

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. 6-9. 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 Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptised them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



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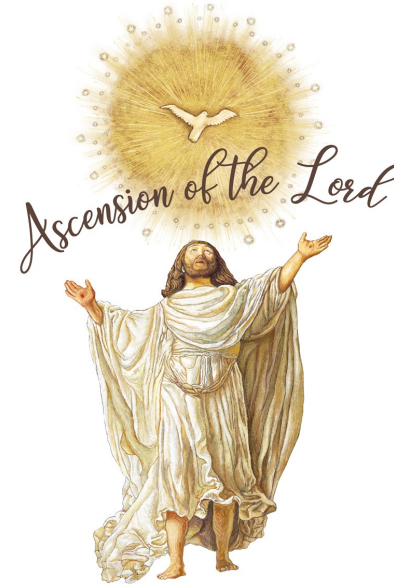
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St. Monica

20 - 21 May 2023, The Ascension of the Lord - Year A



With His ascension into heaven Jesus becomes the Lord of time and history. But His Lordship does not enslave anyone. Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations is a call for people to acknowledge Him as Lord and to serve Him alone because to acknowledge Him as Lord and serve Him is the source of true freedom. The good news of Jesus' resurrection and ascension is that anyone who puts their trust in Jesus has eternal life.

But, Jesus' final instructions to His Apostles is also a commissioning of all believers to lead all people of good will to know, love and serve Jesus. All are called to be part of the Kingdom of heaven. And God's free gift of eternal life with Him is gained through faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and the observance of Jesus' commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

May our faith in the risen Jesus be strengthened. May we always put our trust in Him and love others as He did. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and Help of Christians pray to Jesus for us. (Fr Guy)

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians

Wednesday, 24 May, feast of Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and the patroness of the Salesians. Mass at 9.00am and exposition of Blessed Sacrament 8.00am - 8.30am. All welcome

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His final instructions to His close followers on a mountain top. Then He ascends to heaven with His human and divine natures.

It was also on a mountain top where Jesus first taught them His Beatitudes based on non-violence and mercy: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the merciful...etc..." Now, before He leaves them, He reminds them to "observe all the commandments He gave them" while He was with them.

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**PARISH DIARY
May 2023**

- 20 Saturday, St Bernardine of Siena, priest**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
 - 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 21 Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 - 10.00am Mass-St John's
- 22 Monday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 23 Tuesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 24 Wednesday, Our Lady Help of Christians**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 25 Thursday, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin**
- 12noon at St John's
- 26 Friday, St Philip Neri, priest**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 27 Saturday, St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
 - 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 28 Sunday, Pentecost Sunday**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 - 10.00am Mass-St John's

Salesian Provincial Visit

We welcome Fr William Matthews SDB, the Salesian Provincial for Australia and the Pacific. He will be among us to visit the Community and the Parish from 21 May-24 May 2023.

Online training program for Ministers of the Word

As you know, being a reader is not about reading, but proclaiming Sacred Scriptures or the Prayer of the Faithful in a way that penetrates hearts: the Minister of the Word is a vessel for God's Word. Proclaiming the Scripture and the Prayer of the Faithful well increases people's capacity to respond to what they hear, which can transform and change their lives.

Our four-week online training program will teach new and experienced Ministers of the Word practical skills, such as timing, spacing, the use of emphasis and silence, and arguably the most useful skill - correctly pronouncing Biblical words, names, and places. Completed over four weekly online modules, with live (Zoom) classroom sessions (held on a weekday evening), the training program also offers a step by step guide on how to write the Prayer of the Faithful, and how to proclaim the Word in the Sequences, additional readings at the Easter and Pentecost vigils, and lay led celebrations of the Word.

Our next program will start on 24 May and we would welcome to it any of your parishioners who are interested in participating. The cost of the program is \$80pp More information about the program, including how to register, can be found on our webpage www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses

24:7 Glenorchy Youth Group

For Youth in Years 6 - 12 St John the Baptist Parish, 1st and 3rd Friday Nights 4 - 6pm. Come along for fun, friends, food and faith formation! We can't wait to see you there. For more information, please contact Angela 0410 414 459

Fr Alar talk on Divine Mercy

Mass and talk by Fr Chris Alar, MIC, on the subject, 'Understanding Divine Mercy' to be held on Wednesday, 31 May at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. Mass to commence at 5:30pm, talk to follow at 6:30pm. All welcome to attend.

World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon

There are 34 pilgrims attending the WYD in Lisbon. Please pray for all those preparing to take part in the pilgrimage. I will accompany the 15 pilgrims from Catholic Education as chaplain. Please pray for all those from Australia who are preparing to take part in WYD2023. We will be praying for you too. Fr Guy.

Beanie and Blanket Drive

Now the weather is cooling down, we think of those who are less fortunate and perhaps homeless. For some years as a Parish, we have collected Beanies for Louie's Van and Blankets which we give to St Vincent de Paul for distribution. so for the month of May, get the knitting needles out and bring us your Beanies, and also new polar fleece blankets, any size, any price. (Mary)

Parish Mother's Day Raffle Winners

1st Prize - Bobby Court, 2nd Prize - Adriana Taylor, 3rd Prize - Les Williams

Footy Points Margin

Where are all the winners? No-one has claimed round 4, North Melbourne v. Carlton (23 points); round 5, Fremantle v. Gold Coast Suns (10 points); round 8, Carlton v. Brisbane Lions (26 points) or round 9, Richmond v. Geelong 24 points.

Catholic Mission Luncheon for Timor Leste

Saturday, 3rd June 2023 at the Royal Yacht Club Tasmania. 12.00pm-3.00pm. For more information contact Michael at 0438 243533 or Hobart.director@catholicmission.org.au

Parish 50/50 Club

What is it? A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and grounds.

How does it work? We need 50 parishioners or friends to pay \$50, there is a raffle draw of 3 prizes: \$150, \$100 & \$50.

We have 28 people who have joined. We need 22 people to complete the fundraiser. You may join by contacting Sheila, the parish secretary, at the Parish Office 62726363 or by envelopes which are available on the table at the back of the church and can be put in the basket.

Please remember in your prayers our sick

Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Alan Brock, Philip White, Arnold Markham, Ted Grainger, Bev Evans, Kath Goss

Prayers for the Deceased

Barbara Campbell, Darrel Patmore, Paul Westcott, Peggy Smith, Don Ambler, Sauro Giana, Ben Mackey, Byron Howard, Barbara Oakley

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Volunteers

To meet legal requirements, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks, namely **a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration.** We are reviewing 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. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Fr Guy Riolo

**WEEKEND MASSES
St John's, Glenorchy**

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES
St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

**ROSARY
At St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 8.30am every Wednesday and Saturday

**RECONCILIATION
At St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
At St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday
- 9:00am - 11.50am Thursday

**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 9.30am

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER
GROUP
at St. John's, Glenorchy**

- Every Friday at 3.00pm

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week:	22 May
	Chris Foale
Next Week :	29 May
	Bridget Hayde

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$566.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$180.00
Loose Plate	\$849.95
Direct Deposit:	\$460.00
TOTAL:	\$2,056.80
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$443.20