



## **ST PASCHAL'S PARISH**

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**THE 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: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Simon Main

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: A Douglas

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

**SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1–11

Psalm 104

1 Corinthians 12:3–7, 12–13

Gospel John 20:19–23

**'As the Father sent me, so I send you:  
Receive the Holy Spirit.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Alice Douglas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Crooymans & Alice Douglas

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

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.



**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.

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

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."

This text again comes from the farewell discourse of Jesus to the disciples in John's Gospel. In it, he promises to send the Advocate to them. An Advocate is one who stands by in times of trial or difficulty, defending, guiding and instructing. In many ways the Spirit is the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples in all ages and these texts give an eloquent instruction on the reason for God's gift of the Spirit. The Spirit will witness to the truth that comes from the Father through the Son. The Spirit will guide the Church's future understandings as they gradually unfold. The Spirit will be the link between the Father, the now absent Son and the ongoing unfolding of the complete truth. The Spirit will inspire the followers of Jesus to continue his mission and will provide assistance and guidance in achieving this. No single set of human beings could completely know the implications of the Christ event. It is the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth sent by Jesus from the Father, who will accompany the Church through the whole of history, guiding it towards the complete truth.



#### ST PASCHAL BAYLON

24 May 1540 - 17 May 1592

In 1564, Paschal joined the Friars Minor and gave himself wholeheartedly to a life of penance. Though he was urged to study for the priesthood, he chose to be a brother. At various times he served as porter, cook, gardener and official beggar. Paschal spent his spare moments praying before the Blessed Sacrament. In time many people sought his wise counsel. People flocked to his tomb immediately after his burial; miracles were reported promptly. Paschal was canonized in 1690 by Alexander VIII and was named patron of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies in 1897.

*"Meditate well on this: Seek God above all things. It is right for you to seek God before and above everything else, because the majesty of God wishes you to receive what you ask for. This will also make you more ready to serve God and will enable you to love him more perfectly".*  
St Paschal Baylon, Pray for Us

Red is the colour which is often associated with the Spirit. Red vestments are worn at Pentecost and red is often associated with Confirmation. Red symbolizes the intense love or 'fire' of the Holy Spirit. Other symbols of the Spirit are tongues of flame, wind and a white dove. Each of these conveys something of the mystery of the Spirit of God which is beyond human understanding.



We are very grateful to have received a bequest from the Estate of Fay Hayward of which we have been able to install two heatpumps in the Church and plan to purchase a ciborium with the remainder.

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



**MINISTERS – 26TH MAY 2024**

GREETER: Colleen Jordan  
 COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans  
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans  
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main  
 COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
 Simon Main & Fel Aralar  
 DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**MINISTERS – 2ND JUNE 2024**

GREETER: Ross Brydon  
 COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans  
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey  
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: R Hicks  
 COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
 Kay Brydon & Eileen Leonard  
 DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

**READINGS – 26TH MAY 2024****TRINITY SUNDAY**

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

**READINGS – 2ND JUNE 2024****THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Exodus 24:3–8  
 Psalm 116B  
 Hebrews 9:11–15  
 Gospel Mark 14:12–16,22–26

**FLOWERS**

W/E 18/5 F Crooymans  
 W/E 25/5 F Chaplow  
 W/E 1/6 A Douglas

**CHURCH LINEN**

MAY Colleen Jordan  
 JUNE Laurel Blakey



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

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thurs 16th May @ 5pm**

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Trevor Finan, Ray and Kathy Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the months of May: Dave (Toots) Laurich, Lisa Kuper, Sr Mary Gaines, Mary Hoogeveen, Doug Leonard, Beryl Manning.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.