

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Ascension of the Lord Year B
First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’ As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6
(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.
(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20
Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 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.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Resurrection for the whole cosmos

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us. Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord’s glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards ‘the fullness of him who fills the whole creation’. At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord’s glorified body. The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest’s role in Our Lord’s creative real anticipation of the end of time. We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord’s absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us to pray the Rosary via Zoom.

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THE ASCENSION
of the LORD
Year B



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after
Mass

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 14th May
10am –12md
BBLibrary

Enjoy the Good
News Wednesdays
after 9am Mass

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after
Mass
Venue: Corrigans
Cove

Choices to be made!

As adults we grow and live life with its joys and challenges. Along the way we are faced with many choices. **Some of these more important choices leave us standing on the ‘threshold’- a sacred space that invites us to discern and make decisions** about what will most benefit us, or our family or our spiritual growth. This space can be unclear and uncertain. We can either choose only what eases our fear, which in turns keeps us confined, clinging to the known and secure; or we can hold our fear gently and step beyond the threshold!

Joyce Rupp speaks of this in her book: ‘Open the Door’ states: ‘Choices we are asked to make at the threshold are not so much about the job to take, which home to buy, how much money to save or when to retire. These are important and can influence spiritual growth, but the selections on the threshold are deeper and more far reaching. **These choices stretch from the soul into the heart of God. What we decide determines if we develop innate qualities like compassion, unconditional love, trustworthiness, honesty, other-centeredness and generosity.** [2008, pg111]

Choices of Discipleship.

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**. It is not an event in isolation, it occurs between Easter and Pentecost. **We celebrate with the Disciples of Jesus a time of transition and choices.** The Risen Jesus vanishes from the sight of the disciples, only to open up a new way of relating to them. The Disciples have to leave the familiar and secure bank of the natural presence of Jesus and cross into as yet unknown and uncertain territory where they will be led and filled by the Spirit of the Risen Lord. **While Jesus has been removed from them ‘Emmanuel’ – God with us – remains.** Through the Holy Spirit this new presence of Jesus is established for ever. We find his presence in the Word [Scriptures] the Sacraments, the Church, our neighbour and in our ministering to each other. **It is not a question of ‘looking up into the sky’ but being the witness, the hands, the heart and compassion of Jesus in our world.** This week open your mind and heart to the Holy One. Listen for assurance on how to activate more of your hidden goodness. Reflect on how your choice can influence the future. Renew your trust in Holy Wisdom’s guidance.

Marie Weatherall





MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 13th — Sunday 19th May

Monday 13th: No Mass

Tuesday 14th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 15th: Mass 9am

Thursday 16th: Mass 9am

Friday 17th: Mass 9am

Saturday 18th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 19th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha

ROSTERS

11/12 MAY

Cleaning

13-18 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: K Conway

Commentator: P O'Kelly

Reader: J Mackay

Eucharistic Ministers

Naomi Buick

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O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer P Jobs

Commentator: B Basevi

Reader: D Herring

Eucharistic Ministers

A Scicluna, L Rodwell

Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

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COUNTERS

T & A Jackson

18/19 MAY

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5.00PM MASS

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Commentator M O'Neill

Reader: S Ebejer

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9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer D May

Commentator C Lowe

Reader: M Lowe

Eucharistic Ministers

B Maynard, A Skinner

Computer Screen T

Jones.

MORNING TEA:

N Beatty M deSmet

COUNTERS

M & C Lowe

On this blessed Mother's Day, let us gather in prayer to honour the sacred calling of motherhood, a divine gift bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father.

In the footsteps of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mothers serve as an example of strength, compassion and unwavering faith. Their love knows no bounds, their sacrifices are countless and their prayers are fervent.

Like the gentle guidance of Mary, mothers nurture and protect their children, shaping them with the warmth of their love and the wisdom of their hearts. Let us give thanks for the mothers who have guided us with grace and tenderness, and whose love reflects the boundless compassion of our Creator. May they be blessed abundantly on this special day and always, as they continue to illuminate our lives with the light of God's love.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all who nurture and guide and whose love echoes the eternal embrace of the blessed Mother's love.

We especially remember all mothers in heaven.

Fr Loi will be away at the Annual Clergy Assembly at Galong from Monday 13th May through until Friday 17th May. Fr John will be celebrating Mass with us this week.

We hope Fr Loi and all the priests enjoy their week at Galong.

Visitation & HC Volunteers Required

We need one person to join our roster to The Glen. We visit and take HC to six residents and visit two others. It would be once a month. No response so far, Waiting in Hope...

Please consider this vital ministry.

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

We need one person to visit and take HC to an elderly gentleman in Catalina. It would be once a month on a roster.

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Your visit makes a big difference

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary.

Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love.

As St Thomas of Villanova said, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

*"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.
From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.
From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God."*

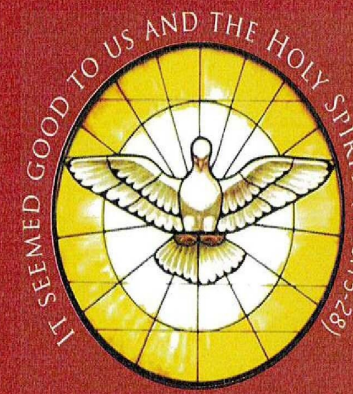
ST POPE JOHN PAUL II

Remembering the Sick:

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Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jamjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

May

For the formation of religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

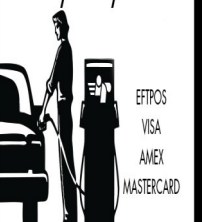


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