



Hectorville  
Catholic  
Community

Annunciation Church

*Love in all things*

# Parish Bulletin

Churches of Annunciation & St Mark's

20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073

St Mark's Church: Cnr Reid Ave and Harrison Streets, Magill SA 5072

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year B

16 May 2021

*"Moved by God's love, we the people of Hectorville Catholic Community work for fullness of life and joy for all by living out together our love for God, each other and all God's creation."*

### 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 4:1 – 13

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

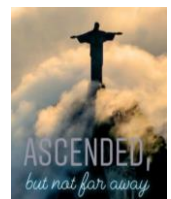
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 16: 15 – 20

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

**REFLECTIONS** -The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.



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Work, Health & Safety Officer

### Mass & Confession Times

#### **Annunciation Church**

Sunday 8.00 am  
9.30 am (Italian)  
11.00 (Family Mass)  
5.30 pm

Monday to Friday 7.00 am  
Friday 9.15 am  
Saturday – Novena 8.30 am  
Mass 9.00 am

Public Holidays 7.00 am

#### **Confessions**

Saturday 9.30 – 10.30 am

#### **St Mark's Church**

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm  
Sunday 9.30 am

#### **Confessions Saturday**

**evening** : Immediately following Mass.

**Office Hours 9 am – 4.30 pm**

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FOR 2021

We are now taking enrolments for all our programs. If you are interested in knowing more, please phone the parish office at 83369988 or email [admin@hectorpar.com.au](mailto:admin@hectorpar.com.au). Further information is also available on our Parish website.

### PARISH CENSUS DRIVE

Dear Parishioners, "**PARISH CENSUS DRIVE**" begins today. There are multiple options provided such as "**Online fill in form**", "**QR Code**" and "**Census Cards**" to make the job simpler and easier. Since this is very important to our Parish Community, I request you to support this Census Drive. *Thank you - Fr Jeevan Gabriel*

### HEADCOUNT

Dear Parishioners, The **Annual Diocesan and National Count of Attendance** will begin from 1st/2nd May to 22nd / 23rd May. This Year the Head Count is different from the usual one. All Parishioners are requested to provide details (for example- different age groups) on the sheets provided before entering the church. The Covid Marshalls will be at the Church foyer if you require any assistance. Therefore, I request all of you to cooperate in this regard. *Thank you. Fr Jeevan Gabriel*

### Marian Procession

A reminder the 2021 Marian Procession and Peace Rally will be held on Sunday May 16 at the Adelaide Showgrounds. Group assembling will begin from 1:30pm at the starting point of the procession on the Main Arena. The event is expected to end shortly before 4pm. **Booking can also be done on arrival using the QR Code or sign in sheets. Plenty of carpark space is available.**

Remember to wear a hat, and/or bring an umbrella. Should the weather be inclement the event will remain at the Showgrounds but move into the Jubilee Pavilion. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: (08) 8210 8220 or E: [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

**(Hectorville Parish choir will be singing for the procession).**

### **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** **MEN'S DINNER – 28 MAY 2021. St Josephs** **Parish Hall, Birkinshaw Ave. Tranmere. 6.30** **for 7.00pm start.**

The Knights of the Southern Cross, invite all men of the Parish to join our Men's Dinner. It will be a 3-course meal and the cost will be \$25 per head. Please BYO drinks. Those attending are asked to add their names & numbers to the sheet at the Church foyer or contact Mike Boyle on 8337 3270 or Otto Moscon 0437 927 837. Bookings close by the 23 May. All profits will be donated to St Vinnie.

## The Ascension of the Lord

Departures can be painful, the mysterious finality of a soul's departure from this life. For those without faith, confusion deepens the pain. Without God there is, after life, just the void. The real absence. Emptiness, chaos, and guesswork about what frightening reality awaits behind the curtain. Today's Feast of the Ascension is a peek behind that curtain and what the believer sees is life, fulfillment, and hope. Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, the disciples witness the Lord go away. But they are not sad. Saint Luke relates that the disciples were full of joy upon returning to Jerusalem after witnessing Jesus' Ascension on the Mount of Olives. Jesus had gone away but had not died. He had departed but was fully alive.

The Church tells us where we came from—God. It reads to us at Mass the stories of our salvation. It reminds us that death and suffering are painful but not the end. And in the Ascension, the Church preserves the very positive memory of man's greatness. We stand taller and straighter when we know that we are meant to live forever in the Father's house in heaven.

