



# DEAN'S LIST

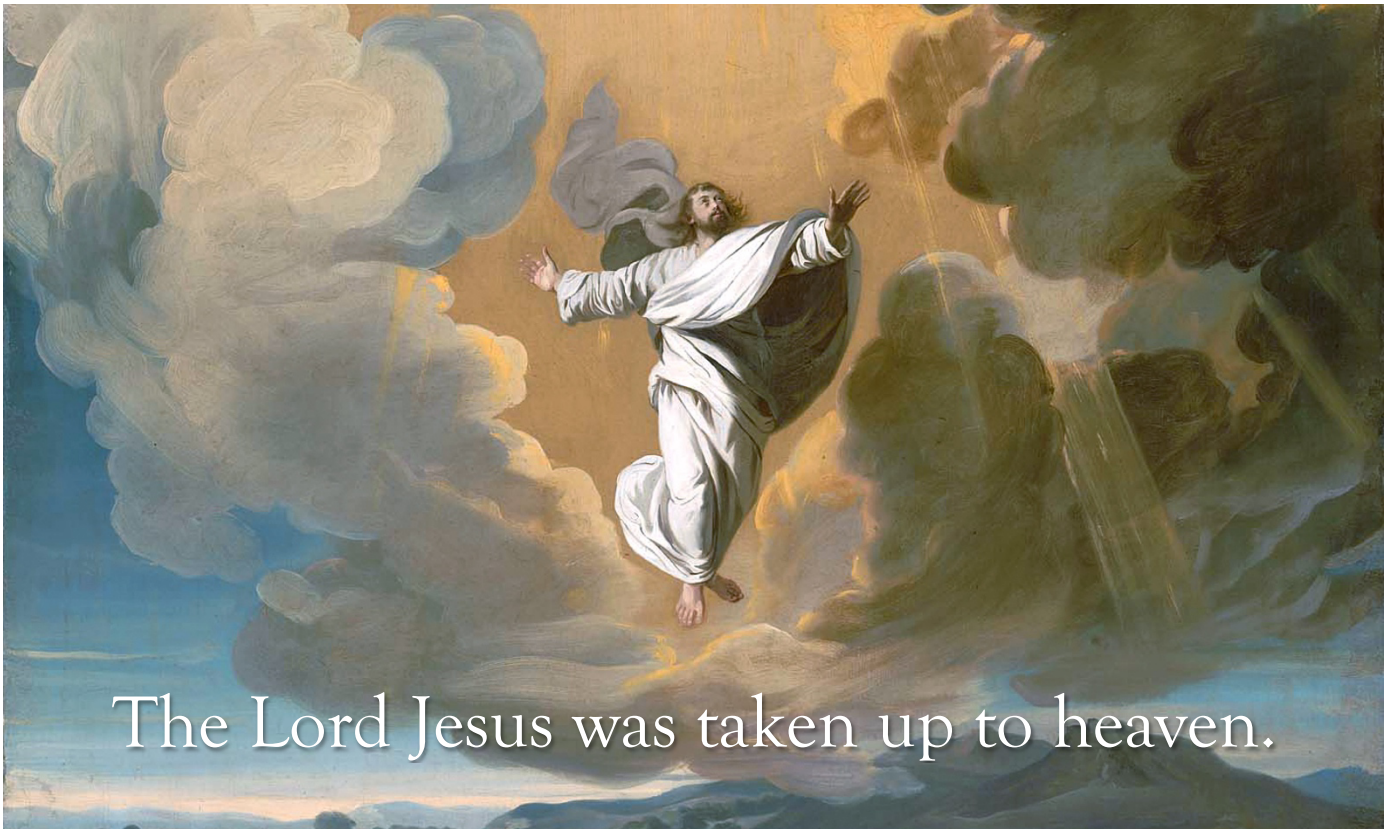


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## **BLESSINGS TO ALL OUR DEAR MOTHERS. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.**

*We welcome all our Confirmation candidates, their family, relations and friends and faith-friends to our celebrations this weekend.*



The Lord Jesus was taken up to heaven.

"Ascension" (1775) by John Singleton Copley [Detail. Public Domain]

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION.** Christ's mission has been fulfilled. He has died and is risen. He has now ascended into heaven to be with His Father. So, what has Christ fulfilled?

**"CHRIST HAS DIED."** Christ's death is salvific for all humanity. Death can be the reality that ends all possibilities if we permit it to be. Through his death, Christ ended any thought that death is an end or a dead end. By rising from the dead, Christ has regained the blissful eternity that God has always accorded to humanity. Sin impeded its realisation, due mainly to humanity's wilful insistence to live outside God's love. Christ changed this course of humanity that would sadly have led women and men to absolute estrangement from God forever. Christ has changed all that by revealing that His death has redefined what temporal death is all about. He's revealed that death is but merely a threshold that leads to eternity. We can now be confident to go through death's threshold knowing and believing that what lies ahead is not hopelessness, but rather, the promise of eternal comfort from God Himself.

