



UNITY IN DIVERSITY

St Oliver's Mini Newsletter

Term 2

Week 5

2015

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Gospel Mk 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.



Reflection

We were not abandoned when Jesus ascended into heaven. The Holy Spirit is with us to strengthen us and empower us to spread the Good News of our salvation. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Pentecost Liturgy All are invited to attend the Pentecost liturgy at St Oliver's Church 2.30pm.

Friday Morning Mass –Stage 2 Mass 9.15am

Sacramental Program: Some students in Stage 3 have received some information for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Term 3 (children must be 10 years of age by June 30th and have received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist). Please return filled out forms to Parish office or School Office. Preparation for these classes are at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Oliver's church, Harris Park.

1. Confirmation Session 1 Wed 15th July 7.30pm
2. Confirmation Session 2 Wed 5th August 7.30pm
3. Confirmation Session 3 Saturday 22nd August 4pm
4. *Preparation for Sacrament of Confirmation the week before the date of Confirmation – time to be discussed with families of candidates*
5. Sacrament of Confirmation Friday September 11th at 7.00pm



Children who would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion in 2016 the dates are as follows...

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| Enquiry Session | Wednesday 14 th October 7.30pm |
| Introductory Session | Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm |
| Session 1 Baptism | Wednesday 18 th November 7.30pm |
| Session 2 Baptism | Saturday 28 th November 4.30pm –then Mass of Commitment at 10am next day (Sunday 29th) |

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Religious Education Coordinator

Focus On Learning



Apps for Learning

The following list of iPad apps compiled by the teachers at St Oliver's are used at school and may be useful in supporting your child's Home Learning

| Apps to support Literacy | Apps to support Numeracy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter Find - <i>letter identification</i> • Letter School - <i>handwriting</i> • ABC Alphabet Phonics • Pocket Phonics - <i>handwriting</i> • Sight Words by Photo Touch • Starfall: Learn to Read • Speech with Milo: Sequencing - <i>picture sequence to tell a story</i> • A+ Spelling Test • Chicktionary – <i>scrambled word play</i> • Read Me Stories - Children's Books – <i>a new book every day</i> • Dr Seuss books • McGraw-Hill Education- Jack and the Beanstalk (and others) • Collins Big Cat – <i>book series</i> • Story Patch – <i>create a story</i> • Book Creator – <i>make your own ebooks</i> • Make Beliefs Comix – <i>create your own comic strip</i> • Sock Puppets – <i>create lip-synched videos</i> • Puppet Pals HD – <i>create shows with animation and audio</i> • Toontastic – <i>a creative storytelling app</i> • Green Screen – <i>movie making</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths Tappers apps – <i>range of apps e.g. addition, time, number line (each app needs to be downloaded separately)</i> • Little Monkey apps - <i>range of apps e.g. times tables, place value, graphing, fractions and decimals etc (each app needs to be downloaded separately)</i> • Subitising – <i>quickly recognise groups of objects without counting</i> • Friends of Ten – <i>understanding numbers to ten</i> • Math Battle – <i>solving math problems</i> • Tap Tap Blocks – <i>3D objects</i> • Math Word Problems • Times Tables Quiz • Virtual Manipulatives – <i>fractions</i> <div data-bbox="979 1240 1315 1666" data-label="Image"> </div> |
| <h3>Religious Education</h3> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary Lite • Bible Teaches – <i>games and puzzles connected to bible stories</i> | |