

# The West Wagga Wag

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## Coming Events

**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Holy Trinity**

- 6 to 7am daily;  
- overnight from 9pm Friday  
through to 7am Saturdays

**Monthly Cuppa, after 9am Mass  
on last Sunday of the month.**

**Sts Charles Lwanga  
and his Companions** Mon 3

**Pentecost** Sun 9

**Mary, Mother of the Church**  
Mon 10

**St Barnabas** Tue 11

**St Antony of Padua** Thu 13

**The Most Holy Trinity** Sun 16

**Corpus Christi** Sun 23

**St John the Baptist Birthday** Mon  
24

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Fri 28

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Sat 29

**Sts Peter and Paul** Sun 30

**St Thomas, Apostle** July Wed 3

## New priest for our Diocese!

**Congratulations to Fr Jomer Calma!**

Fr Jomer was ordained on Tuesday 7 May by the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, the Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana.



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The date for submissions for the next  
Wag is: **Wednesday July 3rd.**

## New window decoration for our parish church, to accompany our baptism font.

The image of the Baptism of Jesus is a 'Theophany', an event revealing God. It reveals The Most Blessed Trinity: as God the Son is baptised, God the Father is heard to say, "This is My beloved Son", and God the Holy Spirit is manifested in the form of the Dove. We pray this image will remind our parishioners that Baptism joins us to the Blessed Trinity, and makes us witnesses to Who Jesus is.





The world is facing huge challenges. One is the scourge of Jihad, Islamic expansion through violence following the example of Mohammed and the commands of the Koran.

Another is the full scale attack on family in the West and the public rejection of God's plan for man and woman. "Male and female He made them", but there is an effort to force schools to contradict this and mad ideas which 10 years ago would have seemed only laughable are now being made into law.

An example is in New York where if an employer insists on calling a man "he" when he wishes to be called "she" or even "xe", he faces a fine of up to \$250,000!!! And Target in America is allowing any man to go into the women's toilets if he says he feels like a woman, and a man was declared "Woman of the Year" and now boys are being allowed to compete against and beat girls in girls competitions.

Obama ordered public schools to allow boys into girls shower rooms saying he will remove funding for school lunch programs for the poor if schools refuse to comply. Girls must consider the whimpy feelings of transvestites but the transvestites and the President don't care about the sensitivities of normal girls.

In Australia the right to protest against abortion and to argue in favour of traditional marriage is

## PASTOR'S PAGE - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF SAN NICOLAS, ARGENTINA

being challenged in law courts. Society is beginning to self destruct, leaving it an easy target for Islamic oppression. We need help!

Throughout history, Our Lady has visited through apparitions to give warnings and consolation. Our Lady appeared to the children in Fatima 100 years ago, bringing them and the world so many blessings. Before the genocide in Rwanda, Mary appeared to some high school girls, warning of the coming disaster and calling for prayer and return to Faith.

Recently Our Lady appeared in Argentina and this has been confirmed by the local Bishop as worthy of belief by us. So, how did this happen?

In San Nicolas, near Buenos Aires, rosary beads in homes throughout San Nicolas de los Arroyos suddenly began glowing without any rational explanation. They were not the glow-in-the-dark type rosaries, just your standard kind.

What began with glowing rosaries and the rediscovery of a statue of the Virgin Mary in Argentina has now been approved by the local bishop as a series of apparitions that are "of supernatural origin" and worthy of belief.

A wife and mother named Gladys Quiroga de Motta saw these glowing rosaries and began to pray to the Virgin Mary. The Virgin appeared to her first on Sept. 25, 1983 carrying the infant Jesus and wearing a blue gown and veil. Her figure glowed with light.

With only a fourth-grade education, Gladys had no great knowledge of the Bible or theology. She is a mother of two daughters and a grandmother.

At various times, the Virgin Mary apparition referred the woman to several Bible verses. One month after the first appearance, the apparition gave Gladys a white

rosary and said,

"Receive this Rosary from my hands and keep it forever and ever. You are obedient; I am happy because of it. Rejoice, for God is with you."

