



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

21st MAY 2023

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE ON THE FEAST OF ASCENSION, 2022

Reflecting on the feast of the Ascension, Pope Francis on Sunday discussed the two acts that Christ performed immediately before ascending into heaven: he announced the gift of the Holy Spirit, and blessed his apostles.

The pope said focusing on these acts can help us to understand the meaning and importance of the Ascension.

“As he makes his ‘exodus’ to Heaven, Christ ‘makes way’ for us, he goes to prepare a place for us and, from this time forth, he intercedes for us, so that we may always be accompanied and blessed by the Father,” Pope Francis told the crowds gathered in St. Peter’s Square May 29.

The pope noted that Christ “does not want to limit our freedom” by his presence. “On the contrary, he leaves space to us, because true love always generates a closeness that does not stifle, is not possessive, is close but not possessive; on the contrary, true love which makes us protagonists,” the pope said. “And so, ascending to Heaven, instead of remaining beside a few people with his body, Jesus becomes close to all with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in us, beyond the barriers of time and space, to make us his witnesses in the world.”

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Parish Priest:
Fr. Prince Joseph VC
(John Prince)

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Fr Sebastian
Mappilaparambil VC

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Maureen Goonewardena

Parish Manager:
Wilfred D' Couto

Principal:
Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:
Florida Nugara

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday..... 9.15am
..... 11.00am
Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:
Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:
Everyday 9.15am
Wednesday 9.15am &
7.00pm

Reconciliation:
Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:
Saturday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:
Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:
Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

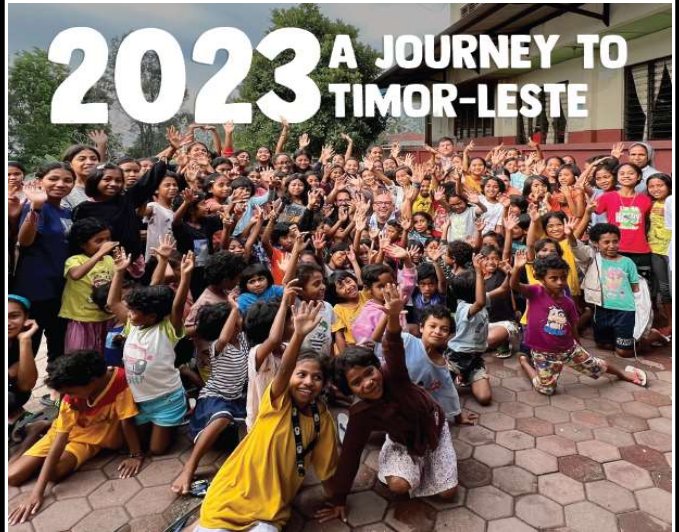
Parish Halls:
Available for hire –
Contact Parish Office

2023 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.



READINGS

SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3,6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-7
John 16:29-33

TUESDAY

Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:10-11,20-21
John 17:1-11

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady, Help of Christians

Ecclesiasticus 4:12-21
Psalm 113:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 19:25-27

THURSDAY

Acts 22:30,23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
John 17:20-26

FRIDAY

Philippians 4:4-9
Psalm 34:2-11
John 17:20-26

SATURDAY

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Psalm 114:4-5, 7
John 21:20-25

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH



Benedict son of MacGregor & Teresa
MCNAIR

Reshan son of Jesuskanna ALVIN & Mary
EMMANUEL

Zoey daughter of Jaefer & Carole LUCES



"I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Christ's action of blessing the apostles after he announces the Spirit is a "priestly gesture" which shows that Christ "is the great priest of our life" who intercedes for us in heaven.

"Brothers and sisters, let us think today of the gift of the Spirit we have received from Jesus to be witnesses of the Gospel," the pope concluded.

"Let us ask ourselves if we really are; and also, if we are capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them. And then: do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives? Or do we serve others for our own interests? Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!"

By Jonah McKeown, Denver Newsroom, CNA May 29, 2022

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adult at St Patrick's Cathedral 2023 will be celebrated **on Sunday 28 May 2023 at the 11am Solemn Mass.**

Adult Confirmation Candidates must have be prepared by their local parishes and receive a Confirmation card from their Priest on completion of their preparation. The Confirmation Card contains information such as:

Name in Confirmation, Full name, Address, Age, Date and Place of Baptism, Name of Sponsors and Name and Signature of Priest recommending the candidate for Confirmation.

The next Adult Confirmation for 2023 will be held on Sunday 12 November 2023 at 11am Solemn Mass.

The information session (rehearsal) will be held on Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 6.30pm.

Julie Allan

Parish Office Hours

Monday9am-11am

Wednesday ...9am-12 pm

Friday9am-12pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)