

St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh

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)*

7th Sunday of the Resurrection

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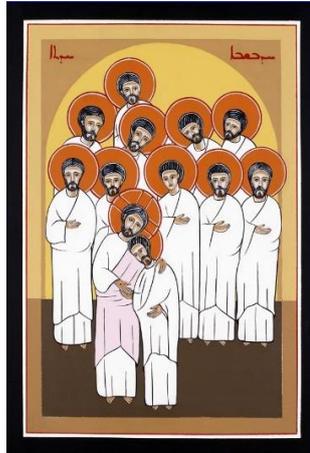
Sunday 29th May 2022

The Gospel

John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Season of the Resurrection



Next Sunday
Pentecost Sunday

Epistle

Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel

John 14: 15-20

الإنجيل

ل يو ١٣ : ٣١-٣٥

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُودَا الإسْخَرِيوطِي قَالَ يَسُوعُ: «أَلَا نَ
مُجِدَّ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ وَمُجِدَّ اللَّهِ فِيهِ. إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ
قَدْ مُجِدَّ فِيهِ، فَاللَّهُ سَيَمَجِدُّهُ فِي ذَاتِهِ، وَحَالًا
يُمَجِدُّهُ. يَا أَوْلَادِي، أَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدُ زَمَنًا قَلِيلًا.
سَتَطْلُبُونِي، وَلَكِنْ مَا قُلْتُهُ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقُولُهُ لَكُمْ
أَلَا: حَيْثُ أَنَا أَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَنْ تَأْتُوا.
وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ
بَعْضًا. أَجَلٌ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا
أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ. بِهَذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي،
إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ.»

LOVE one another...
just as i have loved you...

JOHN 13: 34

Divine Liturgy and Services

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

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am

Wednesdays – Fridays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 9:00am and 6:00pm

Confessions: By Appointment

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

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Bishop's Corner: Year of Hope 7th Sunday after the Resurrection



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I send you greetings from Lebanon on this 7th Sunday of the Resurrection. I have recently arrived to participate in our annual Maronite Synod of Bishops meetings and then the World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome in June. This visit will also be an opportunity to report back on our charitable works in Lebanon made possible by the generosity of our Maronite community in Australia. I ask you to keep our Maronite Church and Lebanon in your prayers at this time, so that this land and its people may finally have stability, peace and prosperity.

In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus knows He is going to His death. He gathers His disciples for a last meal. To their great surprise, He begins with a gesture: He, the Master, washes the feet of His disciples, then He asks them to do the same. He then gives them a commandment: to love! This is the mission He gives. The Lord goes to the extreme of love giving His life on the Cross for the glory of His Father and for us, His brothers and sisters. He gives His disciples the command to love, "Love one another as I have loved you," in the certainty that by putting it into practice they will live in communion with God.

The essence of God is love and God can only transmit love. The word of the Lord heard today is not limited to the disciples. This commandment of Jesus invites us to love one another. We are asked to transmit this love to others, because we have been endowed with a relationship with Him. By showing our love, we reveal God to the world.

The word love is no longer just a sentimental feeling. It sets a responsibility and a mission. We show this love by who we are, what we do with our lives, and how we treat others. We are invited to reflect and open our hearts to see how we relate to those around us and to God. Love is our common vocation.

World Communications Day

The World Communications Day is celebrated annually on the Sunday before Pentecost. It is the only worldwide celebration called for by the Second Vatican Council ("*Inter Mirifica*", 1963), where members of the faithful are invited to pray and contribute to this cause. On the 56th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Francis addressed the bishops, priests and members of the laity with a message entitled: *Listening with the Ear of the Heart*.

In response, I ask you to dedicate this day to pray for the "apostolate of the ear" – to listen before speaking, as the Apostle James exhorts: "Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak" (1:19). Freely giving some of our own time to listen to people is the first act of charity." (Pope Francis, 24 January 2022).

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

The Word from Your Servant

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Season of the Resurrection, and we are now in the last few days of the month of May, the month of our Blessed Mother.

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. We will commence the Season of Pentecost in our Church liturgy.

