

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

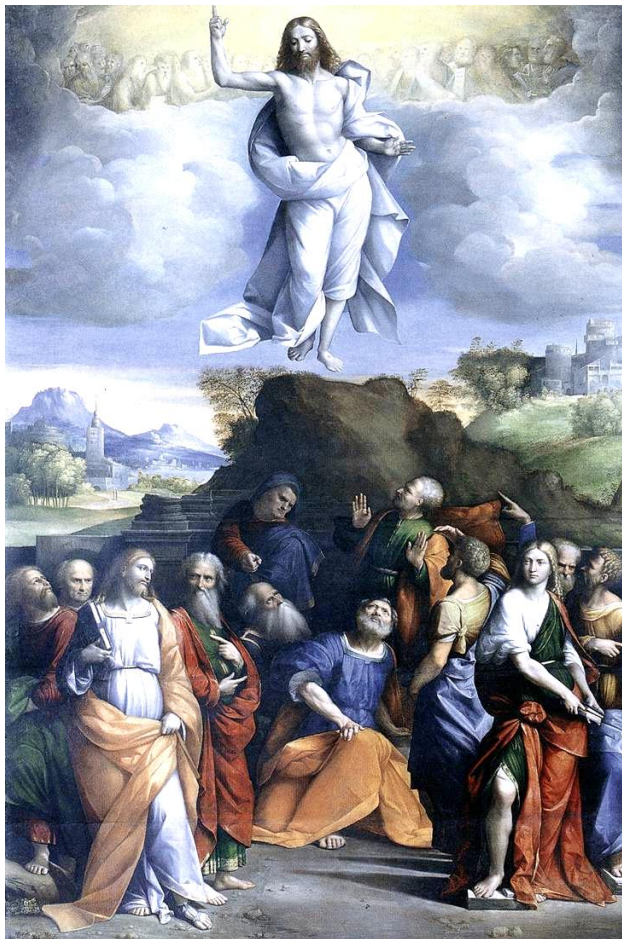
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

17th May 2026, Year A/2



GAROFALO, Benvenuto, Ascension of Christ, 1510-20

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 900am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

†† Giuseppe & Antonio Suraci

SUNDAY 8:30am

† James Gill

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

† Father Clinton

Tuesday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

Carla (For a Successful Operation)

Wednesday 8.00am 6th Week of Easter

† Mamerto Asterio Cui Jnr

Thursday 8.00am 6th Week of Easter

† Father Clinton

Friday 8.00am St Rita of Cascia

† Joseph Gil Escarto (Dec's Birthday)

Saturday 8.30am 6th Week of Easter

††† Zbigniew Blazek, Elzbieta Kral & Bronislaw Pikula

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

First Communion: Sunday 7th June

First Communion Sessions:

Every Sunday at 11.30am in the Parish Hall.

Please pray for our children and their families

Confirmation: Sunday 22nd November

Registration & 1st Session: 19th July

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of May there will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the weekday Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Father Clinton, Dario Tolentino, Maria Berta

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Giuseppe & Antonio Suraci, James Gill, Mamerto Asterio Cui Jnr, Joseph Gil Escarto, Zbigniew Blazek, Elzbieta Kral, Bronislaw Pikula

POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS

That Everyone Might have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, John Vukovic, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Loose: \$474**
 Planned Giving: \$905
 Smart Facilities: \$725.10
 Project Donations: \$40

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10th June at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

This weekend we have our Bishop's Collection, which supports vital ministries in the Diocese including Holy Spirit Seminary and Catholic Care. Our quota is \$5199. Please give generously through the envelopes or donate at parracatholic.org/appeal.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

All Catholics are asked to urgently pray for and support Christians suffering in the Middle East. Visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal to donate.

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

Sunday 24th May from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes. See flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

This Sunday 17th May at 2pm at Campion College, 10 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Celebrants is Fr John Puli. Individual healing prayers after Mass.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

Modules 1-3 – For all Volunteers.

Modules 4/5 – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.

Module 6 – For those who have completed 4 & 5.

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to complete the modules online.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday – Friday 7.00am – 7.50am

Saturday – Sunday 7.30am – 8.20am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available during Adoration.

