

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

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.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

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.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 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 Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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NEWSLETTER

2nd June 2019

The Ascension of the Lord — Year C

The Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000



St. John the Baptist



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

The feast of the Ascension celebrates firstly, Jesus' return to the Father and secondly, Jesus, in his human glorified body, enjoys now the fullness of God's glory in heaven.

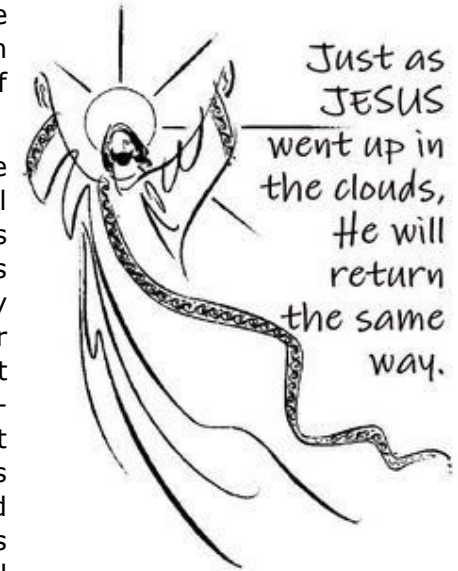
In both the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel Reading, St Luke, the Evangelist, describes the Ascension. The Acts of the Apostles states that, "Jesus was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight." The Ascension - Jesus' last "physical" appearance to His disciples - was not the end, but a new beginning. It began the new era of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who will guide and strengthen the Apostles and all believers after them to be Jesus' witnesses to all people and to the end of time.

Moreover, the Ascension is not a goodbye, but a closer presence of Jesus in our lives through the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost. He is now not only in heaven but also really present in our world through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is truly present among us in all the Church's Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. He is also present wherever two or three gather in His name.

Christians are filled with joy and firmly believe that at the end of time Jesus will return in glory to raise our mortal bodies from the earth and make them like His in glory. Then, all those redeemed by Christ shall be with the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and enjoy eternal life even with their human glorified bodies.

The opening prayer at the beginning of Mass rightly proclaims, "Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son, is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope."

Fr Guy



PARISH DIARY

June 2019

1 Saturday, St Justin Martyr

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's

• 6.00pm Mass at St. Johns

2 Sunday, Ascension of the Lord

• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass at St. Johns

3 Monday, Charles Lwanga & companions

• 9.00am Mass at St. John's

4 Tuesday

• 9.00am Mass at St. John's

5 Wed., St Boniface

• 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

• 9.00am Mass at St. John's

6 Thursday

• 12.00pm Mass at St John's

7 Friday

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

8 Saturday

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

• 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's

• 6.00pm Mass at St. Johns

9 Sunday, Pentecost Sunday

• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass at St. Johns

Confirmation Candidates' Corner

In our session today we will be reflecting on the presence on the Holy Spirit in our lives and what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church. On a practical level we will visit the church and learn the names of some of the important furnishings. At the end of Mass they will come forward for a blessing as we pray that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will continue to accompany them as they continue to grow in their faith.

Ministers of the Word and Communion

New rosters for June 16 to August 31, 2019 are available for collection from the table in the foyer. Will all ministers please make sure they take one. And a reminder - to avoid last minute confusion, please be at Mass 10 minutes early when you are minister.

Farwell to John Grace: After more than forty years as an active and contributing member of our parish, John has moved to live at Fairway Rise Nursing Home. Over his long association with the parish and the schools of Holy Name, Savio and Dominic Colleges, John has been a 'Salesian Co-operator', working with his late wife, Barbara, to support the work of the order in Glenorchy. In the parish, John was well known through his membership of the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, a reader of the Word, a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the leader of an all-important 'collection team' - this last work continuing until recent months when ill health forced John to retire from active involvement. His daughter Judy McIver and her husband, Carey, have until recently been active members of the parish and Parish Council. We give thanks for John's long and generous involvement in our parish, wish him every blessing in his new life and assure him of our ongoing prayers and love.

Parish Volunteers,

To meet legal requirements as a result of the Royal Commission on sexual abuse, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks in place, namely a **current Police check** as well as **Working with Vulnerable People Registration**. We are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. The parish will of course reimburse you for the minimal costs involved. Please contact Sr Pamela Davis or Sheila Gonzales at the parish office as soon as possible. Fr Guy Riolo

Temporary, Part-time Secretary Needed

The Parish requires the services of a Temporary Part-time Parish Secretary (20 hours per week) from August 1, 2019 until July 31, 2020. Applicants must have a good working knowledge of the practices and operation of a Catholic Parish. Knowledge of Publisher application and up to date IT skills are required to perform the duties. Applications are to be made to the Parish Priest, Rev Gaetano Riolo SDB by June 21 2019 accompanied by at least two references and a statement of previous office experience. A WWVP card and a current Police Check are essential.

Flower Arranger Volunteers

If you enjoy flower arranging and would like to help, please contact Fr Guy or Sheila at the parish office. A WWVP card & a current Police Check are also required.

Winter Blanket Appeal

With winter coming on, there will be many in our community who do not have a warm blanket to keep them warm on a cold night. Our Parish has for the past 3 years generously donated Clean, New, Fleecy blankets to St Vincent de Paul for distribution through Louis Van. Blankets may be left in the foyer at St John's/St Monica's or brought to the parish office.

Footy Points Margin

We have found some winners! Adriana Taylor had round 8 (5 points), Janet Clarke had round 9 (16 points) and new grandmother Mary-Anne Johnson had round 10 (7 points). Still no claimants for round 6 (16 points) and round 7 (39 points).

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Leonie Hills, Monique Matzner, Carol-ann Jones, Zayden Direen, Mary Nichols, Charlie White, Patricia Mc Donah, Sarah Gill, Nance Bennette, Trevor Coleman, Kate Hayes-Newington, Patricia Leamey, Delma Walsh, Maila Beekmeijer, Peter Crane, Ted Grainger, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin, Tracey Deayton, Don Ambler, Doreen Street and Fr Bob Curmi.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Augusto Di Tommaso, Marie Knight and Esther Underwood, Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKEND MASSES

St John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Saturday
- 6.00pm Saturday Vigil
- 10.00am Sunday

St. Monica's, Chigwell

- 8.30am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Friday, Sat.
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY

At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION

At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.30am & 5.15pm Sat.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 8.00am Wednesday

LEGION OF MARY

at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP

at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.00am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week:	3 June
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Mary Parsisson's Team

Next Week :	10 June
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Anne Hansch's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$730.00
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Loose Plate:	\$884.70
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Direct Deposit:	\$310.00
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TOTAL:	\$1,924.70
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<u>Week's Budget:</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
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