In the Book of Isaiah 11:2-3, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are described. In the passage the gifts are considered ones that the Messiah would have possessed. Through Jesus, we also receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

- *Wisdom* - helps us recognise the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.
- *Understanding* - is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message.
- *Knowledge* - is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us.
- *Counsel* - is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him.
- *Fortitude* - is the courage to do what one knows is right.
- *Piety* - helps us pray to God in true devotion.
- *Fear of the Lord* - is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

Rather than wait for next week's feast, let us use this week to prepare for God's grace to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pray especially to our Blessed Mother, Spouse of the Holy Spirit to help us prepare for this great feast. And, as we enter the month of June, the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ask our Lord to stretch out hearts to love God more in order to be more prepared to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This past week, the new Parish Committees – the Stewardship and Youth – have continued to meet to plan for the continued growth and strengthening in faith of our Parish. Please keep the Committees in your prayers. We are blessed to have such generous people in our Parish.

Fr Claude Rizk






End of Month of May; Month of Mary

MASS AND PROCESSION

Saturday 28th May 2022
6:00pm

Followed by light supper in the Hall

BIBLE STUDY IN YOUR HOME



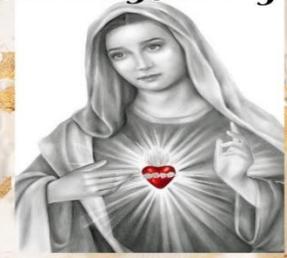
Weekdays from 7:30pm - 8:30pm

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

For bookings, please contact the Parish Office.



Consecration Mass to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



JOIN US ON MONDAY 13 JUNE AT 6.30PM FOR MASS AND CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Our Lady assured Lucia: "my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Thus, if we devote ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, Mary will lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ and we will be on the way to Heaven.




THURSDAY MASS AND LUNCHEON

Every second Thursday (commencing Thursday 9th June 2022)

11am Mass
followed by lunch in the Church Hall

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EVERY SATURDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
4.00PM - 5.30PM

YEAR 1 - YEAR 6

Scan me to register your children





Weekly Teens Gathering

Every Wednesday (during School Term) for Teens 13 - 18 Years
Commencing 7:00pm




GAMES NIGHT

29TH OF MAY
AFTER 6PM YOUTH MASS

Location: Church Hall
\$10 ENTRY FEE

Food Provided
You are welcome to bring your own games



8TH OF JUNE 7PM START
Kick-off at 8PM



Youth & Teens Welcome

Location: Church Hall
entry by donation




WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

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

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022

JEANS & SNEAKERS ESSENTIAL

CALLING ALL PAST & PRESENT YOUTH

OUR LADY OF LEBANON PARISH HALL | 7PM
\$50 ENTRY | DJ | GRAZING TABLE | MINI ARCADE | PHOTOBOOTH

ALL FUNDS TO GO TOWARDS WYD 2023 MISSION WORK




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, OLQI 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

Weekly Parish Activities and Gatherings



Tues 9am	Wed 7:00pm	Thurs 11am	Thurs 7:30pm	Sat 4pm
Playgroup (0-5 Years)	Teens Gathering	Mass and Luncheon (Fortnightly)	Adoration of the Eucharist	Fersan

Memorial Masses

نوايا القداست

Sunday 29 th May 2022	11am	1 Year Mass for the Late Martha Zeaiter	قداست السنة المرحومة مارثا زعيتير	١١ : ٠٠	الاحد ٢٩ ايار ٢٠٢٢
Sunday 5 th June 2022	11am	1 Year Mass for the Late Marlene Moussa Coble	قداست السنة المرحومة مرلان موسى قوبل	١١ : ٠٠	الاحد ٥ حزيران ٢٠٢٢

Congratulations to the Newly Baptised: Lucas Bounasr,

Parish Camera



Congratulations to our parishioner, Sadie Maait, for being awarded the St Maroun Medal by Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarbay for her work in the Maronite Community, especially our Parish.

Throughout May, the Month of Mary, visits praying the Rosary were held in many of homes of our parishioners.

Parish Financial Updates

Funds Raised During April and May

Feast Week, Book fair, and Easter Raffle: \$47,843

Mother's Day Dinner: \$20,363

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Parish Operations Account

\$81,680.40

Parish Loan Balance

\$604,013.07



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