



Sacred Heart Parish

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The Ascension of the Lord – Year C – 01 June 2025

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Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday
9.00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

Accounts:

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Weekday Mass Times:

English:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:

7.00am

Wed: 6.30pm

Sat: 9.00am

Vietnamese:

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm

Wed: 7.00am

Weekend Masses

English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;
6.00pm

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

(Chaplain): 7.30pm

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30pm

(Chaplain): 4.00pm

Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

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Sick Call Contact Number

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Baptism & Wedding

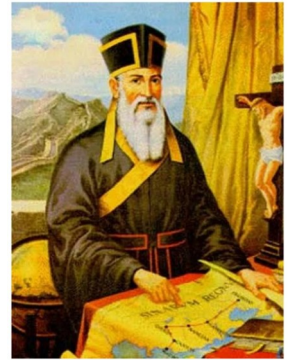
By appointment

(6 months in

advance for weddings)

You are witnesses to this...

This year, the 11th of May marked the 415th anniversary of the death of a famous Jesuit missionary – Matteo Ricci (1552-1610). He has been acclaimed “the first to propose and successfully live a completely fresh way for the West to engage with China.” His life and his exemplary approach to China have been fascinating and inspiring beyond Church circles. (In 2010, at least three international conferences were held in Taipei, Paris and San Francisco to appraise his significance, (cf. CathNews 11/5/10)



From his arrival in China (1601), Matteo was committed to first learn the minds and hearts, language and culture, symbols and sensibility of Chinese people in order to present fruitfully to them a fresh account of God’s presence in the world, the meaning of Jesus and the life of the Church. In his approach, all positive cultural realities – though as diverse as they are - should be taken into consideration or actively employed in the proclamation and celebration of the Good News. And vice versa, the Good News and faith in Christ would play a critical role in enlightening and purifying cultural realities. This two-fold process is what the modern theological concept of “Inculturation” refers to. (Sadly, the Church of Matteo’s days, virtually failed to grasp it. She was weighed down at the wake of the Reformation Schism to find it too threatening, considering unity in conformity rather than unity in diversity.)

Matteo’s achievements are truly among beautiful illustrations of what Jesus explained and commissioned his disciples to do as he completed his early journey: “...in (my) name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.” (Luke 24:46-53)

Yes, it is indeed as Jesus said, “for your own good that I am going...” (John 16:7). With his new mode of presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit – “the power from on high” – his disciples from early days have come to appreciate God’s salvation as a gift given to all peoples, not just the Jews. They have been made bold enough to face up to the hard choices initiated by the missions to gentiles. (e.g. the question of circumcision or not, cf. Acts 15:1-2.22-29). They have been empowered to take such a grave step towards a world-church; towards a positive appreciation of the cultural diversity among various Christian communities.

This remains a constant mandate for the Church in every age and every place as she seeks to continue Jesus’ mission. For instance, at the solemn Mass to begin his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV strongly exhorted the whole Church in his homily, saying: “This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people”. (cf. www.vatican.va)

Are we ourselves witnesses to this? How have we brought our own cultural upbringing / experience into fruitful dialogue with the Word and the proclamation of faith in our families and parish community?

Fr. Remy Son Lam Bui

Pope's June prayer intention for the abolition of torture



"Let us put a stop to this horror of torture. It is essential to put the dignity of the person above all else." Pope Francis

CLOSURE OF RCIA 2024-2025

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord leads us to the final week of Easter time and the formal closure of our RCIA journey 2024 - 2025. We bless God for the 16 brothers and sisters who have gone through this journey at Sacred Heart Parish and are now sent forth as disciples and witnesses of Christ to the world. We thanks to God with them, their Godparents/Sponsors, catechists and our community at the Closing Ritual during the **10:00am & 7:30pm** Mass to celebrate the end of their Initiation process. May Christ continue to journey with them each day through the power of his Spirit.

Welcome to God's Family

Let's pray for the children (and their families) who are to be baptised this weekend:

Catherine BONG, Justin Tyler LIM



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea-Thank you

Thank you so much to Mary Puskas, Thi Collins, Serena Breese, and those who generously gave their time, skills, financial support, and hospitality to make the Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, 29 May such a successful event.

As of Friday, our parish has raised **\$3,886.57** for the Cancer Council.

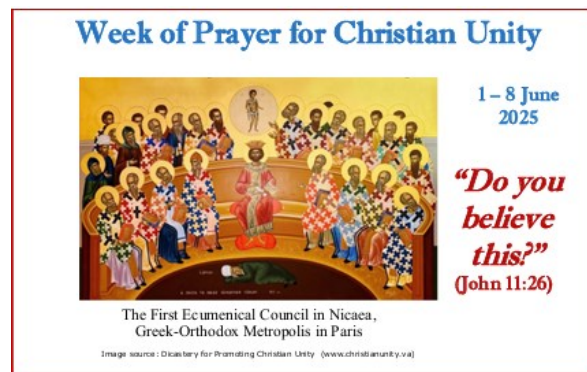
If you would like to contribute, please visit the Cancer Council website, search for 'Sacred Heart Seniors by Mary Puskas,' or contact the parish office for assistance until the end of June.

