

# SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

## Edwardstown Catholic Parish



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Ascension of the Lord — Year B/2

### Parish Priest

Father Phillip Alstin

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Robyn Grave

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 8—11.30am  
Wednesday 1.30—4.30pm  
Thursday 1.30—4.15pm  
Friday 1.30—4.15pm

### Parish Finance Council

Geoff Walles 0419 810 590

### Parish Pastoral Council

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### St Anthony's School

Principal: Mr Stuart Baker  
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### Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Thursday 9.30am  
Friday 9.30am

### Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after weekend  
Holy Mass  
After Tuesday 9.30am Mass

### Adoration

Tuesday 10.00a.m.—11.00am  
7:00pm—11.00pm concluding  
with Angelus.

### Wednesday

9:30am Adoration  
6:00pm Rosary (Wed)  
6:30pm Vespers (Wed)

### Contact for Adoration

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### Rosary Times

### Maria Goretti Chapel

Mondays 5.30pm

Tuesdays 8.50am

Wednesday 6.00pm

Fridays 8pm - Via Telephone  
Messenger App (Contact Grace  
Via the parish office number)

Today we celebrate the unique event described in the readings, the day when Jesus “was taken up into Heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God” – the *Ascension of the Lord*. With his Ascension, the Lord Jesus passes from our sight while remaining always with us in the power of his Spirit. He commissions us to continue the work he has begun, saying: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

What a massive and daunting task! The Lord entrusts to us the *whole world* and *every creature* in it! In particular, he mentions the creatures who can make free decisions to believe and be baptized or not. In other words, *every human person* is the Lord’s target audience. He sends us on a mission of salvation to *everyone*, so great is our God and his desire for our salvation.

But how can this enormous task be accomplished? Jesus himself gives us the answer in the first reading. He tells the Apostles not to depart from Jerusalem yet. He does not expect them to go off on their own and accomplish a humanly impossible task. Rather he tells them to wait for “the promise of the Father.” This time of *obedient waiting in faith* is crucial, because within a few days, he says, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” With this divine power, and only with this power, will the Church be able to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Jesus even describes the progression of this universal proclamation. It will start right there in Jerusalem on Pentecost, then extend throughout Judea and Samaria, and in time “to the ends of the earth.”

Why proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth? There is more to it than simply obeying a command of the Lord. When the Lord plants his Spirit in our hearts, we are filled with zeal for sharing his life with everyone. In today’s second reading, St. Paul speaks about what he wants for his converts in Ephesus – and for all people. He wants us all to receive “a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him” – that is, of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul wants the eyes of our hearts to be enlightened, “that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe.” This “hope” is for eternal life with the God who loves us. The “riches of glory” he bestows on us is the gift of being the sons and daughters of the Most High God. Any loving father wants to give his children an abundance of riches; much more does our Father in Heaven! Paul prays that we come to know this God and his Son, “the fullness of the One who fills all things in every way.”

Zeal to invite everyone to live in eternity with God and to see the “surpassing greatness of his power” in all who believe – this is what drove the Apostles to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and even to suffer martyrdom. When the “eyes of our hearts” have been enlightened to see the immeasurable love God has for us, we cannot but proclaim the Gospel to others. We do this proclamation mostly by how we live our lives, in countless little ways: sometimes through a gesture of love towards others, or a kind word spoken to someone who is going through a difficult time. It is astounding but true: we participate in the great work that began when Jesus ascended and sent his Spirit: “They went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.”



Why is it important for me to wait in “obedient faith” so that the Spirit can work in me? How does the Spirit enkindle my hope when things seem to go wrong? In what ways can I more fully participate in the great work of Christ?

Excerpt from *Community, Anawim. Pondering the Word - The Anawim Way - Vol 20 Num 4: Holy Thursday to Pentecost* (pp. 218—225).

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - Profession of Faith—Article 6

### "HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

**659** "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."<sup>532</sup> Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys.<sup>533</sup> But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity.<sup>534</sup> Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.<sup>535</sup> Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.<sup>536</sup>

**660** The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."<sup>537</sup> This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

**661** This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus.<sup>538</sup> "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man."<sup>539</sup> Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness.<sup>540</sup> Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.<sup>541</sup>

**662** "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."<sup>542</sup> The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

### SUMMARY

*Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself."*

**Mark 12:29-31**

**THE MONTH OF MAY** is a special time in the church's calendar as it dedicates this month to Mary, the mother of Jesus. This is a reminder to us that we have a gracious and powerful intercessor in whose unconditional love we can place our confidence that our prayers will be answered. An example of a powerful Marian prayer is The Memorare. Powerful because it has never been known that seeking Our Lady's intercession in moments of need has ever left someone unaided.

Sometimes we are inspired to ask for help when faced with desperate circumstances. Other times we ask our Heavenly Mother for help in every day smaller needs. As Catholics this is a treasure we have and can share with those around us because we can see first hand the fruits of honouring her, as she always helps us to grow closer to her son Jesus, our Saviour.



