Piecing the Story Together

Undoubtedly this is the age of celebrity. To have a selfie taken with a famous person would seem to be the ambition of half the population, and it would be churlish to frown upon this. After all, in every generation people have looked up to those who have made their grand mark in life. Any association with them would become more significant if they were to have a conversation with us and even share some confidential information. Then we would truly feel privileged. To some extent this instinct explains the cult of devotion to the saints in the history of the Church.

We recognise that those who have been faithful to the Lord’s teaching and lived their lives close to him provide us with models for our imitation and, by association, they are able to share privileged information about him with us. Of course, among the saints, Mary, the mother of Jesus, holds a unique place.

Scripture scholars are unanimous in concluding that the evangelist, Luke, had a close friendship with Mary, and that many of his insights are the result of this relationship. Luke tells us more about Mary than any of the other gospel writers. He also tells us that she pondered the unfolding events and treasured the memory in her heart.

Luke, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, describes the Ascension, the event which marked the completion of Jesus’ ministry on earth. In neither account is there mention that Mary was there, but in Acts, Luke goes on to tell us that when the apostles gathered back in Jerusalem and waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit, Mary was with them.

Luke refers to the fact that Jesus, after his Passion and over a period of 40 days, had shown himself to be alive on many occasions. Interestingly, all the resurrection stories are shrouded in mystery and the apostles will need the gift of the Spirit to help them put the jigsaw together.

As we know, their hopes were duly fulfilled at Pentecost when they came and were given the power to witness fearlessly to the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Like Mary, they must have done a lot of pondering and this was not just thinking about those events but realising that they were intimately part of the Christian story. Luke wants us to realise that this is true for us as well.

We are all being called to be part of the story and to be Christ’s witnesses in our own time and place. It is not surprising that the Church came to the conclusion that Mary must have shared the experience of the Ascension. Later in the liturgical year, we celebrate her Assumption into heaven. Ultimately, this gives meaning to today’s feast for all of us: it is our destiny to enter heaven too.

Timothy Buckley CSsR
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TAKE SOME TIME

Congratulations to Aurey Walker and Stephanie Elliott who celebrated their marriage in the Cathedral this weekend.

CATECHIST RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

This weekend at the 9am Mass, Fr Bing Acting Administrator, will be recognizing a number of our Catechists for their voluntary years of service as members of our Parish. These men and women work tirelessly as they prepare lessons for the students in the Public Schools.

The Catechists listed below have all contributed over 5 years of service:

Pauline Celich
Barbi Osborn
Tim Meyer
Colleen Oaten
Carl Petersen
Anne Meyer

We ask you to keep them in your prayers and together with us, celebrate their work and commitment.

OLD RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Our Catechists would appreciate any old religious calendars that you may have. These can be great resources for the lessons they prepare for the children. Please bring them to the Parish Office and we will forward them on.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Morning tea following Sunday 9am Mass will be held today, Sunday 2nd June in the Farrelly Room of Doyle House. Please bring a plate to share.

AUSSIE SUNDAY LUNCH

The Aussie Sunday Lunch is an initiative of Southern Cross University Student Support Services and will be held on Sunday, July 7th. The aim is to provide a community welcome to new students, facilitate their meeting people within the wider community and provide a cultural experience for overseas students.

To host a lunch you will need to be willing to provide transport to and from the University Campus and lunch for two students - whether it be at your home, or at a picnic spot.

If you would like to take part, please fill in the Registration Form at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Any enquiries can be directed to Robert Lingard at SCUchaplaincy@scu.edu.au

WEDDING

Congratulations to Aurey Walker and Stephanie Elliott who celebrated their marriage in the Cathedral this weekend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the next financial year will be available for collection after masses from next weekend at the back of the church.

If you would like to give by direct deposit or credit card or if you are not already on our planned giving program and would like to give regular contributions to assist with the cost of running the parish and to support the clergy, please contact the Parish Office on 66260200, Mon - Fri 8:30am - 4:00pm.

BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

Our Parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:

Violet Katherine Murphy
Emmett Jordy Murphy

aspire

All young adults (18-35) come along to Presentation House (CSO Office -3 Dawson Street, Lismore) on June 3rd, 5-7pm.

Meet like-minded Catholics and enjoy some Christ-centred formation with Bishop Greg Homeming.

Contact Youth Liaison Coordinator, Ellen Hales, for more information: ellen.hales@lism.catholic.edu.au

THE CATHOLIC BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

75 Magellan Street, Lismore
Assorted Confirmation and Communion gifts for girls and boys.
Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm
Saturday 9am-12noon
Ph 66279229
**LITURGY ROSTER** – for 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

**CATHOLIC PAPERS**
The Catholic Leader - $2.50 and Catholic Weekly - $2.00 are available at the back of the Church.

### COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 26th May

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### PENTECOST GATHERING IN BALLINA

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** Rejoice for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the birth of the Church at the First Pentecost. We welcome you to the:

**PENTECOST GATHERING, BALLINA**

*‘You are never alone’*

**SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE (10.00 am – 3.00 pm )**

Anawim Room, Parish Administration Building
Cnr Cherry & Swift Streets, Ballina.

Please bring a plate to add to our table for lunch.

Come and join us, commencing with a **Healing Mass at 10.00 am** celebrated by Father Erick Quinteros.

Prayer teams available.

Hosted by Ballina Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Phone Maxine 0429669029.

**LITURGY ROSTER** – for 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

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**OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Loy Callaghan, Adrian De Hoon, Leah Manning, Marie Browning, Kit Nestor, Max Callaghan, Bob Ramsey, Maureen Ramsey, Connie Armfield, Betty Kinkead, Leslie Kinkead, Mavis Goldsmith, Phyllis Whitney.

**Those Who Are Sick:** John Muscat, Elsa Dumiao, Noel Bell, Carmel Windred, Mary Mason, Pat Cree, Margaret Amos, Georgia Rhodes, Barbi Osborn, Dawn Brohier.

**Those Who Are Recently Deceased:** Sr Jill (Josephine) Kennedy, Josepha Yap

**Those Whose Anniversaries Are at This Time:** Bishop Jeremiah J Doyle - 1st Bishop of Lismore, Bishop Patrick J Farrelly - 3rd Bishop of Lismore, Margaret Foody, Imogen Hitchings, Warlita Quiblato, Fernando Castillo, Greg Kelly

**Looking Ahead...**

3 June - Young Adults Meeting - CSO Office 5-7pm
6 June - Confirmation - 6:00pm - Cathedral
8/9 June - Planned Giving envelopes available for collection
9 June - Pentecost Sunday
9 June - Youth Group
16 June - Trinity Sunday
26 June - Friends of Carmel M/T - 10am Carmelite Monastery

**COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 26th May**

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FIRST READING  
Acts 1:1-11  
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’  
As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’  
The Word of the Lord.  
Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. R. v. 6  
R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.  
All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R)  
God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)  
God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

SECOND READING  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.
The Word of the Lord.  
Response: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL  
Luke 24:46-53  
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.  
‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.
The Word of the Lord.  
Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN  
SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.  
As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell your story Shine on me, shine on me.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS  
Acts 2:1-11  
Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

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