May God bless each and every one of you abundantly.

Fr. Remy— Annually Leave

After this Sunday, Fr. Remy will be on leave to visit his family in Vietnam. We wish him a wonderful time—may he find rest, renewal, and joy.

Please keep him and Fr. John in your prayers. He will return to join us for the 90th Anniversary celebration of our Sacred Heart Primary School.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At least once a year, Christians reflect on Jesus' prayer for His disciples, expressing the hope that: *"they may be one so that the world may believe"* (John 17:21).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between Ascension and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere... <https://www.ncca.org.au/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Our children are participating the second week of the First Holy Communion Lessons. Please keep our children, catechists, helpers and parents in your prayers.

Retreat day: Saturday 28 June from 9.00am–1.00pm

Celebration of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 29 June at 1.00pm.

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH RƯỚC LỄ LẦN ĐẦU – 2025

Lớp học bắt đầu - Thánh Lễ Tuyên Hứa:

Các con em chúng ta tham dự bài thứ hai trong chương trình Rước Lễ Lần Đầu cuối tuần này. Xin quý vị cầu nguyện cho các con em, các giảng viên giáo lý, và các phụ huynh.

Ngày Tĩnh Tâm: Thứ Bảy 28/06/2025 từ 9g sáng đến 1g00 trưa. Thánh Lễ Lãnh Nhận Bí Tích Thánh Thể Lần Đầu Chúa Nhật 29/06/2025 lúc 1g 00 chiều

Free English Program

A free tailored program for Refugee and Migrant Parents and Family members to enable increased participation in your school and community. This program will include specific skills development such as: Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital skills development for school communication...

For further information please contact Salina Pham: ansoksalina.pham@syd.catholic.edu.au

Walking With Christ



Walk with Christ is Sydney's annual Eucharistic Procession held on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, honouring the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. It serves as a public witness and act of worship, described in the Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy as "a continuation of the Eucharistic celebration,

allowing the faithful to publicly profess their faith in the Most Blessed Sacrament".

When: 22 June with a festival beginning at 1:00pm in Martin Place

The procession begins at 2:30pm sharp from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Maria Vu Thi Hoi, Paul Nguyen Dong Hai, Quoc Hung, Thuy, Maria (2)

R.I.P. & Anniversaries: Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Maria (19), Joseph (9), Peter (3), Michael, Anthony, Dominic (4), Lucia, Vincent, James, Anthony, Rosa, Anna, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (4), for all souls (12), Phaolo, Maria Madalena, Giuseppe.E. Anna Maria, Mammone, Salvatore.E. Lisabettea, Anania, Banabe, Giacobe, Phanxico Xavie Maria, Martino, Fr Giuse, Joseph Bui, Pereira, Fransisco Pinheiro, Hong Ly Khau, Joseph Anthony Phuong, Maria Nguyen Thi Le, Barnaba Nguyen Van To, Joseph Tring Van Vui, Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Bich, Peter Toan Nguyen, Jose Perez, Agnes Perez, Francis Nguyen Van Tho, Martha Pham Thi Huong, Paul Tong Van Duoc, Peter Tong Van Phuoc, Joseph Truong, Victor Huynh, Palmira Casabutar De Jesus – Ohareki, Manuel Joao, Daumali Daunahak, Likimali Filipe Tilman, Casabere Bicoli, Almacuk Antonio Pereira, Antonio Libelin, Maria Mau Chico, Lizimau Antonio Lokomali Aletio, Mario Da Silva, Colinahak Domingos Pereira, Domingos Da Conceicao, Biohar Joao Ferreira and family, Cibere, Fr Jose Alvaro, Kaiuka, Fr Antonio Alves, Carlos Barreto, Peter Nguyen Van Dien, Giuse Tran Ngoc Quoc, Giuse Truong and Monica Hoang, Joseph Truong Minh Honag, Monica Huynh, Vittorio Ballestrin, Anna Tran Matthew Nguyen, Daminh Nguyen Huu Khue, Phanxico Borgia, Cecilia, Phero Nguyen Quang Be

Other Intentions: For the sick, for the conversion of hearts (3), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (13), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (13), for safe travel, for healing & recovery (3), for stable work (5), for personal intention (8), pray for Intisar Mickhel

The Ascension of the Lord -Year C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

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.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20

**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

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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.

Chúa Nhật VII Phục Sinh

Lễ Chúa Lên Trời

Bài đọc 1: Cv 1, 1-11

Trích sách Tông đồ Công vụ.

