

## ST PASCHAL'S PARISH

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023

READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5–8,14–17

Psalm 66

1Peter 3:15–18

Gospel: John 14:15–21

*'I shall ask the Father and he will give  
you another Advocate.'*



GREETER: Phyllis Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kathy Karl

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Simon Main & Stephen Crooymans

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023

READINGS

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:17–23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

*'All authority in heaven and on earth has  
been given to me.'*



GREETER: Stephen Crooymans

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Eileen Leonard & Alice Douglas

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

The Gospel this week again alerts the disciples to that time when Jesus will no longer be with them. His departure will be a severe challenge to their faith, and Jesus gives voice to the challenge, 'If you love me, keep my commandments'. This challenging call to follow the commandments of Jesus is accompanied by a gift – the gift of someone else, the advocate, who will be by their side during that interim period between the two comings. Jesus does promise to return and, in the meantime, his presence, and that of the Father, lives on in the love which is to be the way of life of the Christian. The Holy Spirit is not a thing apart from God and Jesus but the bond of love between them, and the believer is drawn into this love and becomes a part of it through living the way of Christ. Through the Spirit, Jesus remains forever present to the Church and all Christians are brought into the very life of God.



During the month of May a group of us join together to recite the rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am. You are most welcome to join us.



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS**

WE WILL BEGIN THIS AGAIN ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—next on 4th June



The knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. By virtue of our Baptism, the first sacrament of the faith, the Holy Spirit in the Church communicates to us, intimately and personally, the life that originates in the Father and is offered to us in the Son.



**SPECIAL PARISH LUNCH**

The Parish Council extends an invitation to all our Parishioners to a catered lunch on Sunday 28th May to acknowledge the 40 years of commitment and service that Robert has given to our Parish, through his time and leadership of the Parish Council. There is no charge for this lunch but as it will be catered we now need numbers attending.

Please let Frances know if you can join us, preferably by next Sunday 20th May.

Phone or Text 0274637860



**First Friday of the Month Mass Devotion**

The devotion of the nine First Fridays of the month continues on Friday 2nd June. Please see the handouts in the foyer for more details.

The feast of the Ascension celebrates the physical separation of Jesus from the human story, but this text promises his continual presence 'to the end of time.' After three years of living, working and praying with the disciples, Jesus commissions them to continue his work in the world. This is a difficult challenge for some of the disciples, who although prepared to go to the appointed place, still hesitate! Despite their misgivings and fragile faith, he sends them out to all nations. Jesus has been given the authority that was once the exclusive domain of the God of Israel; Jesus has become the presence of the living God and his presence will continue with his disciples through the Holy Spirit.



#### **Catholic Womens League News**

Fundraising lunch for Pink Ribbon being held in our Church Hall on Thursday 25th May from 11.30am. Entry is by donation, to support the Breast Cancer Foundation in all avenues of their work!

All Parishioners & friends are VERY welcome to attend & donations...either monetary or 'a plate' towards lunch will be very much appreciated!

Enquires to Kay (President) 0212681472 or Frances (Secretary) 8673142 (or 0211457039)!

#### **WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY**

**SUNDAY 21ST May 2023**

**"SPEAK WITH THE HEART"**

Pope Francis' theme is a call for a peaceful dialogue that allows for uncomfortable truths to be spoken of without resorting to contentious and hostile debate, the Vatican announced. Speaking the truth 'means giving "a reason for your hope" and doing so gently, using the gift of communication as a bridge and not as a wall

#### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 21ST—28TH MAY**

The theme for this year is:  
"Do good; seek justice" from Isaiah 1:17.  
Lord, you called your people from slavery into freedom. Give us strength and courage to seek out those who are standing in need of justice. Allow us to see this need and provide help, and through your Holy Spirit gather us into the one fold of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Amen.



#### **JUST A THOUGHT**

What would happen if we treated the Bible as we treat our mobile phone?  
If we always carried it with us, or at least a small pocket Bible, what would happen? If we went back when we forgot it, if we opened it several times a day; what would happen if we read God's messages contained in the Bible, as often as we read our phone messages?

**MINISTERS – 28th May 2023**

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward  
 COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman  
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Alice Douglas  
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon  
 COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans  
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
 Laurel Blakey & Stephen Croymans  
 DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**MINISTERS – 4th June 2023**

GREETER: Frances Chaplow  
 COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl  
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Croymans  
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main  
 COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan  
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
 Simon Main & Eileen Leonard  
 DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 28th May 2023****Pentecost Sunday**

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

**READINGS – 4th June 2023****Trinity Sunday**

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9  
 Daniel 3:52-57  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 Gospel John 3:16-18

**FLOWERS**

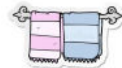
W/E 20/5 Kay Brydon  
 W/E 27/5 Fel Aralar  
 W/E 3/6 Dot Chipman



May	14	Ray Karl
	19	Crosby Clapp
	20	Boris Clark
		Joy Leonard
	26	Ciaran Tully

**CHURCH LINEN**

MAY K Brydon  
 JUNE L Hayward

**ROSTER — JUNE—SEPTEMBER**

The new roster will be emailed with newsletter and for those with no email a few will be left in the Church foyer to collect.

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Moya Lynch, Mary Hoogeveen.

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

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.