

Sacramental Timetable

Sunday Masses:	Sat 30 th May: Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles, Mass at 10am Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am,
Weekdays:	Mon - Fri 9.15am, and Wed 27 th May Charismatic Mass at 7.30pm
Rosary:	Monday – Friday after 9.15am Mass
Reconciliation:	Saturdays: 10.45-11.30am

Sunday School

*Congratulations to all our First Eucharist children
You are a child of God brought to the Father's table.*

Rosters for Saturday, 30th and Sunday, 31st May, 2009

Prayers of the Faithful Ministers of the Sick	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Pagliaro John McFadyen, Margaret McFadyen, Michelle Lee, Ivan Pereira, Victoria Choy		
Counters	John Carter, Vic Maslen, Anthony Chong		
Morning Tea after Mass	Graeme and Chris Smith		
	Saturday 6.00 pm	Sunday 8.30 am	Sunday 10.30 am
Sacristan	Robert Foo	Paul McCulloch	Chris De Silva
Setting Up For Mass	Maureen Lyons Nhung Mai	Graham and Pauline Perrin	Angelo and Sherrin Fernando
Welcomers	Graeme and Lynette Madden	Reg and Barbara Gazzola	Mamilovic family
Commentator	Judy Auld	Victor Maslen	Maria Vecchio
Reader	Barbara Wojkowski	Josephine Sivaratnam	Kath Richards
Lay Ministers	Jon Chavarria Graham Perrin Anne Neville Alphonsus Tan	Brian Worcester Margaret Foley John Carter Eileen Worsteling	Noel Roberts Gayle Roberts Anne Martin Chris Smith
Altar Servers	Michael and David Loo Kurt and Kate Aniban	Graham Perrin	Josef and Andrea Phua Ashleigh Noto Rochelle Rodrigo Natalie and Nicholas Krizmanic
Music	John Adolfo and Leilani Tuazon	Recorded Music	Singles for Christ

The Pilgrim Statue 31st May – 7 June 2009	The Noto family receives Mary into their home. She, who is Spouse of the Spirit, can fashion Christ in us.
St Christopher's Syndal Community Helpers	For confidential care & support in emergencies & times of need. ☎ Cath 9803 7302, Pauline 9802 9743 or Margaret 9802 6536.
Telephone Prayer Chain	Available 24 hours a day. All requests & enquiries confidential. Flo ☎9803 1717, Nicole/Peter ☎ 9802 9321, Marilyn ☎ 9887 9139
Financial last week	Thanksgiving offering: \$ 1,967.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 125.15 Total: \$ 2,092.15 First Collection: \$ 901.00 (upkeep of presbytery)

ANNIVERSARIES - we remember

Fred Hanrahan, Margaret Battersby, Honorah Cribb, Sean Greene, Phyllis Fields,
John McConvill, Marie Macdonald, Claire Nacard, Caitlin Cicai, Michael O'Dwyer, Ian Larsson,
Wilhelmus Visser, Michael Gavan, Boyep Manalaspas, Julia Emery



IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Feast of the Ascension

24th May 2009

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Mr Shane Tobin

School Secretary:
Jenny Bamber

Parish Council Chair:
Justin Tan

**Parish Council
Secretary:**
David Ball

On this feast we can read the story of Jesus' ascension as a story that completes everything or as a story that leaves everything open-ended. Of course the ascension does complete the mission of Jesus: it is the last act of the cycle of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, celebrating the return of Jesus to the Father. The ascension is also open-ended, for it marks the beginning of a new time when the apostles have to live in the absence of the Jesus they knew. They have to come to terms with the fact that Jesus will never again walk with them on the roads of Palestine, healing the sick and the wounded, preaching about the kingdom of God. That time is over. He is gone.

"Why are you men of Galilee standing here looking in the sky?" The show isn't over, the curtain hasn't fallen, the action isn't completed. The ending of the Gospel of Mark emphasises this: "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." That process is open-ended. It is still going on.

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON:
I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.



READINGS

THIS WEEK (Year B):

1st Acts 1:1-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 46:2-3,6-9
2nd: Ephesians 4:1-13
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

1st: Acts 2:1-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 103:1,24,
29-31,34
2nd: Galatians 5:16-25
Gospel: John 15:26-27;16:12-15

A WORD FROM ST VINCENT PALLOTTI

In words which the risen & ascended Lord might say to us, Vincent writes: I see you in God, I deal with you in God. I embrace you, I greet you & I love you in God. In God I always find myself united with you in all that you do, looking forward to our being reunited in God in the kingdom of heaven, to sing forever of the divine mercies.



MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PRAYER GROUP'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND REGIONAL CHARISMATIC MASS at St Christopher's Church, Wednesday, 27th May, 7.30pm sharp.

Celebrant: Fr Pat Jackson, SAC.

Please join us to celebrate this Special Event. Prayer teams will be present at conclusion of the Mass. Supper in the Narthex. *All joyously welcome.*

ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 24TH MAY
Christian Unity Ecumenical Celebration at the 10.30am Eucharist. We welcome our brothers and sisters from Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Mulgrave Church of Christ, St Luke's Uniting Church and Holy Family Catholic Church.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR FIRST EUCHARIST
CANDIDATES** at 2.00pm,
welcomed to the Father's
table. May you be blessed
this day and grow in the love
of Jesus in his Word and Sacrament.

