

# Our Parish

Our Lives on Earth are Our Pathway to Heaven

*"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written:  
'Be holy, because I am holy.'" (1 Peter 1: 15-16)*

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

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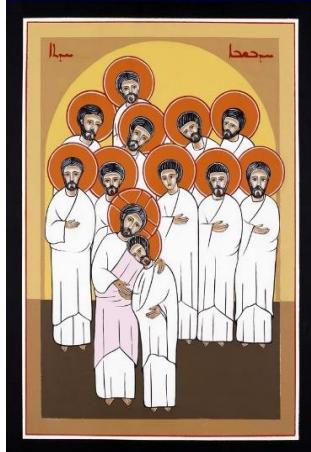
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

## The Gospel

Luke 24: 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## Season of the Resurrection



Next Sunday

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Eph 1: 15-23

Gospel

John 13: 31-35



## الإنجيل

لو ٤ : ٢٤ - ٣٦

فيما الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَفَقَرْبَ يَسُوعَ فِي  
وَسَطِّهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!». فَأَرْتَاهُمْ  
وَاسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ الْخُوفُ، وَكَانُوا يَطْبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ  
يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بِالْكُمْ  
مُضْطَرَّبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارَ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟  
أَنْظُرُوكُمْ إِلَى يَدَيِّ وَرْحَلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي،  
وَأَنْظُرُوكُمْ، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لِأَحْمَمْ لَهُ وَلَا عَظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ  
لِي!». قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيِّهِ وَرَجْلَيَهُ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا  
بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُنَعَّجِينَ، قَالَ  
لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَّا طَعَامٌ؟». فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً  
مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدٍ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا  
وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلامِي  
الَّذِي كَلَمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَتَبَغِي أَنْ  
يَتِيمَ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تُورَاهُ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ  
وَالْمَزَامِيرُ». حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَقْهُمُوا الْكُتُبِ.  
ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ،  
وَيَقُولُ مِنْ تَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ. وَبِإِسْمِهِ  
يُكَرِّزُ بِالْتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأَمْمِ،  
إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورَشَلَيمَ، وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

## Divine Liturgy and Services

**Sundays:** 9:00am (Arabic), 11:00am (Arabic/English), 6:00pm (English)

**Mondays and Tuesdays:** 9:00am

**Confessions:** By Appointment

**Wednesdays – Fridays:** 6:00pm

**Saturdays:** 9:00am and 6:00pm

**Sick Visits:** Contact Clergy or the Parish Office (contact details below)

## Parish and Ministry Team and Contact Details

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## Bishop's Corner:

**Year of Hope**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Resurrection**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection, the Risen Lord appears to the 11 apostles again to help them conquer their fear, but they still have a hard time recognizing Him. Their first impulse was to believe that He was a spirit. Jesus greets them with His peace. He allows them to touch Him and then shares a meal with them. It is not easy to believe in the victory of love after seeing its apparent failure on the cross. For this reason, St Luke writes: "while in their joy, they were disbelieving and still wondering..." Jesus appears to them several times to convince them of the reality of His new life. He changes their hearts and enlightens their minds by revealing to them the deep meaning of the scriptures and that everything written about Him in the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled.

These same apostles who needed persuasion to believe in the Resurrection became the solid pillars of the Church. Our faith is built on that of those who saw the Lord, touched Him, and ate and drank with Him after His Resurrection. Following the apostles, to live our conversion, we are invited to find Jesus alive today in our midst, to touch Him through the Eucharist. It is the same Body of the Risen Jesus who makes Himself present among us at each celebration of the Holy Mass and it is given to us to recognize Him by receiving Him.

The Resurrection is the work of the love of Christ. If we keep the hope of our resurrection in our hearts, God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also raise us. By receiving the Body of Christ, we allow Him to transform our life. From then on, strengthened in the same faith as the apostles, we can become witnesses of Christ, and continue the transmission of the faith born on that Easter morning 20 centuries ago.

### Parliamentary Elections in Lebanon and Australia

Over the past 2 weeks, citizens of Lebanon and Australia elected new members of parliament. Through the intercession of Saint Thomas More, we entrust to the Lord the newly elected representatives. May they, aided by the Holy Spirit, carry out the duties of their office with integrity and honesty. And may they seek to serve their communities with justice and truth, respecting every person and working for the common good. Amen.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



## The Word from Your Servant

Is there any sound more wonderful than the noise of children laughing? Yes, it is the noise of children praying! And last Saturday our Parish was blessed with the voices of at least 300 children all praying and celebrating Mass with our beloved Bishop. What joy for our Parish! Truly to see and hear these young children filled my heart and I am sure the hearts of all the adults present, with so much faith and hope. These children are the hope of our Parish, our Diocese, our Church.

