

West Wagga Wagga Catholic Parish
Ashmont, Collingullie, Glenfield, Lloyd, San Isidore

The West Wagga Wag

Issue 123

May 2013

Coming Events

Mother's Day Stall & Arvo Tea ~ Tues 7
Parish Film Night ~ Fri 10
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord ~ Sun 12
Craft Mother's Day ~ Sun 12
Feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Eucharist ~ May 13
National Volunteer Week ~ 13-19
Carmelite Coffee Morning ~ Tues 14
Prayers for Healing ~ Fri 17
Solemnity of Pentecost ~ Sun 19
Solemnity of Christ the Priest ~ Thurs 23
Solemnity Mary Helper of Christians ~ Fri 24
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ~ Sun 26
Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of the Blessed Eucharist Church ~ Wed 29
Feast of the Visitation of Mary ~ Fri 31
Solemnity of Corpus Christi ~ Sun June 2
Solemnity of Sacred Heart ~ Fri 7
Solemnity of Immaculate Heart ~ Sat 8

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The due date for the next Wag is:
Sunday May 24th.

Congratulations



Presentation Sisters

renewing their vows on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee.

L - R; Carmel Wallis, Maureen Watson, Rosslyn Bennett,
Ann McRae, Carmel Clancy.

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Peter and Joan Saboisky on the occasion of their 40th
wedding anniversary.

Winners of SI & WW Refugee Quillo Raffle:

First Prize Quillo; Fr Kevin O'Reilly

Second Bottle Wine; Charmaine Berger

Third Bottle Wine; Josette Staples

Thank you to all who supported this appeal

If you wish to include a congratulatory note, please email or put in parish mail box.

Silver Jubilee of the Liturgical Solemnity of Christ the Priest

6am Eucharistic adoration (Holy Trinity Church)

6.15 Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office)

7am Solemn Mass with hymns

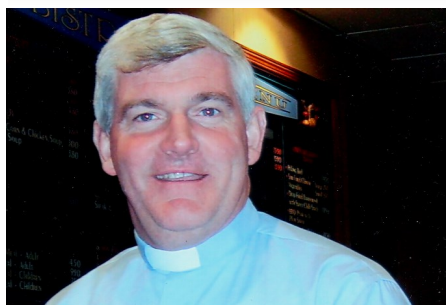
Luncheon for priests and Bishop Gerard

7pm Evening Prayer, Exposition and Benediction
Shared cuppa and supper follows.

All parishioners friends welcome.



pastor's page



Christ the Priest

Each year in the parish as a community we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the Priest. This is a special day that falls this year on the fourth Thursday of May, immediately after Pentecost.

It is a singular week liturgically for all of us because it is the primary Solemnity of the Third Person of God, the Holy Spirit; Sunday May 19th. Then on Thursday May 23rd there is the Solemnity of the Second Person of God, the Word, Jesus Christ; God and Man; Priest, Prophet and King. On May 24th, is the special Solemnity for Australia, Mary, Mother of God under her title of Helper of Christians; Patroness of Australia. Finally, on Sunday May 26th there is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the Source of all life and being; and the title of our main parish church; Holy Trinity, God who is also our Father.

2013 is a special year of celebration for the Confraternity of Christ the Priest as well. It marks the 25th anniversary of the liturgical celebration of the Solemnity for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours for Christ the High Priest.

While there has been a votive Mass for Christ the High Priest in the Roman Missal since the liturgical reforms of Vatican Council II; on July 10th, 1987 the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Liturgy approved

the Solemnity of Christ the High Priest for the Confraternity of Christ the Priest. This Solemnity had been celebrated in the Dioceses of Spain for some years. The Solemnity was first celebrated in Australia on the Thursday after Pentecost May 26th, 1988 at Christ the Priest Seminary, at Scoresby Melbourne.

For the Confraternity, Christ the Priest is its Titular Feast (that is, a Solemnity that highlights and honours a title or office of Jesus Christ after whom the Confraternity takes its religious name). Over the last 25 years, the Thursday after Pentecost has been a day of special solemnity when priests are invited to celebrate with the members of the Confraternity.

It is understandably a day for priests. When the Thursday after Pentecost was chosen, no doubt it was Thursday that Jesus instituted the Eucharist for the very first time. It was also the day that Jesus ordained the Apostle's as priests after the model of his own Sacred Heart.

At Holy Trinity Church in Ashmont the distinctive features of the Solemnity are celebrated. The day begins early with the recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours at 6.15am. This is during Eucharistic adoration. After a quiet time for meditation, there is a solemn Mass with hymns at 7am. After midday, a luncheon is held in Trinity Centre for the priests of the diocese in the company of Bishop Gerard.