Today the Church asks its believers to gaze up at the Ascension and to say, "Here is man too. Here is the body restored, in all of man's resplendent power." It is not enough for us to think about our origins. We must reflect upon our destination. Where we are going says more about us than where we came from. At Mass the priest says, "Lift up your hearts," and the people respond, "We lift them up to the Lord." Indeed. Today we marvel at the spectacle of Jesus Christ ascending to heaven and to home. The Ascension is about what comes next. It teaches us that self importance is nothing. It is union with God that makes us great and makes us happy.

*Lord Jesus, You were from Mary biologically but from the Father theologically. On this Feast of the Ascension, You return to the Father's house. Help all who believe in You and who belong to You in the Church to one day join You in that heavenly home forever and ever.*

"Knowing by experience St. Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honor him with particular devotion. I have always seen those who honored him in a special manner make progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favors in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him."

*St. Teresa of Avila*



Cyclone Seroja has inflicted major damage on a number of churches, presbyteries, school buildings and other premises of the Diocese of Geraldton. Enormous damage was also done to many farms, businesses and homes within those communities and across the farming areas. The diocese is seeking the support of other Catholics to help rebuild these communities. For more information and to make a donation, please visit [www.geraldtondiocese.org.au](http://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au)

**Threshold: Inspire – 2021 Pentecost Vigil**  
**Saturday May 22, 8pm - 11pm, at The Monastery, Glen Osmond.**

Threshold: Inspire is the annual Pentecost youth event in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This is an opportunity to gather with young people aged 16 to 30 for an evening of fun, music, prayer and Mass with the Archbishop.

This year's celebration will feature renowned Catholic musician Gen Bryant! Gen will lead a workshop earlier in the day and perform a concert in the evening. Register today to ensure your place! [www.trybooking.com/BQCJV](http://www.trybooking.com/BQCJV)

**Prayer for The Planet**

Prayer for the Planet – contemplation and action for conversion Saturday May 22, 3pm, The Bethany Centre, MacKillop Precinct, High St, Kensington. Let us gather to allow the Spirit to move us to conversion and action. Contact Peter Laffan at E: [impe@internode.on.net](mailto:impe@internode.on.net) or M: 0488 062 112.

**ROSTER**

**Sunday 23 May – 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

***Annunciation Church***

8.00am M O'Donnell, C Turk, B De Conti & P Burger.

9.30am S Zollo, P Meola, A Mignone, N Ianera & C Cantone.

11.00am N Pinneri, A Mc Carthy, E Geelen, P Maio, P Watson & L Fernando.

5.30pm J Holling, J Shearer, A Ward, A Ozgo & M Nguyen.

***St Mark's Church***

6.00pm(Vigil) K Hannagan, A Hamman, J Ture & J D'Angelo.

9.30am N Porcaro, N Martini, S Carson, D Gocur & S Piteo.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Annunciation Church:** A Paglia & C Augustin.

**St Mark's Church:** S Spajic & A Hamann

**SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER**

May 2021 issue is still available at church doors today. Cost is \$2.00.

**Lost in the Details:  
Seeing God's Big Picture**

We have to look beyond the logical details and at the overall picture of God and God's love for humanity beyond the troubles or successes of this life. Sometimes we get bogged down in the details missing the true message of Christ in the words. Sometimes we need to stop focusing on the rules, regulations, or the exact words and allow God to reveal himself and his plans to us in those moments.

The laws, the details of our past skew the image of what God is creating and it clouds our vision. Sometimes the details of life skew our ability to see the new and wonderful works of God in our lives and in our world. We are all called to work to open our hearts to the leading of God and not let the little details distract from his possibilities. For some of us this will be easy, for others this will be a constant struggle in life.

We need to face all that plagues us in our lives and see the work of God, we need to bravely face this life, this world and know that our God watches over us, cares for us, journeys with us, and creates anew in our lives and world.

God gave us a leader; he gave us a teacher; he gave us a living human reminder that he is with us. He grieves with us, he feels our pain, and he walks our lives with us. God speaks to us. We are only asked to have faith, to believe, and to trust that God is doing something new and wonderful. God loves each of us.

Walk with him, love him, and look beyond this life, beyond the rules, and beyond common sense and just listen and hear God's words, look and see God's salvation, and build our faiths.

**Reflection Morning – St Anthony of Padua**

Reflection Morning being held at St Anthony of Padua on Thursday May 27, 2021. Mass followed by Holy Hour of Adoration, morning tea and Pastoral talk at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 832 South Road, Edwardstown. All welcome. Contact Robyn Grove, Parish Secretary on M: 0499 486 699 or E: [edcathpar@adam.com.au](mailto:edcathpar@adam.com.au).

**CONTAINER OF HOPE-** All goods are being accepted by container of hope and they have sent 3 shipments to Liberia recently. Thank you. Eva Geelen.