**"CHRIST IS RISEN."** As he has promised, Christ rose from the dead after three days in the tomb. People speculated and doubted his resurrection, convincing others that his body was merely taken away and hence, no resurrection had ever happened. But the experience of the apostles disproved all that. The Bible bears the records of their encounters with Christ whom they had witnessed to have died on the cross. His body was not stolen, but Christ lives. More than just fulfilling his promise to come out of death on the third day, Christ's resurrection fully reveals that our God is the God of life, and death has no power over God. Since God is the God of life, Christ's resurrection has gifted humanity with the opportunity to lead a life that is Christ-like and that which can lead to salvation. Christ's resurrection guarantees us that human efforts will not be in vain, rather, it has been given the power to rise from adversities, including sin.

**"CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN."** The Acts of the Apostles reveal to us that "Jesus will come back." Christ reassures us that He will continue to abide in us, even though he has promised to send the Holy Spirit to the

world. The presence of the Holy Spirit is providential because the Spirit will constantly reveal to us the meaning of what Christ has done and has taught. This is important since we need to be guided by the truth that is revealed by Christ. This truth is crucial as we try to navigate through this time in-between the post-resurrection Church and his second coming (Parousia). What do we do then? St Paul in the second reading tells us that during this period we should never retire from seeking perfection, of fulfilling or realising who we are as children of God. Human fullness could only be achieved through believing and fulfilling Christ's commandments. With divine counsel, let us seek the path of perfection where we reach our fullness by allowing Christ to be wholly in us. "Solo Dios basta" ("Only God suffices.") as St. Teresa of Avila believes so.



**GREETERS IN ACTION.** Elizabeth (Liz) Dickison (right) and Shirley Tindall-Davies (left) were all smiles as they greeted church attendees at last Saturday's Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was Liz's first time to minister as a greeter. We thank Liz and Shirley who both volunteered to offer their time and talent for the good of our parish. If you are interested in becoming a Greeter, please contact the Parish Office.

**AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM.** Enrolment starts on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> of May until Friday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. Enrolment Forms are available in the Cathedral cloister or call the Parish Office to request a copy of the registration form. The program offers the following: Reconciliation for Year 3+, First Holy Communion for Year 4+ and Confirmation for Year 6+. Classes will be every Thursday during Term 3 from 4.15pm-4.55pm at various meeting rooms within the Cathedral precinct. If you have any query, please phone the Parish Office to speak with Fr Pierre, Dean of the Cathedral,

**YOUTH CONVERSATION** takes place every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 6pm Mass. Youth Conversation is a forum for young people – ages between 15-25 – to talk about faith in a respectful environment.

**ALTAR SERVERS** will be gathering on Tuesday, 21 May, 4pm in the Parish Hall. Young children, as young as Year 3, who are interested may come and join those who are already serving at our Masses. We hope to be

able to commence the rostering of altar servers in the ensuing weeks.

**2024 WINTER REFLECTION SERIES.** "What does prayer mean to you? St. Teresa of Avila is known for her fine teaching on prayer. Our Winter Workshops will focus on Teresian spirituality to assist the development of prayer and to grow your relationship with Jesus. Consider this an opportunity to explore the role of discipleship and prayer with a focus on our diocesan prayer. "



Cathedral parishioner and spiritual writer, Patricia Greene PhD, (pictured above) will be facilitating the inaugural parish Winter Reflection Series on the life and works of St. Teresa of Avila. The series will be held bi-monthly over three months during winter: 1 and 15 June; 6 and 20 July; and 3 and 17 August. To be held in the Parish Hall, it will start at 10am and finish by 12noon. Please register your interest by phoning the Parish Office at 9721 2141.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.** We welcome Juncris and Joan Robles, their son, and one child 'soon to be born', to our parish (pictured below). They are originally from the Philippines. Let us ask God's blessing upon their family as they start their new life in Australia.



**WORSHIP PILLAR COMMITTEE.** Some of the parish worship ministers will be receiving an invite to attend the meeting scheduled for Saturday, 8 June, 2.30pm. The Worship Pillar is the largest parish committee, and it does need all your prayers and support. May we count on you? We thank Deborah Roberston for being on the committee for some time who has now resigned due to other existing commitments. Irene Rodgers is currently the Co-ordinator (and Parish Pastoral Council representative) with Peter Cicchillitti as committee member.