EUCHARIST28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenseless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

We bring Christ, present in the Eucharist, onto our streets. We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness.

May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence.

With this gesture of Procession with the Lord, let us place under his eyes the sufferings of the sick, the solitude of young people and the elderly, temptations, fears — our entire life.

In the procession Christ is, in person, the divine Blessing for the world.

In the Corpus Domini procession, we walk with the Risen One on his journey to meet the entire world. (Pope Benedict, Corpus Christi 2005)

Web Site: <https://eucharist28.org>

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCEWednesday 13th May 2026**The Documents of the Second Vatican Council.****II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.****9. *The Virgin Mary***

Dear brothers & sisters, good morning & welcome!

The Second Vatican Council chose to dedicate the last chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church to the Virgin Mary (cf. *Lumen gentium*, 52-69). She “is hailed as a pre-eminent and singular member of the Church, and as its type and excellent example in faith and charity” (LG, 53). These words invite us to understand how in Mary, who under the action of the Holy Spirit welcomed and brought forth the Son of God made flesh, we can recognize both the *model* and the pre-eminent *member* and *mother* of the entire ecclesial community.

By allowing Herself to be shaped by the work of Grace, which came to fulfilment in Her, and by welcoming the gift of the Most High with Her faith and Her virginal love, Mary is the perfect *model* of what the whole Church is called to be: a creature of the Word of the Lord and mother of the children of God, begotten in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, as She is the believer *par excellence*, in whom we are offered the perfect form of unconditional openness to the divine mystery within the communion of God’s holy people, Mary is an *excellent* member of the ecclesial community. Finally, inasmuch as She brings forth children in the Son, loved in the eternal Beloved who came among us, Mary is the mother of the whole Church, which can turn to her with filial confidence, in the certainty of being heard, protected and loved.

One might express the sum of these characteristics of the Virgin Mary by referring to Her as a *woman who is the icon of the Mystery*. The word *woman* highlights the historical reality of this young daughter of Israel, to whom it was granted to live the extraordinary experience of becoming the mother of the Messiah. The expression *icon* emphasizes that, in Her, the twofold movement of descent and ascent is fulfilled: in Her, both God’s gratuitous election and Her free consent of faith in Him shine forth. Mary is therefore the woman who is the icon of the Mystery, that is, of the divine plan of salvation, once hidden and now revealed in its fullness in Jesus Christ.

The Council has left us clear teaching on the unique

place reserved to the Virgin Mary in the work of Redemption (cf. *Lumen gentium*, 60-62). It recalls that the sole Mediator of salvation is Jesus Christ (cf. *1 Tm* 2:5-6), and that his Mother Most Holy “in no way impedes, but rather fosters the immediate union of the faithful with Christ (cf. LG, 60). At the same time, “predestined from eternity by that decree of divine providence which determined the incarnation of the Word to be the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin ... in this singular way ... cooperated by Her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore She is our mother in the order of grace” (*ibid.*, 61).

The mystery of the Church is also reflected in the Virgin Mary: in Her, the people of God find the representation of their origin, their model and their homeland. In the Mother of the Lord, the Church contemplates her own mystery, not only because she finds in Her the model of virginal faith, maternal charity and the spousal covenant to which she is called, but also and above all because in Her she recognizes her own archetype, the ideal figure of what she is called to be.

As we can see, the reflections on the Virgin Mother collected in *Lumen gentium* teach us to love the Church and to serve within her the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God, which is coming and which will be fully realized in glory.

Let us then allow ourselves to be questioned by the sublime model given to us by Mary, Virgin and Mother, and let us ask Her to help us, through Her intercession, to respond to what is asked of us through Her example: do I live my participation of the Church with humble and active faith? Do I recognize in her the community of the covenant that God has given me to respond to His infinite love? Do I feel that I am a living part of the Church, in obedience to the pastors given by God? Do I look to Mary as a model, an outstanding member and Mother of the Church, and ask Her to help me be a faithful disciple of her Son?

Sisters and brothers may the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Mary and is invoked by us humbly and trustfully, grant us the grace to live these wonderful realities to the full. And, having reflected deeply on the Constitution *Lumen gentium*, let us ask the Virgin to obtain this gift for us: that love for the Holy Mother Church may grow in all of us. So be it!