The Virgin Mary asked Gladys to go look for a statue that had been blessed by a Pope and was forgotten. Following the Virgin's instructions, it was found on Nov. 27, 1983 in the bell tower of the church. The statue resembled the apparition. The statue was of the Mother of God holding the Child Jesus. It had been brought from Rome after it was blessed by Pope Leo XIII.

Gladys also received 68 visits and messages from Jesus. She reportedly received the stigmata on her wrists, feet, side and shoulder. There have been several documented healings related to the apparitions, including the healing of a boy with a brain tumour.

What were the messages of Our Lady? At one point, Mary said,

"Many hearts do not accept my invitation to prayer and to conversion. That is why the work of the devil is growing and expanding."

The warnings said that mankind is "in the process of falling in to a progressive self-destruction" and the Virgin Mary represents hope. "It is up to you to set your eyes and your heart on God," she said.

"I want to cure my children from this illness which is materialism; an illness which makes many suffer. I want to help them discover Christ, and I want to make it known to them that Christ prevails over everything," Mary said in the apparition.

She stressed the importance of prayer, especially the rosary.

The apparition of Jesus told Gladys,



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"If this generation will not listen to my mother, it will perish. I ask everyone to listen to her. Man's conversion is necessary."

"Today I warn the world, for the world is not aware: souls are in danger. Many are lost,"

Jesus said in a 1987 apparition.

"Few will find salvation unless they accept me as their Saviour. My mother must be accepted. My mother must be heard in the

totality of her messages. The world must discover the richness she brings to Christians."

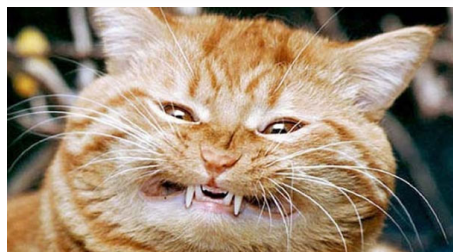
"The children of sin will grow up in sin if their unbelief increases. I want a renewal of the spirit, a detachment from death, and an attachment to life. I have chosen the heart of my mother, so that what I ask will be achieved. Souls will come to me through the means of her Immaculate Heart."

These are a timely reminder for all of us to live not for this world only, to live our Faith no matter how crazy our world becomes around us.

In fact, the world needs our faith which, as well as helping us to heaven, will also help this world to be protected from evil and to be a place of happiness and peace.

**Fr Thomas Casanova**  
*CCS*

## June Jolly Moggies



A young daughter adopted a stray cat into the family. To the mother's distress, he began to use the back of their new sofa as a scratching post. "Don't worry," the father reassured her. "I'll have him trained in no time." The mother watched for several days as her husband patiently "trained" the new pet. Whenever the cat scratched, her husband deposited him outdoors to teach him a lesson. The cat learned quickly. For the rest of the cat's life, whenever he wanted to go outside, he scratched the sofa.

Why don't cats play poker in the jungle? Too many cheetahs.

What is a cat's way of keeping law and order? Claw Enforcement.

What is the name of the unauthorised autobiography of the cat? Hiss and Tell.

What is a moggy's favourite colour? Purrrrrrple!

How do you know if your cat has eaten a duckling? He's got that down in the mouth look!

What type of cat has eight legs and loves to swim? An octopuss

What happened when the cat swallowed the quarter? There was money in the kitty.

Can a cat give a high five  
Pawsibly...

When is it bad luck for a black cat to follow you? When you're a mouse.

Why are cats so good at video games? Because they start with nine lives!

What kind of yard work do cats like the most? Meowing the lawn.

Why did the cat cross the road  
It was the chicken's day off.

Which kinds of cats like bowling?  
Alley cats

What do you call a painting of a kitten? A paw-trait

What do they call it when a cat wins a dog show? A cat-has-trophy

Why did the kitten want to go to medical school? To become a first aid kit.

