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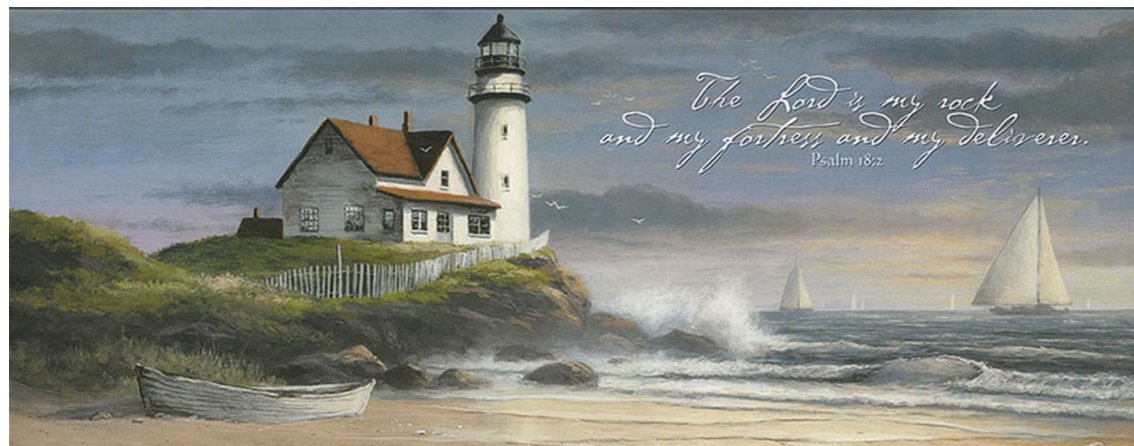
From Father Raining

A story is told of a sea captain who was guiding his ship on a very dark night. He saw faint lights in the distance and told his signalman to send a message, "Alter your course 10 degrees south." A prompt message returned, "Alter your course 10 degrees north." The captain became angry because his command had been ignored, so he sent a second message, "I command you to alter your course 10 degrees south!" Again, a message promptly returned, "Alter your course 10 degrees north." Infuriated, the captain sent off a third message: "I am the captain, and this is a battleship. Alter your course 10 degrees south!" Once again, a prompt reply came, "Alter your course 10 degrees north – I am a lighthouse."

These last words of Jesus are the signal we are to obey. No wonder we label the call "the Great Commission." The tragedy of the Church – our great sin – is that the Great Commission of Jesus is our "great Omission."

The feast of the Ascension tells us that the Church must be a community in mission, guided by the Holy Spirit and confident of God's protection even in the face of suffering and death. Jesus' Ascension is both an ending and a beginning. The physical appearances of Jesus are at an end – the revelation of the "Good News" is complete; the promise and mission of the Messiah is fulfilled. Now begins the work of the disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

- First reading: Though Jesus depart, he promises empowerment by the Holy Spirit.
When have I felt most empowered by the Holy Spirit?
- Second reading: Paul prays that our hearts be enlightened to know God and God's actions for us.
What new insight have I had during this Easter season?
- Gospel: Jesus sends us to make disciples of others.
What can I do to bring someone closer to Christ today?



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Holy Hour for Vocations
That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

Moments of Mercy
Know, My daughter, that the ardour of your heart is pleasing to Me. And just as you desire ardently to become united with Me in Holy Communion, so too do I desire to give Myself wholly to you; and as a reward for your zeal, rest on My heart. (Diary, 826)

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Feast Days

25th Our Lady Help of Christians



PATRON OF AUSTRALIA

"Have faith in **Mary Help of Christians**, and you will see what miracles are" - St. John Bosco.

25th **St Bede the Venerable**
"I was no longer the centre of my life and therefore I could see God in everything."

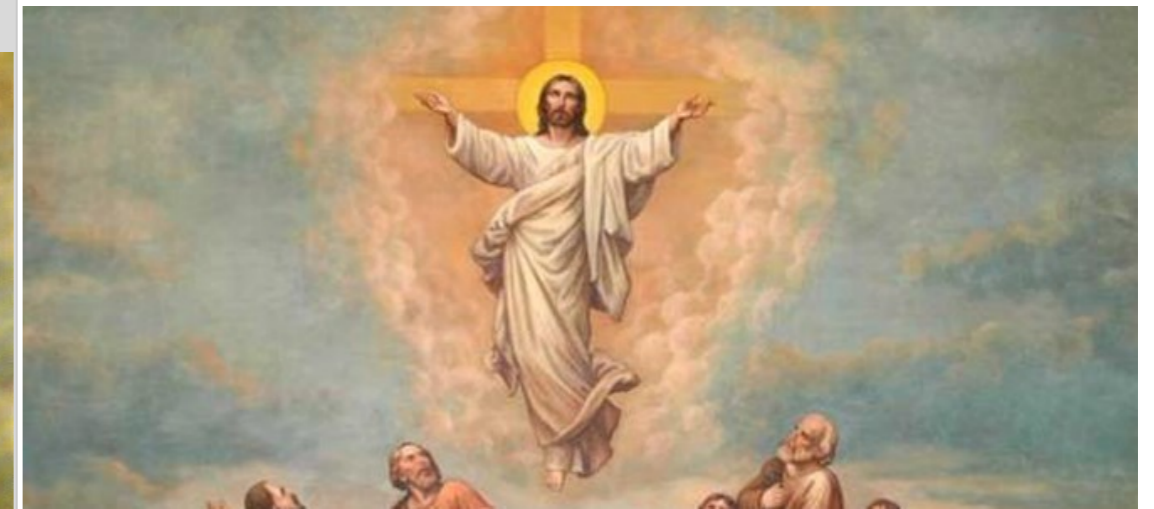
25th **St Gregory VII**
"I have loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore I die in exile. It is the custom of the Roman Church which I unworthily serve with the help of God, to tolerate some things, to turn a blind eye to some, following the spirit of discretion rather than the rigid letter of the law".

25th **St Mary Magdalene De' Pazzi**
You will be consoled according to the greatness of your sorrow and affliction; the greater the suffering, the greater will be the reward.

26th **St Philip Neri**
Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.

27th **St Augustine of Canterbury**
"Faith is to believe what you do not see, the reward of this faith is to see what you believe"

The Ascension of the Lord



Reflection

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

The message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.



The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed every Wednesday in May after Communion.



During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed straight after the 9:00am mass every Saturday.

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Fevoura Daroy, Selene Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irlulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Josephine Mamari, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Shaista Quraishi, Emely Reyes, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford & Patrick Wheeler.

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*