

## ST PASCHAL'S PARISH

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

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Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021

READINGS

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 10:25–26,34–35,44–48

Psalm 98

1John 4:7–10

Gospel John 15:9–17

*'No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.'*



**MINISTERS**

GREETER: D Chipman

COMMENTATOR: R Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: R Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: S Main

COLLECTOR: A Fernandes

DATA PROJECTOR: R Brydon

SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2021

READINGS

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:17–23

Gospel Mark 16:15–20

*'The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.'*



**MINISTERS**

GREETER: P Hayward

COMMENTATOR: R Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: S Main

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: S Crooymans

DATA PROJECTOR: F Crooymans

### **The Love of God poured out for us**

The first will be finding people we never even imagined would make it to heaven and the second will be finding ourselves there. God is merciful, kind and extremely loving. He manifests himself to whomever he wants. His love has no boundaries. For comparison within our human experience, it is like the ocean below and the sky above. So vast, so rich, so marvellous.

St John of the Cross has something interesting to say when speaking of the love for God. "Hair that is combed with frequency is untangled, and there will be no difficulty in combing it as often as one desires; and the soul that, with frequency, examines its thoughts, words, and deeds, which are like the hair, and that does all things for love of God, will find that its hair is quite free from entanglement. Then the Spouse (God) will look upon the neck of the Bride (the soul), and will be captivated by it, and will be wounded by one of her eyes, namely by the purity of intention wherewith she performs all her acts. We begin to comb our hair from the crown of the head if we desire it not to be tangled; all our works must begin from the crown – that is, from the love of God – if we wish them to be without entanglement and pure."

Remaining in the love of God would mean doing everything for the love of God.

St Ignatius of Loyola would call it, "Doing everything for the greater glory of God."

Love of neighbour should be in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Only then our love for the neighbour will be complete and perfect. In the evening of our life, we will be judged on how much we have loved with a love like Christ's. And to love this way is to be transformed into what we love; i.e., to love God is to be transformed into God.

Father Vally



**Our 14 Stations of the Cross are in the process of being restored and protected for the future. If you would like to help by donating money towards these please let Robert or Frances know. This would be very much appreciated.**

### **All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old**

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers. grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

The central point to this Gospel is the instructions 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 Ascension is not the celebration of a physical journey into the skies or 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 fulfilment of the deepest human longing, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.."* 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."



Two boats of Parish men went out fishing in the Firth on 29th April and they both came back with a decent haul of fish.

Thanks to Stephen Croymans and John Roskam who were the skippers.

**RETREAT DAY**  
**Saturday 15th May**  
 Sr Jill McLoughlin rsj

The theme for the day will be on prayer.  
 Commencing with 9:15am Mass  
 concluding 3pm  
 St Francis Parish Centre Thames



During the month of May please join us to recite the rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am.  
 All welcome



### MINISTERS – 23rd May 2021

GREETER: S Crooymans  
COMMENTATOR: D Chipman  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: K Brydon  
COLLECTOR: R Brydon  
DATA PROJECTOR: R Fernandes

### MINISTERS – 30th May 2021

GREETER: L Hayward  
COMMENTATOR: D Chipman  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: K Hicks  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: L Hayward  
COLLECTOR: T Finan  
DATA PROJECTOR: J Aralar

### READINGS – 23rd May 2021

#### PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 104  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13  
Gospel John 20:19-23



### READINGS – 30th May 2021

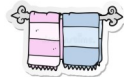
#### TRINITY SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40  
Psalm 33  
Romans 8:14-17  
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20



### CHURCH LINEN

MAY K Brydon  
JUNE F Crooymans



### FLOWERS

WE 15th May M Lynch  
WE 22nd May F Crooymans  
WE 29th May F Aralar



If you have an app on your mobile phone please scan the QR code here every time you come to Church.

### MAY MEETING

Parish Council – Tues 11th May @ 7.30pm



### HOUSE BLESSING

Call Father Valerian  
anytime on 07 868 6169



May 13 Robert Hicks  
14 Ray Karl  
18 Reuben Main  
20 Boris Clark  
Joy Leonard

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers, are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill: Caitlin McMurtry, Marie Laurich, Fay Hayward, Maureen Smedley, Mary Speedy, Rodney Garrett.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of May: Lisa Kuper, Sr Mary Gaines, Doug Leonard and Beryl Manning.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.