How is wet cat food priced?  
Purr can

What do cat actors say on stage?  
Tabby or not tabby, that is the question.

What is a cat's favorite school subject? HISStory.

During which month do cats meow the least often? February, because it's the shortest month.

What does a cat do when it gets mad? It has a hissy fit.

What do you call a cat that convince you of anything? Purrr-suasive.

A famous art collector is walking through the city when he notices a mangy cat lapping milk from a saucer in the doorway of a store. He does a double take. He knows that the saucer is extremely old and very valuable, so he walks casually into the store and offers to buy the cat for two dollars.

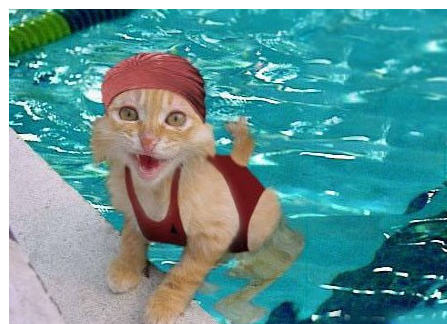
The storeowner replies, "I'm sorry, but the cat isn't for sale."

The collector says, "Please, I need a hungry cat around the house to catch mice. I'll pay you 20 dollars for that cat."

The owner says "Sold," and hands over the cat.

The collector continues, "Hey, for the twenty bucks I wonder if you could throw in that old saucer. The cat's used to it and it'll save me from having to get a dish."

The owner says, "Sorry buddy, but that's my lucky saucer. So far this month I've sold fifteen cats."



# This Royal Princess Renounced Her Crown for the Catholic Church—Would You Do The Same? ChurchPOP



Wow, what an incredible act of sacrificial love for the Catholic Church!

Royal Central recently reported that Princess Alexandra of Hanover lost her place in the British line of succession for becoming Catholic!

The news made international headlines!



The 19-year-old princess and figure skater was baptized a Lutheran, although, her mother, Princess Caroline of Hanover, has always been Catholic.

Princess Alexandra probably knew this would happen, as the 1701 Act of Settlement secured the Protestant succession to the throne so that it is against the law for a Catholic to succeed to the British throne.

Alexandra is still 12th line for the Monegasque throne.

Prince Ernst August of Hanover and Duke of Brunswick and Lüneburg is the princess' father. He is a descendant of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

Princess Alexandra is not the first person to give up the British throne for her Catholic faith.

King James II of England was overthrown and forced to resign after the Revolution of 1688 because of his Catholic faith.

Lord Nicholas Windsor is the son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, the great-grandson of King George V, and the first cousin once-removed of Queen Elizabeth II.



*King James II of England*



*Lord Nicholas Windsor*

He also renounced his chances for the British crown after becoming Catholic in 2001.

Jesus said in Matt. 6: 19-21:

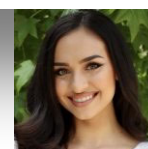
“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

It's pretty obvious where the treasure lies for these royals!

Would you renounce the British throne for your Catholic faith?

## How This Missionary Discovered a Woman's Secret Love for Jesus in Saudi Arabia

Gia Chacon



Over the past two years, I have travelled frequently to the Middle East and worked as an international missionary and humanitarian under my grandmother, Dr. Michelle Corral.

My eyes were opened and my cultural understanding was deepened.

I have gained a new understanding of people and a new sensitivity to social norms.

Although America is a melting pot of people from all nations, it is no secret that most of the people living here are Westernized, and American society makes it easy to mindlessly stereotype people of different cultures.

Being American and Christian, there are specific areas of the Middle East where I must be ultra-

sensitive to how I behave as to not offend nor draw attention to myself.

### Hostility towards Christians in the Middle East

There is an undeniable hostility to people of Western Culture and even more so- Christians of the West.

This is NOT just a stereotype, and is indeed a fact. I have learned and observed this firsthand.

During my most recent travels to the Middle East, I had a layover at an airport in Saudi Arabia, where I witnessed how radical ideology influences behavior.