During Fersen Day last Saturday the children who attended placed themselves under the mantle of our beloved Mother, Our Lady. Blessed be God! I have no doubt our Lady will protect our children and their families.

Much gratitude again goes to Ray Zeaiter and Belinda Srour for their tireless efforts in coordinating the day. I also extend my gratitude to the many mothers who donated the supply of food and drinks (our Parish did not need to purchase any supplies for this great day) and for the mothers who generously also gave their time to cater and feed our children and visitors on the day. What a beautiful family our Parish is!

When we trust ourselves and our children to our Lady, as we are especially during the month of May, She will lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ. This is our Lady's mission - to help us to reach Jesus and to love Him more and more. Our Lady does not stand in the way between us and Jesus. No, She wants to walk with us on our path to Jesus, and if we keep ourselves under Her mantle, we will reach our Lord very safely.

This coming Thursday we celebrate Ascension Thursday. Our Lord physically ascends into Heaven, where with God's grace we will one day meet Him.

We should not consider Ascension Thursday as the day our Lord left us. Our Lord truly remains with us in the Holy Eucharist. He awaits us to visit Him and spend times of quiet prayer with Him in the tabernacle. This is our faith and we should never doubt that He is truly physically present in Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Let us pray to Our Lady to help us strengthen our faith in the true presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to help us love the Sacrament of the Eucharist more and more each day. I ask you to reflect on these words of St John Paul II to help you with your devotion:

*"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. . . Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever."*

Fr Claude Rizk

## Feast of the Ascension

*"MEN OF GALILEE, WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING INTO HEAVEN? THIS JESUS, WHO WAS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL COME IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU SAW HIM GO INTO HEAVEN."*

# Parish News and Upcoming Events



**Month of May  
Month of Mary**

## VISITATION OF MARY TO YOUR HOME

For bookings, please register your details at the Church Door or contact the Parish Office



## BIBLE STUDY IN YOUR HOME

Weekdays from 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Invite us to host a bible study in your home with your family, relatives and friends.

For bookings, please contact the Parish Office.



**EVERY SATURDAY  
DURING THE  
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4.00PM - 5.30PM**

**YEAR 1 - YEAR 6**

Scan me to register your children



## WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

IT'S A **90's** throwback

Calling all past & present youth

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022

OUR LADY OF LEBANON PARISH HALL | 7PM  
\$50 ENTRY | DJ | GRAZING TABLE | MINI ARCADE | PHOTOBOTH  
All funds to go towards WYD 2023 mission work

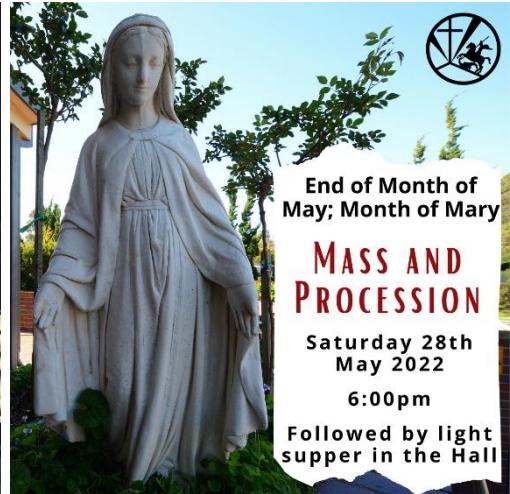
## St George Faith Formation Talks

**Meet Your Mother**  
With Father Benedict

Includes FREE Supper!

**Sunday 22nd May**  
7pm  
Church Hall

Join us as we walk together in faith, with this inspiring series of talks.



**End of Month of May; Month of Mary**

## MASS AND PROCESSION

**Saturday 28th May 2022**

**6:00pm**

**Followed by light supper in the Hall**

## PARENTING WORKSHOP: UNDERSTANDING TEENAGE CHANGE



**THURSDAY 2 June at 7:00pm**

Join us in this FREE interactive workshop event to explore and share effective parenting tips!

