will host workshops on ecology and environmental care, social justice, faith formation and music formation (with special guest Melbourne based, singer-songwriter Gen Bryant) which are 100 per cent hands-on oriented with minimal sit and speak and maximum fun. The workshops will be followed by a Vigil Mass or a guided meditation and journaling workshop space. We will finish the night off with some dinner serviced by amazing local food trucks and a praise and worship concert with Gen Bryant.

Registration is free via [trybooking.com/CRAXX](http://trybooking.com/CRAXX) for young people 16 to 35 years of age. Follow us via our socials for all the latest information [linktr.ee/coyya](http://linktr.ee/coyya)

### **Adult Confirmation**

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised, but not yet confirmed, with Fr Dean Marin VG. This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 20. Candidates are to be prepared within their parish before coming to the Cathedral for the celebration of the Sacrament. For more information and to register for Adult Confirmation, contact the Community Life and Worship office on 8210 8130.

#### **Please pray for:**

**Recently deceased:** Johan Potgieter, Rona McCall, Brian O'Loughlin, Mark McCarthy, Charles Seal, Kathleen DiPasquale, Sr Anne Cashen RSM, Italo Percat, Shirley Lynch, Derek Stacy, Brian Stanley, Helen Dundon, Alf Paterson, Nicola Pipicella, Anna Elizabeth Martin, Nikoll Gjeka, Prena, Vgsel, Van Tam Nguyen, Domenic Celeste, Rita Cardone, Iolanda Pellegrini, Romano Cittadini, Natalie Whibley

#### **Those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:**

Antonia Percat, Franca Urbancic, Brian Withers, Giovanni Giordano, Candeloro Ciacciarelli, Angelo Bassani, Eric Rossi, Franz Haas, Don Bosco Nguyen Van Dinh, Pellegrino Landolfi, Michael Doukas, Giuseppina Rugari, Josie Rugari, Emilia Comacchio, Gianna Comacchio, Benjamin Gelsano, Arthur Lang, Mathew Pham, Maria Thi Dinh Khuyen, Jim Smith, Florence Huff, Cristina Stenta, Eric Rossi, Alberto Villoria Sr, Pedro Membrebe, Sean Woods, Gianna Comacchio, Biagio Ciacciarelli, Antonio Caridi, Tony Centofante, Mafalda & Giuseppe Forte & family, Antonino Franze, Ben Newland, Bill Button

**Those who are sick:** Please keep in your prayers Colin Sanford, Nadia Dametto, David Fiorentino, Sofia, XiAnna, Svetlana, Mother Pauline, Jorge Bob Bates, Julie Cooper, Leanne Worrell, Tom Allen, Vincent Allen, Lucy Sloane Tran, Rosa Dathici, Fletcher Adams, John Perry, Maria Antonelli, Anthony Rissi, Maria Stilie, Domenico Carrotti, Ann Gibbings, Marion Hiosan, David Vignone, Angela, Charalambros Popadopoulos, Tam Thi Thu Pham, Ray Bishop, Berryl Wannut, the Olesinski family, the Van-der Borch family

**Funerals:** Concetta Rosetti, Alfonso Rossi

***To have the names of your loved ones printed in the weekend bulletin, please contact the office no later than Wednesday afternoon of that week.***

#### **2nd Collection 11/12 May**

Planned Giving Envelopes:	\$ 363.00
Our Lady of the Rosary Church	\$ 859.80
St. Laurence's Church	\$ 365.65
	\$1588.45

***Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.***

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In the event of an emergency, please leave immediately via the nearest exit.

**Today's Readings -Ascension of the Lord - Year B  
(Vigil readings may differ)**

**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.

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians *Ephesians 4:1-13*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *Mark 16:15-20*

**Communion Antiphon**

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm**

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.

**Next Week's Readings:**

Acts 2:1-11

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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