Hỡi Thêôphilê, trong quyển thứ nhất, tôi đã tường thuật tất cả những điều Đức Giêsu đã bắt đầu làm và giảng dạy, cho đến ngày Người lên trời, sau khi căn dặn các Tông đồ, những kẻ Người đã tuyển chọn dưới sự hướng dẫn của Thánh Thần. Sau cuộc thương khó, Người đã tỏ cho các ông thấy Người vẫn sống, với nhiều bằng chứng Người đã hiện ra với các ông trong khoảng bốn mươi ngày và đàm đạo về Nước Thiên Chúa. Và trong một bữa ăn, Người đã ra lệnh cho các ông chớ rời khỏi Giêrusalem, nhưng hãy chờ đợi điều Chúa Cha đã hứa. Người nói: "Như các con đã nghe chính miệng Thầy rằng: Gioan đã làm phép rửa bằng nước, phần các con, ít ngày nữa, các con sẽ chịu phép rửa trong Thánh Thần".

Vậy các kẻ có mặt hỏi Người rằng: "Lạy Thầy, có phải đã đến lúc Thầy khôi phục Nước Israel chăng?" Người bảo họ rằng: "Đâu phải việc các con hiểu biết thời gian hay kỳ hạn mà Cha đã ấn định do quyền bính Ngài. Nhưng các con sẽ nhận được sức mạnh của Thánh Thần ngự xuống trên các con, và các con sẽ nên chứng nhân cho Thầy tại Giêrusalem, trong tất cả xứ Giuđêa và Samaria, và cho đến tận cùng trái đất". Nói xong, Người được cất lên trước mắt các ông, và một đám mây bao phủ Người khuất mắt các ông.

Đang khi các ông còn ngược mắt lên trời nhìn theo Người đang xa đi, thì bỗng có hai người mặc áo trắng đứng gần các ông và nói rằng: "Hỡi người Galilê, sao các ông còn đứng nhìn lên trời? Đức Giêsu, Đấng vừa lìa các ông mà lên trời, sẽ đến cùng một thể thức như các ông đã thấy Người lên trời".

Đáp Ca: Tv 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9

Đáp: Thiên Chúa ngự lên giữa tiếng tung bùng, Chúa ngự lên trong tiếng kèn vang (c. 6).

Bài đọc II: Ep 1, 17-23

Trích thư của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Êphêxô.

Anh em thân mến, xin Thiên Chúa của Đức Giêsu Kitô, Chúa chúng ta, là Cha vinh hiển, ban cho anh em thần trí khôn ngoan và mạc khải, để nhận biết Người, xin cho mắt tâm hồn anh em được sáng suốt, để anh em biết thế nào là trông cậy vào ơn Người kêu gọi, thế nào là sự phong phú gia nghiệp vinh quang nơi các thánh, và thế nào là quyền năng vô cùng lớn lao của Người đối với chúng ta, là những kẻ tin, chiếu theo hành động của sức mạnh quyền năng Người, công việc mà Chúa đã thực hiện trong Đức Kitô, tức là làm cho Ngài từ cõi chết sống lại, và đặt Ngài ngự bên hữu mình trên trời, vượt trên mọi cấp trật, các lãnh thần, quyền thần, dũng thần, và quân thần, vượt trên mọi danh hiệu được xưng hô cả đời này lẫn đời sau. Chúa khiến mọi sự quy phục dưới chân Ngài, và tôn Ngài làm đầu toàn thể Hội Thánh là thân thể Ngài, và là sự sung mãn của Đấng chu toàn mọi sự trong mọi người.

Alleluia: Mt 28, 19 và 20

Alleluia, alleluia! – Chúa phán: Chúa phán: "Các con hãy đi giảng dạy muôn dân: Thầy sẽ ở cùng các con mọi ngày cho đến tận thế". – Alleluia.

PHÚC ÂM: Lc 24, 46-53

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu phán cùng các môn đệ rằng: "Như đã ghi chép là Đức Kitô phải chịu khổ hình và ngày thứ ba từ cõi chết sống lại; và nhân danh Người mà rao giảng việc sám hối và ơn tha tội trong mọi dân, bắt đầu từ Giêrusalem. Các con là nhân chứng những sự việc ấy. Thầy sẽ sai đến với các con Đấng Cha Thầy đã hứa; vậy các con hãy ở lại trong thành cho đến khi mặc lấy quyền lực từ trên cao ban xuống". Rồi Người dẫn các ông ra ngoài, đến làng Bêtania, và giơ tay chúc phúc cho các ông. Sự việc xảy ra là đang khi Người chúc phúc cho các ông, Người rời khỏi các ông mà lên trời. Các ông thờ lạy Người, và trở về Giêrusalem lòng đầy vui mừng. Các ông luôn luôn ở trong đền thờ mà chúc tụng Thiên Chúa. Amen.