**PLACE:**  
MARY MACKILLOP'S HALL  
Level 1, OIOL Community Youth and Pastoral Centre  
40 Alice Street, Harris Park NSW 2150

**PRESENTER:**  
DR DIMA AKIK

Counsellor and Life Educator with years of professional experience in the fields of medical science, counselling therapy and health awareness.

**NEXT WORKSHOPS:**

EMPOWERING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS - 9 JUNE  
BUILDING RESILIENCE IN TEENAGERS - 16 JUNE

## st George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh



**Ages 0-5 years old  
FREE**

All welcome! Come join us and build our community family.

**Every Tuesdays from 9am - 12pm  
Commencing Tuesday 5th April 2022**

**For more information, please contact  
Mary 0422 871 197**

## Bilpin Day Trip



**Adults \$35pp**

**Children Under 12 \$20pp**

**Ticket Price Includes: Morning Tea, Entry  
Botanical Garden & travel/return via Coach**

\*Apples can be picked and taken home for an additional cost

### Itinerary:

Exploring botanical gardens followed by morning tea, Apple picking at TNT, Lunch at Archibald hotel (to be paid by individual) and opportunity to order Apple pies from Fruit Bowl.

### Departure & Return Details

Departure 7.30AM Sharp &  
Return back at 5.30PM

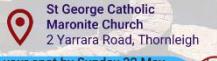
Sunday 29, May 2022

Contact our office to secure your spot by Sunday 22 May

(02) 9481 7388 info@stgeorgemcc.org.au

### Pick-up & Drop off Point

St George Catholic  
Maronite Church  
2 Yarrara Road, Thornleigh



## JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

We are seeking new members for our Parish Choirs to serve our weekend Masses

**Saturdays 6pm**

**Sundays 9am, 11am, 6pm**

If interested, or for more information, please contact the Parish Office.



## Memorial Masses

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	6pm 7pm	Late Maria Nassif Late Milad Youssef Boumerhe	قداس المرحومه ماريا ناصيف قداس المرحوم ميلاد يوسف بومرعي	٦:٠٠ ٧:٠٠	السبت ٢١ ايار ٢٠٢٢
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	11am	Late Jamile Said El Chaykha El Doueihy	قداس المرحومه جميلة سايد الشيخه الويهي	١١:٠٠	الاحد ٢٢ ايار ٢٠٢٢
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	11am	1 Year Mass for the Late Martha Zeaiter	قداس السنة المرحوم مارثا زعيتر	١١:٠٠	الاحد ٢٩ ايار ٢٠٢٢

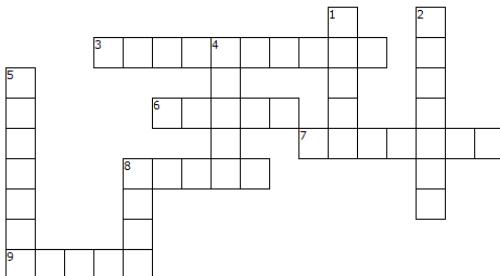
## نوايا القدسات

السبت ٢١ ايار ٢٠٢٢	٦:٠٠	قداس المرحومه ماريا ناصيف
الاحد ٢٢ ايار ٢٠٢٢	٧:٠٠	قداس المرحوم ميلاد يوسف بومرعي
الاحد ٢٩ ايار ٢٠٢٢	١١:٠٠	قداس المرحومه جميلة سايد الشيخه الويهي
الاحد ٢٩ ايار ٢٠٢٢	١١:٠٠	قداس السنة المرحوم مارثا زعيتر

## Children's Corner

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:46-48 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:36-48 (NIV)



### ACROSS

3. To be filled with fear or alarm
6. The hard pieces that form the skeleton of a person
7. To accept something as true or real
8. The soft part of the body of a person that is between the skin and the bones
9. The spirit of a dead person, especially one believed to appear in bodily form

### DOWN

1. The absence of war or other hostilities
2. One who can give a firsthand account of something seen, heard, or experienced
4. The body parts at the end of the arms
5. Speaking or discussing, giving expression in words
8. The body parts at the end of the legs

FLESH PEACE	BELIEVE HANDS	GHOST TALKING	FEET BONES	FRIGHTENED WITNESS
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## Parish Financial Updates

### Parish Income between 9<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May

TBA

To receive our eNewsletter  
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[info@stgeorgemcc.org.au](mailto:info@stgeorgemcc.org.au)

### Parish Operations Account

\$86,663.27

### Parish Loan Balance

\$604,013.07



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