

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

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

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

Response to Prayers of Faithful:

Lord, your kingdom come.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased: Di Vidler, Barry Dart, Reg Taylor.

ANNIVERSARIES/REMEMBRANCE: Donald Carr, Tom Reading, Neville Cronin, Peter Rayner, Veronica Green, Leo Flynn, Betty Dolan, William & Eileen Brady, Fr Patrick Martin Brady, Maud Egan, John Thomas & Elizabeth May Taylor, Deceased relatives & friends of the Dolan, Brady & Taylor families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Peter Waltho, Ray Green, Baby Chloé James, Vincent Alvaro, Norene Anderson, Annette Antlitz, Ray Ashburn, Beris & Roger Bacon, Therese Baggaley, John Bayly, Kate Belliveau, Betty Brannan, Sandy Brill, Vernon Cahill, Debbie Cameron, Bill Cavanagh, Sr Kath Carroll, Irene Chambers, Kathleen Curtis, Joan Dale, Paul Danyen, Pat Darcy, Kevin Devine, Neil & Edna Devlin, Mary Donnelly, Ursula Dowling, Albert Fawsitt, Doug Featherstone, Jackie Flanagan, Mila Florendo, Peter & Trish Flynn, Colin Fraser, Gonny Gernaerd, Ross Goss, Aileen Greensill, Vic Hindmarsh, Rebecca Hines, Fiona Irvine, John Kelly, Dulcie & Vince Kinnane, Marleise Kuhl, Josie Lyle, Kath Major, Brian Mason, Mary McCarthy, John McDonald, Ruth McDonald, Susie McDonald, Michael McGettigan, Dorothy McGirr, Tracey McGirr, Danny MacKinnon, Nigel McLachlan, Richard McLachlan, Therese McNamara, Terry Miners, Fr Craig Moody, Leo Mullins, Bradley Murphy, Damien Normile, Patricia Nucifora, Pat O'Brien, Trish Osborne, Bernadette Palmer, Julia Parker, Dennis Pollard, Deirdre Pullen, Pat Quinn, Vera Quinn, Paul Rixon, Peter Roche, Jill Sanders, Rosa Santos, Kate Schooneman, Bernie Seto, Mary Slingsby, Marie Smith, Ellen Snell, Dorothy Tanzer, John Taylor, Rosie Thompson, Therese Townsend, Henriette Van Schijndel, Betty Weir, Hazel Whittle, Frank Whyte, Josie Willett, Barbara Wilson, Marcia Withers.

(Sick List names **will be removed** after a **considerable** time. Please advise if you wish names to remain).

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat 6.00pm Mass St Monica's.
Sun 6.45am Mass St Monica's.
Sun 8.00am Mass St Augustine's
Sun 9.30am Mass St Monica's

WEEKDAY DIARY

Tue 5.00pm Mass, St Monica's, Tugun
Wed 8.00am Mass, St Augustine's, Coolangatta
Thurs 9.00am Mass, Jubilee Chapel, Currumbin Waters
Fri 8.30am Reconciliation followed by 9.00am Healing Mass, St Augustine's, Coolangatta
Sat 11.00am Reconciliation, Tugun

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23



Parish of St Augustine & St Monica Coolangatta - Tugun

We recognise the traditional owners of this land -
The Kombumberri people.
'Coolangatta' means place of 'Splendid Lookout'

The Ascension - Year A 28th May 2017

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The feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of a new era. Along with the giving of the Spirit at Pentecost, it marks the era of the Church and the mission of the disciples of Christ. We should not put too much emphasis on the separation in time of the three 'Easter events', the Resurrection, the Ascension and Pentecost. The different Gospels suggest varying times for the giving of the Spirit from Easter Sunday night through to fifty days later. The Ascension forty days after Easter is a liturgical separation from the Resurrection, not a temporal one. The three 'Easter events' are, in fact, three aspects of the one event.

The distinction of the three aspects of Christ's glorification after his passion and death, namely Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost allows us to focus on the three elements of his glory. The risen Christ has now gone beyond the limitations of mortal flesh and has released for us the power of his Spirit. Resurrection emphasises 'the rising from the dead'; Ascension emphasises the sharing in the full glory of God's kingdom; Pentecost emphasises the empowerment with God's Spirit which is released for all believers.

We are the understudies in the theatre of life. The principal actor has strutted the stage of life and has now withdrawn from view to enable us to take over centre stage. He has not left us alone. Not only has he shown us all the 'tricks of the trade', he has passed onto us his own talent and vision; he has even given us the secret of his power, his Spirit. The curtain is being raised, the lights are dimming, the audience is waiting; what will we be able to offer them?

Fr John Scarrott

Spirituality Network Invitation

Next gathering tomorrow, **Monday 29th May** 'Understanding Your Dreams'. Facilitator is **Patrick Oliver**. The session will look at the nature and purpose of dreams, and recognize within them many biblical patterns and themes. **10.00am - 2.00pm**, with break for a BYO lunch. Cost \$10 pp. Venue: Old Dairy Hall at Currumbin Ecovillage, Currumbin Valley. Any session enquiries can be directed to Rina on 0400 332120.