And for all who choose to attend later, at 7pm there is the communal recitation of Evening Prayer, with Exposition and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament. Finally, all are invited to join in a shared cuppa and supper. It is hoped that many parishioners and friends will join

the members of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest in the morning for Mass and later in the evening for devotions.

While small statues of Christ the Priest have been available for purchase at the Catholic Bookshop for a year or more, to mark the 25th Jubilee of the Solemnity of Christ the High Priest, a large statue of Christ the Priest has been commissioned. This will be on display for the Jubilee. The larger statue of Christ the Priest is different from the smaller version in that Jesus is dressed in a "purple" chasuble depicting that he is both priest and victim as recorded by Saint John in his Gospel (John 19:2).

It is recorded in the Letter to the Hebrews that Jesus Christ 'because he remains for ever, he can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him' (Hebrews 7:24-25).

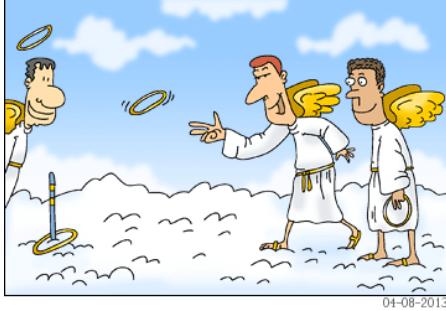
In a similar way the members of the Confraternity in union with Christ the Priest, live their lives interceding for all.

Fr Gerard



May Jokes

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My wife hosted a dinner party for family far and wide and everyone was encouraged to bring all their children as well. All during dinner my four-year-old niece stared at me sitting across from her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, patted my hair in place but nothing stopped her from staring at me. I tried my best to just ignore her but finally it was too much for me. I finally asked her, "Why are you staring at me?" Everyone at the table had noticed her behaviour and the table went quiet for her response. My little niece said, "I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

Q: Which day is stronger, Sunday or Monday?

A: Sunday. Monday is a weekday.

Q: Why did the rooster cross the road?

A: To prove he wasn't a chicken.

Little Jill sits watching grandpa all through the meal and finally says, "Grandpa, can you make a noise like a frog?"

"Why would I do that Jill?"

"Cause Dad says that when you croak we're going to be rich!"

Q: What gets wetter the more it dries? A: A towel.

Q: Why did the picture go to jail?

A: Because it was framed.

Q: What washes up on small beaches? A: Microwaves.

An elderly farmer was in the Emergency Ward having stitches put

in his hand, due to an accident with a piece of machinery.

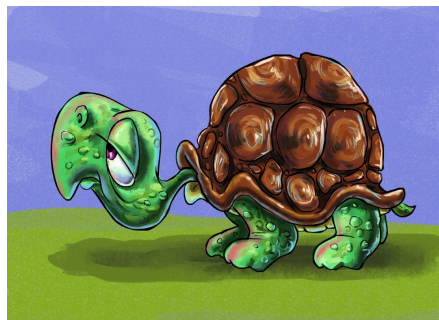
The doctor carrying out the procedure struck up a conversation with the old man. Eventually the topic got around to Politicians and their role as our leaders.

The old farmer said, "Well, you know, most Politicians are 'Post Tortoises'."

Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked him, what a 'Post Tortoise' was? The old farmer said, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a tortoise balanced on top, that's a post tortoise."

The old farmer, seeing the puzzled look on the doctor's face, continued to explain.

"You know he didn't get up there by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while he's up there, he's elevated beyond



his ability to function, and you just wonder what kind of dumb idiot put him up there to begin with."

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

Do not worry about old age; it does not last

Q: What kind of dinosaur is never late? A: A pronto-saurus.

Q: What happened to the dog that swallowed a firefly?

A: It barked with de-light!

Q: Why are Venetian blinds the greatest invention in the history of mankind?

A: If it wasn't for Venetian blinds, it would have been curtains for all of us.

Q: What stays in the corner & travels all over the world? A: A stamp.

Q: Why did the orchestra have bad manners?

A: Because it didn't know how to conduct itself.

A pirate walks into an ice-cream store wearing a paper towel on his head.

He sits down and orders a banana split.

The ice-cream store worker asks, "Why are you wearing a paper towel?"

"Arrr..." says the pirate. "I've got a bounty on me head!"

Why is pirating addictive?

They say once ye lose yer first hand, ye get hooked!