“Christian persecution,” according to Open Doors USA, “is an ongoing and serious problem in Saudi Arabia.

The nation is built on Wahhabism, a purist and strict interpretation of

Islam.” Christians are seen as second-class citizens, and apostasy is punishable by death.

Although I remained in the airport while in Saudi Arabia, the hand of radical Islamic ideology can be felt and seen, as most women are in full, head-to-toe black Niqab and Burka dress.

Admittedly, I allowed my knowledge of the persecution of Christians and experience of hostility toward Westerners to harden my view on this Islamic society.

My mind began generalizing and stereotyping. I felt the Holy Spirit dealing with me on this, and my heart became saddened.

I started wondering what the life of a Christian was like in this country. I imagined living life of secrecy and



## Love for Jesus in Saudi Arabia continued ...



fear, and being unable to freely choose which religion to share and partake in.

Upon leaving Saudi Arabia to fly back to the United States, all passengers had to go through extra security measures.

Men went to one side to be checked, and women went to another separate room, where lady security guards thoroughly checked us to ensure we were not carrying anything illegal on the plane.

I waited in line, and the security personnel doing the checks was a young woman, fully clothed in head to toe black Niqab, with only her eyes showing.

As she ran her hands down the sides of the women, she was quite abrasive and shoved people along. (I am sure this was because of the long line of people she had to go through.)

### **“Something Incredible Happened”**

When my turn came, she began her

routine, and at first was kind of forceful—until she came across two necklaces that I had exposed on my neck.

One necklace was a colorized picture of Jesus, and the other was a gold medal of the mother of Jesus holding Him as an infant.

She stopped when she came to my necklaces, and instantly, her demeanor changed.

She picked up each necklace and stopped to really look at them. I began praying and asking the Lord to reveal Himself to her—asking Him to show her His love for her.

I had no idea what she was thinking, and I began praying that she wouldn't be offended by them, but instead would see Jesus and Christianity for what it really is, which is love itself.

Then something incredible happened. She looked at me and softly said to me “Thank you, sister.”

I was stunned. What did she mean by this?

I didn't know what to say. We looked at each other for a moment, and I smiled at her. We exchanged something I can't quite explain.

It was a mutual understanding. She told me something with her eyes—she told me she was Christian. Then she showed me to the exit, and I

went forward onto the plane.

That moment remains with me.

### **“I met Christ behind the Niqab.”**

While I prayed that Jesus would reveal Himself to the young woman behind the Niqab, Jesus actually revealed Himself to me.

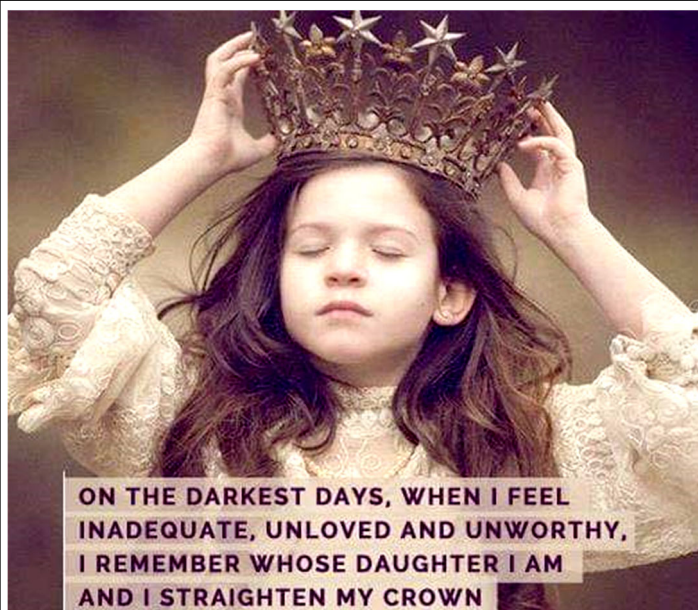
He seemed to tell me, “I am in the hiding. I am in the oppression. I am in the suffering.” The silent exchange between the girl and myself made me realize how deeply each of us is connected to one another.