THE PREPARATION DAY was very practical and tactile, baking the bread, making symbols and preparing well for First Eucharist.

**Wednesday, 3rd June, 9.15am: FIRST
EUCHARIST THANKSGIVING MASS**

FIRST EUCHARIST –

A WORD FROM POPE BENEDICT

Dear Parents!

I ask you to help your children to grow in faith, I ask you to accompany them on their journey which continues beyond that day, and to keep accompanying them as they make their way to Jesus and with Jesus. Please, go with your children to Church and take part in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration! You will see that this is not time lost; rather, it is the very thing that can keep your family truly united and centered. Sunday becomes more beautiful, the whole week becomes more beautiful, when you go to Sunday Mass together. And please, pray together at home too: at meals and before going to bed. Prayer does not only bring us nearer to God but also nearer to one another. It is a powerful source of peace and joy.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jan Goodwin, who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 10.30am Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday. Jan has journeyed with our RCIA group over 12 months. We rejoice with you Jan in prayer, loving welcome and support.

DEANERY MEETING AT ST JUSTIN'S, WHEELERS HILL ON 26TH MAY AT 7.45PM.

The date for our **Deanery Mass** to which we invite Parishioners from our six Parishes will be in October 2009. A Blood Pressure Clinic is offered to individual parishes.

**FEAST OF MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES
ON THE EVE OF PENTECOST SAT 30TH
MAY, MASS AT 10AM**

Mary, Queen of Apostles is the Patroness of the whole Pallottine Family. We are all called to be apostles in a worldwide mission. We belong to a Pallottine parish and share the same spirit.

Bring a plate for morning tea after Mass

AT A GLANCE: ☪

- ⇒ **PLAY GROUP MEETS ON MONDAYS**
- ⇒ **MON 25TH MAY, 9.45AM ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**
- ⇒ **FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – 25TH MAY**
- ⇒ **WED 27TH MAY – NATIONAL SORRY DAY.**
- ⇒ **AN AUSTRALIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS?? OR "DO TOO MANY RIGHTS MAKE A WRONG?"** Information Session for all Christians Wed 7.30-9.30pm, The Chapel, Crossway Baptist Church, Vision Drive, Burwood East.
- ⇒ **THURS 28TH MAY: 6.00PM PARISH REVIEW COMMITTEE; 7.15PM EDUCATION BOARD-UPDATING OUR CONSTITUTION AND PREPARING A SURVEY.**
- ⇒ **Mon 1st June: SCHOOL CLOSURE** in preparation for the School Review. 7.30pm: PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING
- ⇒ **MON 1 JUNE, 7.30PM: SOLO PARENTS MEET IN THE CENACLE. CONTACT: TIM HOLZER, MOB. 0403 867 271.**
- ⇒ **TUE 2ND JUNE: PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL, 7.45PM – PLEASE EMAIL MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION TO THE PARISH OFFICE.**
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE: RCIA, 7.30pm**
- ⇒ **17TH JUNE, 7.30PM EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MONSIGNOR LES TOMLINSON VG**

RIPPLES – Knitting and Card Making after the 10.30am Mass on 31st May. Items made will be given to parishioners in Aged Care. *Register with Anne/David ☎ 8802 8071 or Victoria ☎ 9886 7236.*

PETITION TO STATE PARLIAMENT: CHANGES TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT
Mr Brumby plans to remove exemptions to this Act, which currently serve to protect the core interests of our faith schools, single sexed clubs and small business. *More details and Petition Form in the Narthex.*

PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK 24TH-30TH MAY
Eastern Palliative Care cares for some of our parishioners during the final phase of their life. *Our own Pastoral Care Team and Syndal Helpers need more members to assist the sick & dying & with refreshments at funerals. Contact Anne Neville 9802 7492 and Pauline Perrin, 9802 9743.*

"THIS THING CALLED LIFE"

An exciting Youth/Young Adult Camp for 15yrs-Uni. on **Fri-Sun 3rd-5th July** at Casa Pallotti. Fully catered: \$70. Transport provided. *Contact: James Cheong ☎ 9803 0028 or Fr Pat ☎ 9802 8538.*



PALLOTTINE YOUTH ENCOUNTER

ROME FORUM: 1ST – 7TH AUG 2009

* **SUN 31ST MAY 7.00-8.30PM**

CHRISTOPHER WEST THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: "FINDING SEXUAL REDEMPTION IN A PORNOGRAPHIC WORLD".



PARENTS' ONLY PREPARATION NIGHT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION on Friday, 29th May, 7.30pm. An interesting video for parents on the Sacrament of Penance, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to experience the Sacrament that your children will experience. *Babysitting service is available. Pl. contact Sr.Joy 9802 8538.*

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION CHILDREN ONLY on Thur, 4th June at 7.00pm in the Cenacle.

THURS 11TH JUNE, FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN at 7.30pm in the Church.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS 55+
Initial meeting on **Sun 14th June 2009 3.00–5.00 pm in the Cenacle (behind the Church). Finger food, coffee and tea will be provided.** Other helpers welcome! *Please contact: Johannes Aulia, c/- Presbytery ☎ 9802 8538.*

ZONE HOME MASS
9th June, 7.30pm, at John & Clare Gill's home, 33 Orchard Street, Glen Waverley *Letters have gone out to all Parishioners in the 'M' Zone and we'd love to see you.* ~Fr Pat.