What does a pirate say when he has a heart attack? Arrr! Me heartie!

What's do most people think is a pirate's favorite letter?

R (Aaarrrrrrr)

What really is a pirate's favorite letter? P! Because it's an R, but it's missing a leg!

How much did the pirate pay for his piercings? A buck-an-ear!

Did you hear about the pirate who took up boxing?

He had a great left hook!

How many of these pirate jokes are dumb? Most of them ARRRRRR!



Our Lady Help of Christians, ALWAYS HELPS



By Rev. Fr. Thomas Livius (1886)

A student of the University of Liege, Belgium, was nineteen years of age, and had been leading a wild and immoral life.

As so often happens, his sins brought with them their own punishment. He was seized with a galloping consumption, which soon brought him to death's door. For three months the unfortunate young man had to endure terrible suffering, which he bore with such impatient rage and desperate fury as would be hard to describe.

Away from his family and all alone in his lodgings, he so gave way to despair as to keep a loaded revolver by his bedside with the resolution to put an end to his life when next he should have a fit of

his dreadful pain.

The master of the lodging house, in fear of finding the young man dead in his room, and not knowing to whom to apply, decided on getting a nursing religious Sister to watch by him day and night. A man without faith "or religion, this thought of his was doubtless due to the mercy of Divine Providence.

The good Sister was devoted in her care and attention to the poor young man; and when she saw she had gained his confidence, which was not so difficult, for he had a good heart, she asked him one day if he would not like to receive the visit of a Redemptorist priest.

"I know, she added, "that the Father has already frequently been to see your friend M.N., who is also sick, and is attended like you, by one of our Sisters."

"I shall be glad to see him," answered the young man, "to, hear some news of my friend."

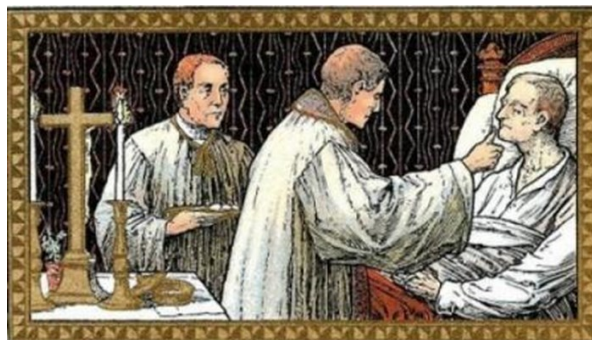
The priest came and the sick young man received him cordially,

took a medal and a picture of Our Lady, of Perpetual Help, and even a rosary which the Father offered him. Meanwhile, the Sister and the priest prayed, and got others to pray to Our Lady to obtain the salvation with the best dispositions.

He died on March 5, 1877, having been anointed and pressing continually to his heart, his loved medal of Our Lady, his rosary, and also the Scapular with which he had happily been invested.

He had promised the priest, in case he should recover, to join the Holy Family prayer group, and thus repair his past scandals by a pious and exemplary life.

Translated from the French



YEAR OF GRACE PRAYER



Jesus, as I contemplate your face, let me experience your great love for me.

Reveal your saving grace and give me a grateful heart.

Heal me of my weaknesses and sin and fill me with compassion for others.

Gift me with the wisdom of the

Spirit and encourage me to be a faithful witness to the Gospel. Amen.

Late Humour

Bob was always late for work in Winter.

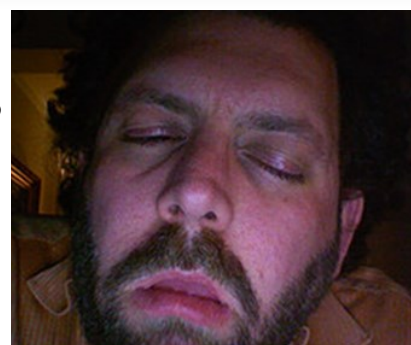
The Boss threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it.

So Bob went to his GP who gave him a pill to take prior to going to sleep.

He got a great night's sleep and actually woke up before the alarm had a good breakfast and arrived at work ahead of time.

"Boss" he said, walking in, "that pill the Doctor gave me really worked!"

"That's great.." replied the Boss, "but where were you yesterday?"



The day that Albert Einstein most feared may have finally arrived...



A day at the beach.



Cheering on the team.



Having a conversation with your BFF.



A visit to the museum.