It surpasses culture and heritage. It is too easy to forget that the Jesus who we worship in Church is the same Jesus being persecuted in parts of the Middle East and throughout the world.

The Jesus who revealed Himself to me when I was a young girl is the same Jesus who revealed Himself to me in Saudi Arabia through the young woman.

That experience was and continues to be a reminder of the mission of our Christian life, which is to love people—all people, regardless of race, culture, or religion.

It is a reminder that as much as Christ is in the Church and in the triumph, He is in the suffering, the persecution, in the hiding and in the secret places of the heart.



**ON THE DARKEST DAYS, WHEN I FEEL  
INADEQUATE, UNLOVED AND UNWORTHY,  
I REMEMBER WHOSE DAUGHTER I AM  
AND I STRAIGHTEN MY CROWN**

**“... Whether it is right in the  
sight of God to listen to  
you rather than to God,  
you must judge, for we  
cannot but speak of  
what we have seen  
and heard.”**

- ACTS 4:19-20 ESV

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# Jesus said there is no better novena than this one, and it has only 11 words

Ellen Mady

*A thousand prayers do not equal one act of abandonment. ...*

Don Dolindo Ruotolo, an Italian priest who lived from 1882-1970, deeply understood the relationship between our neediness and God's goodness.

Ordained at the age of 23, Don Dolindo spent his life in prayer, sacrifice and service. He heard confession, gave spiritual guidance and cared for those in need. Don Dolindo was a contemporary of the more widely known saint, Padre Pio. When some pilgrims from Naples, where Don Dolindo resided, went to Padre Pio in Pietrelcina, Padre Pio responded: "Why do you come here, if you have Don Dolindo in Naples? Go to him, he's a saint!"

The simple friar is becoming most known for his spirituality of surrender. Well aware of the depth of human weakness and neediness, Don Dolindo saw this as a way of



fostering continual union with God.

While inviting us to continually bring our worries and concerns to the Lord, Don Dolindo teaches us that the focus doesn't stay on our needs. He encourages us to bring our needs to God and then be at peace, leaving God free to care for us in his wisdom. Don Dolindo tells us that the Lord has promised to fully take on all the needs we entrust to him. In the words of Jesus to Don Dolindo:

*Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to me produces the effect that you desire*

*and resolves all difficult situations. (...)*

*A thousand prayers do not equal one act of abandonment; don't ever forget it. There is no better novena than this: O Jesus, I abandon myself to you. Jesus, you take over.*

The many healings and favours obtained by people who went to Don Dolindo and followed his advice, as well as those that have been attributed to his intercession, give witness to the power of grace that can be unleashed through such abandonment to Divine Providence.

Don Dolindo wrote what Our Lord revealed to him about divine abandonment from the perspective of Jesus addressing the soul. The prayer of surrender can be read in its entirety, or prayed in nine shorter segments as a daily novena.

Don Dolindo Ruotolo is currently a Servant of God; his cause for beatification is open.

## Surrender Prayer Novena

**Day 1** - Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

**Day 2** - Surrender to me does not mean to fret, to be upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to me a worried prayer asking me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything. It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask

their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way. Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in my care, so that only I act, saying "You take care of it".

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

**Day 3** - How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need, turns to me, looks at me and says to me; "You take care of it", then closes its eyes and rests. In pain you pray for me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to me, instead, you want me to adapt your

ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to. So do not act this way, but pray as I taught you in the our Father: "Hallowed be thy Name", that is, be glorified in my need.