BORDER COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PENTECOST SERVICE

Our Parish is hosting the next ecumenical service of the Border Council of Churches for Pentecost, **Sunday, 4th June** at St Monica's Church, Tugun commencing at 3.00pm. We would appreciate our parishioners supporting this ecumenical service in our Parish so please put the date in your diary. Please also stay after the service to join us for afternoon tea as we host the ecumenical visitors to our Parish.



CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION

The final rehearsals for the preparation of Confirmation/First Communion will be held in St Monica's, Tugun, **Monday evening, the 29th May** with Confirmations taking place on **Thursday, 1st June**. Ring the parish office with any queries 5598 2165. Please keep all these children in your prayers as they prepare for this next step in their sacramental journey.

Parish Assembly 18th June

An **Update** for our upcoming Parish Assembly is available in the churches this weekend. It contains the tear off section at the bottom asking parishioners to indicate their attendance. Please ensure you complete this section and place on the plate or drop into the parish office as we do **need** this information for catering purposes by no later than **1st June please**. Any parishioner requiring transport to St Augustine's school hall* (*the new venue) contact Marie on 0415 591556.

Entrance

'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus' AOV1 #191

Psalm: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, oh sing your praises to the Lord!*

Gospel Acclamation: 'Alleluia'

Gifts Procession: 'Into Your Hands'

Monica Brown

Into your hands I commit myself. Into your hands I entrust all that is and all that holds my heart. Into your hands I commit.

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Communion:

'Come To The Feast' AOV1 #151

Reflection: 'Is it you, Lord?'

Michael Herry fms

Is it you Lord, up on the shore?
Is it you Lord, your life restored?

Are you hungry? Then come and eat.
Doubt no longer; I bring you peace.

If you love me, then feed my lambs.
If you love me, become my hands.

Hands of welcome to those in need.
Hands of healing to all who bleed.

Risen Jesus, live your life in me.
Risen Jesus, my saviour be.

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Risen Jesus, my Saviour be.

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Recessional: 'Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven' AOV1 #78

CHOIR PRACTICE

MONDAY, 29th May at 3.30pm at St. Monica's.



Any newcomers, welcome to join us!

KNITTING ITEMS

Anyone knitting items for our needy this winter, are requested to please now finalise the item they are currently on and bring all items in to the Piety stall by this **Wednesday, 31st May** please. Thank you so much for your talented hard work and generosity. We know it will be greatly appreciated!

HOSPITALITY ROSTER

Sunday, 4th June

9.30am Merle & Ken Hayman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

No children's liturgy on Sun, 4th June due to 1st Communions (again on 11/6)

Those baptised into our Catholic Community this week. We welcome: David Wynes Downham, Sienna Sofia Garvin, Zarlle Eve Hutchins and Harvie Rose Tapiolas.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MEETING

First Wednesday evening each month at **7.00pm**. Next meeting Wednesday **7th June** in St Monica's Hall at Tugun. Please ring office to notify of your attendance.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held again next **Sunday 4 June** and '1st Sunday' of every month in St Monica's, Tugun from 10.45am to 11.45am.

Parish Birthdays



This month saw a number of our parishioners celebrate a significant '80th' birthday milestone. Please join us in sending warm wishes and congratulations to Maurice Sheahan, Brian Forbes, Cathie Thompson & Margaret Egan. May God continue to bless you all with good health and happiness!

Day of Prayer

The Canossian Sisters are running a day of prayer and reflection for young women and men from 18-40years on **Saturday 10th June** 9am-5pm, Lay Centre, Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley \$10 includes lunch. For information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

The Catholic Leader: In this week's issue: * Caritas CEO pleads for starving Africans; Brisbane to host Oceania conference aimed at strengthening marriages; Vinnies launches Winter Appeal; Archbishop invites youth to complete survey for 2018 Synod.....

The **Winter 2017** edition of the **Australian Catholics** magazine is now out - please pick up a copy from the back of the Churches. You may wish to return a copy when you have finished reading it, for someone else to enjoy all the great articles contained in this issue.

READERS & EMC'S Rosters July-December 2017

New Rosters are now being drafted. Could anyone on the current rosters wishing to make any changes to their entry, please advise the Parish Office (07 5598 2165) no later than June 15, 2017. We gratefully thank all our current volunteers, and we encourage and would welcome **newcomers** to the team. Please consider joining the roster! Thank you.

The Great Commission

When given the chance, let others know that someone cares. Share the love of Christ today with someone who really needs him.

A woman saw a little girl in the street playing with rubbish. The child was poorly dressed and ill-nourished. The woman became angry and said to God, 'Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?' God replied, 'I did something about it - I sent you'.

This week's gospel passage has become known as Jesus' Great Commission - his final instructions to his followers. After the events of Jesus' death and resurrection, the disciples probably wished they had listened more closely and carefully to what Jesus had to say. Undoubtedly, they were listening carefully by this time: and so should we! Jesus challenged his disciples with a *commission*, to spread Jesus' message to the entire earth, making *new* disciples. The Holy Spirit would be with them all the way. Jesus' Great Commission is our calling too. The message of God's love and forgiveness is for people of all nations. But we don't have to travel far - our job starts right at our front door with our friends, families, and neighbours. The job requirements? Someone who's willing to speak up about God's incredible love.