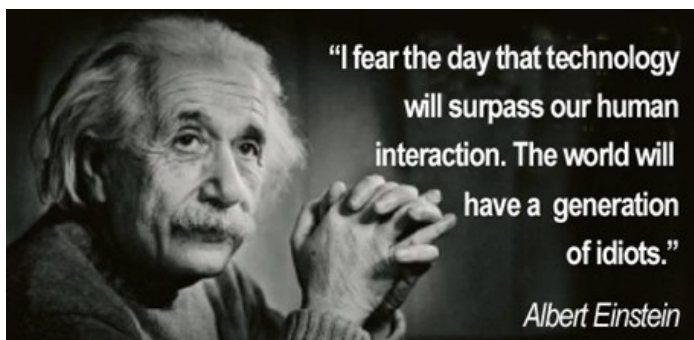
Enjoying the sights



Having dinner out with your friends.



Out on an intimate date...



It's here!

Recall Notice

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been identified as "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality", more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behaviour
6. Depression or confusion
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is FREE CALL: 1800 772-937 or P-R-A-Y-E-R.



Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness

6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded.

For free emergency service, call on Jesus: 1800 7283-63 or SAVE-ME

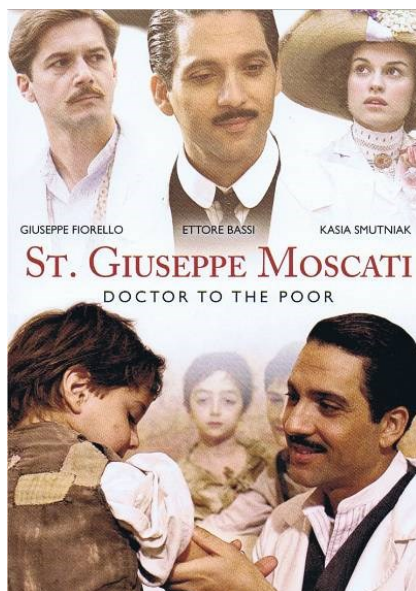
DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be disposed of in the furnace.

The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention!

GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!



Ho.T Free FILM NIGHT



Friday May 10th, 7.30 pm - Join together to watch:

St. Guiseppe Moscati PG

When Mount Vesuvius erupted in 1906, Dr Moscati evacuated a nursing home in the endangered area, personally moving the frail and infirm patients to safety minutes before the roof of the building collapsed. He also served beyond the call of duty during the 1911 cholera epidemic and treated some 3,000 soldiers during World War I.

Tea and coffee provided. Come and enjoy a social evening!

AIN'T

He was just a little boy,
On a week's first day.
Wandering home from Bible school,
And dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass;
He even found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milk weed pod,
and blew out all the 'filler.'



A bird's nest in a tree overhead,
So wisely placed up so high...
Was just another wonder,
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbour watched his zigzag
course,
And hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that
day, And what was going on.

'I've been to Bible School,' He said
and turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm
replying,
'I've learned a lot about God.'

'M'm, very fine way,' the neighbour
said,
'for a boy to spend his time.'
'If you'll tell me where God is,

I'll give you a brand new dime.'

Quick as a flash the answer came!
Nor were his accents faint.
'I'd give you a dollar, Mister,
If you can tell me where God ain't.'



A Letter from a Friend

I am writing to say how much I care for you and to say how much I want you to know me better. 'When you awoke this morning I exploded a brilliant sunrise through your window hoping to get your attention, but you rushed off without even noticing.

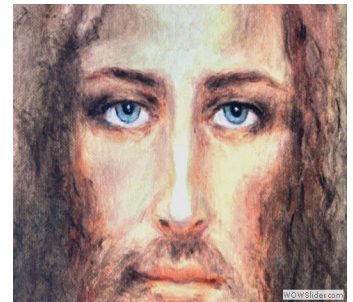
Later, I noticed you were walking with some friends, so I bathed you in warm sunshine and perfumed the air with nature's sweet scent, and still you didn't notice me. As you passed by, I shouted to you in a thunderstorm and painted a beautiful rainbow in the sky and you didn't even look.

In the evening, I spilled moonlight onto your face and sent a cool breeze to rest you. As you slept, I watched over you and shared your thoughts, but you were unaware that I was so near.

I have chosen you and hope you will talk to me soon. Until then I will remain near. I am your friend and love you very much.

Your friend, Jesus.

I have called you friends: (John 15:15)



WIT HUMOUR



Brenda & Bob were going out to Mass.

The taxi arrived was on time, but when they were leaving the house the cat ran in. As Brenda was getting into the taxi - and not wanting the driver to know that the house would be empty - she said to the driver: "We need to wait just a minute while my husband says goodnight to my mother."