*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implore thy help, and sought thy Intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but graciously hear and answer them. Amen*



## WHS— ADORERS

All those rostered on for Adoration on Tuesday and Wednesday are asked to sign in and sign out on clipboard located on the table at the entry of the church for safety reasons.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky?" This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him to into heaven. Acts 1:10-11

Young Men of God (YMG) presents a Rise Strong in Faith Retreat, Saturday 1st June 2024 (8am-4pm) @ Cardijn College, Honeypot Rad Noarlunga Downs. Open to all men aged 18 and over. \$50 Early Bird Discount register by May 17, Deepen your faith and empower your spiritual journey talks by Fr Ken Barker MGL. For more information ymgelaide@gmail.com



## REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

**Let us pray.** O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



## READERS OF THE WORD FOR MAY

Saturday—Jackie Harris  
Sunday - Anna Pivato



## REMINDER—

**Please ensure that your mobile phone is turned off or on silent mode during Mass.**

## Saint Michael,

*the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*



### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

**SICK:** Imelda Kempson, Peter Freeborn, Perry Burns, Marie Oates, Romola Blowes, Amy Lopez, Amanda Razon, Douglas Robertson, Isaiah Noack, Alby Foster, EJ Orbase, Marie Emery, Michael, Apolo Gomez, Lorraine Boys, Phil Bawden, Patricia Kehoe, Chris Harwood, Rosemary Young

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Catherine Clark, James O'Brien,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Gentle, Ian Ross Ninonuevo, Angela Ditroia, Frances Beckmann, Eleonora Kouwen, Adamo & Maria Ricci, Beatrice McDonnell, Bruce McAuliffe, Michele Colagrossi, Dean Castle, Guiseppe Spano, Frank Stephens, Angelo Composto, Catherine Stewart, Maria Visentin, Glenn Freeborn, Lucy Rodrigues, Relatives and friends of the Burns and Hill families.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.

### Marian Procession

The 75<sup>th</sup> Marian Procession will be held next weekend on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. Please let the Parish Office know if you are attending by 10th May.

**\*\*The change of location this year is due to road closures on King William St for a Port Adelaide football club home game.** The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)



### SAVE THE DATE – 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly—

**June 14 and 15** Parishes, schools and communities are asked to mark their calendars for the 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly which will take place on the evening of Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15. Further information and invitations will be sent out soon. Any questions, please contact Sarah Moffatt [smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

### CHANGE TO WEEK DAY MASSES

From Tuesday 7th May mass will be offered 9.30am Tuesday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after mass for 1 hour concluding 11.00am.

9.30am Mass - Wednesday Thursday & Friday

**Wednesdays**—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues concluding with Rosary & Vespers as usual.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Benediction will not be offered.

**Other Times** - Reconciliation may be offered after Mass

### Adoration at St Anthony's

#### TUESDAY NIGHTS

**7.00pm - 11pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### WEDNESDAY

9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.05am Prayer for Priests

12.pm Angelus

6.00pm Scriptural Rosary

6.30pm Vespers

Please contact Geoff Walles on 0419 810 590 if you are able to help with the roster or for any queries.



*"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Matthew*

### SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL

Our Parish Is A Child Friendly Environment You have the right to:

**FEEL SAFE** You have the right to be safe and to tell someone if you aren't feeling safe.

**FEEL HAPPY** Our Parish is a place where we want you to feel joyful.

**FEEL RESPECTED** You are an important and valued part of our community.

**FEEL LISTENED TO** We want to hear what you have to say.

**FEEL WELCOME** You are accepted here no matter who you are or where you come.



Congratulations to Paula Van der Jeugd who recently celebrated her 90th Birthday.

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

*2 Corinthians 9:15*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024**— St Anthony's School have invited you to attend morning tea in the School Library next weekend following 9.30am Mass for the conclusion of Catholic Education Week. **MELKITE COMMUNITY**—will be using the hall for a function on this day.

Come Join Me For Morning Tea



People First Community Lottery tickets go on sale from 18th April until 25th July 2024. 100% of every \$2 ticket sold goes directly back to our Vinnies group in this parish. Tickets are on sale online only at [communitylottery.com.au](http://communitylottery.com.au).

It is important when buying tickets to choose our St Vincent de Paul – Edwardstown/Plympton group, either by typing in the search area or choosing 'Church' and clicking on our group. There is an early bird prize of a Toyota Corolla Hybrid Ascent Sport if bought before 16th May.

Thank you for your recent and ongoing support of our request for food and toiletry donations. With the cold weather setting in, we are also adding cans of soup to the list. There are baskets inside the church to leave these donations in. They are collected weekly and used to make hampers to distribute on our visits each week.

## INTROIT

*Viri Galilei*

*Act 1, 11*

VII

**M** EN of Gal-i-lee, \* why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? al-le-lu-ia; just as you have seen him ascend in-to heaven, so, in like manner, shall he return, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 47 (46)

1. All peoples, *clap your hands*. \*  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the LORD, the Most *High, is awesome*, \*  
the great king over all *the earth*.

Glory Be to the Father...

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth **R**.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise.  
God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. **R**.

## OFFERTORY

*Viri Galilei*

*Acts 1: 11*

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**M** EN of Galil-ee, \* why do you gaze at the sky in as-tonishment? \* This same Je-sus who was taken up from you in-to heaven, will come by the ve-ry way in which you saw him go in-to hea-ven, al-le-lu-ia.

## OFFERTORY CONT'D.

Psalm 47 (46)

1. 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!*

## COMMUNION

*Signa eos*

*Mk 16: 17, 18*

VII

**T** Hese signs will accompany those who believe: \* they will cast out demons, and when they lay their hands upon the sick, these will recov-er, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 34 (33)

1. I will bless the LORD *at all times*; \*  
praise of him is always in *my mouth*.  
In the LORD my soul shall *make its boast*; \*  
the humble shall hear and *be glad*.

Glory Be to the Father...

## COMMUNION HYMN

**REF: All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and blessed One. **REF**

The company of angels are praising you on high, as we and all creation, exultant make reply. **REF**

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **REF**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine be Glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave cloths where thy body lay.  
**REF: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. **REF**