"Thy kingdom come", that is, let all that is in us and in the world be in accord with your kingdom. "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven", that is, in our need, decide as you see fit for our temporal and eternal life. If you say to me truly: "Thy will be done", which is the same as saying: "You take care of it", I will intervene with all my omnipotence, and I will resolve the most difficult situations.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)



## Surrender Prayer Novena continued ...

**Day 4** - You see evil growing instead of weakening? Do not worry. Close your eyes and say to me with faith: "Thy will be done, You take care of it". I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say "You take care of it". I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than my loving intervention. By my love, I promise this to you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

**Day 5** - And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms, on the other bank of the river. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts and worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

**Day 6** - You are sleepless; you want to judge everything, direct everything and see to everything and you surrender to human strength, or worse - to men

themselves, trusting in their intervention, - this is what hinders my words and my views. Oh how much I wish from you this surrender, to help you; and how I suffer when I see you so agitated! Satan tries to do exactly this: to agitate you and to remove you from my protection and to throw you into the jaws of human initiative. So, trust only in me, rest in me, surrender to me in everything.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

**Day 7** - I perform miracles in proportion to your full surrender to me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever perform miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don't think about it any more, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs, do this all of you and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things, I promise this to you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

**Day 8** - Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close

your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say "You take care of it" I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

**Day 9** - Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, "Jesus, you take care of it". Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!*** (10 times)

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Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you I always want to belong completely to Jesus.

Daniel slept in a lions den  
Peter slept in a prison  
Jesus slept in a storm  
No matter your circumstance, you  
can take a nap.

When the righteous cry for help,  
the Lord hears and delivers them  
out of all their troubles. The Lord is  
near to the brokenhearted and  
saves the crushed in spirit. Many  
are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of  
them all. Psalm 34: 17-19

# The West Wagga Wag

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Serving: Ashmont,  
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and San Isidore

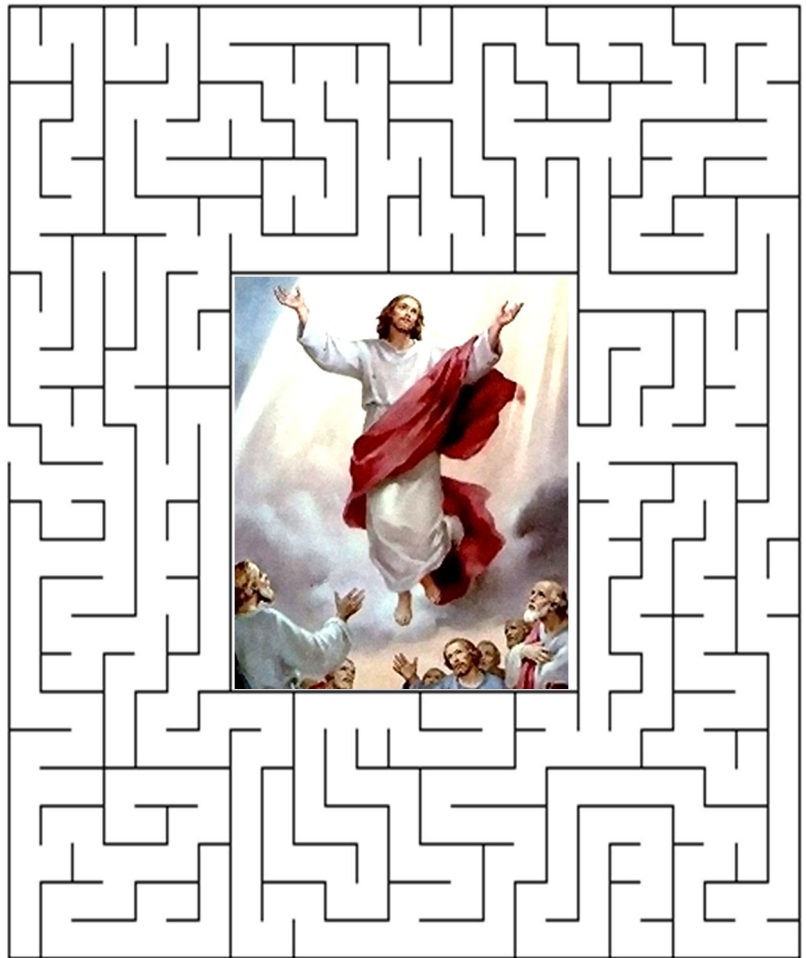


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# The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)



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