Some minutes later, Bob arrived and closing the car door says: "Sorry I took so long but that stupid creature was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her several times with the broom handle before I could drag her out!"

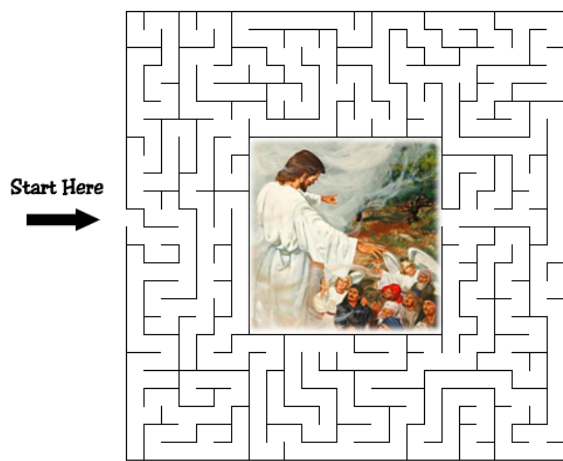
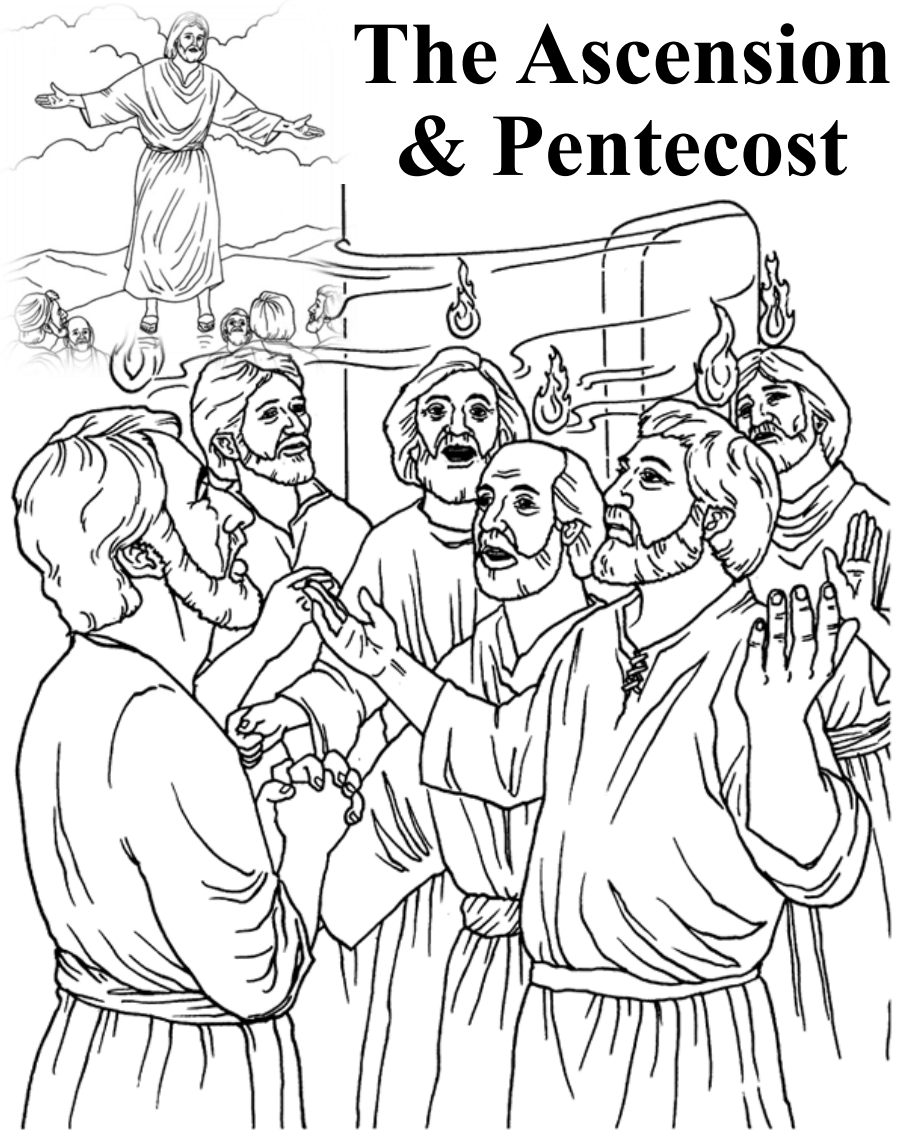
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The Ascension & Pentecost



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