

The Living Word

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

16 May 2021

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

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.'

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.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

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.

Or Optional Second Reading for Year B

Eph 4:1-7. 11-13 (or longer form Eph 4:1-13)

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace

that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

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 Mk 16:15-20

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.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

The ASCENSION of the LORD YEAR B

Recently Deceased: Frank Costa AO.

Anniversaries 16- May to 22- May:

Alberta Sargeant, Johanna Jansen, Anne Larkins, Dorothy Freeman-Smith, Kevin Miller, Imri Meszaro, John Brady, Monica Connellan and Arthur Richards.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Faigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Kate Greenwood, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, Margaret Lomas, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COUNTERS: Tuesday 18- May at 10:00am:
Des Harris and David Millie.

ELECTRONIC CONTACT TRACING & QR CODES:

Activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, weddings and funerals within a Place of Worship, **must use an electronic record keeping system** that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API). The previous rule was that electronic record keeping was required for a Place of Worship when applying the one person per two square metres density quotient. **This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.**

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal – Sunday 16- May: this weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

We are required to undertake a count of numbers and other statistics of people attending Mass each weekend throughout May.

Vinnies Winter Donations: Our shops at Queenscliff and Ocean Grove need donations of warm winter blankets and clothing. Ocean Grove contact is Jen. Phone: 5256 2050. Queenscliff contact is June. Phone: 5258 227. And think of being a volunteer at the shop!

TAR News: to our generous supporters of Refugees, there are now 4 locations where donations of groceries can be deposited: Barwon Heads IGA, Beach Terrace Café in Ocean Grove (opposite the Post Office) and in Queenscliff, the Neighbourhood House and the Uniting Church.

On behalf of our parish, a big THANK YOU to Ken Caffyn who has given so much of his time, energy and expertise to oversee major repair and maintenance works at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove, over the past 12 months and more. This work was essential to ensure the structural integrity of the church and the safety of the large wall running the length of the property facing John Dory Drive.

Parish Pastoral Council Notes

1. The PPC Constitution and method by which parishioners can contact the PPC, is indicated on the parish website and on the noticeboards at each of our churches.
2. Three nominations have been received from parishioners to become part of the next term of the PPC. These nominations and the make-up of the council for its next term will be determined through a discernment process over these next few weeks.
3. **Save the date:** An early invitation is extended to all parishioners to a Parish Meeting to be conducted at Ocean Grove (school or church) from **3.00-5.00pm. on Sunday, June 20.** The forum will be seeking parish feedback on ministries which might support spirituality, faith development and education, and on ministries of pastoral care and support for parishioners. Among other things, the forum will provide the PPC with parishioner-input into the formulation of a Parish Pastoral Plan. Further information will be provided over the next few weeks.
4. The Parish is about to undertake the process of appointing a Parish Pastoral Worker and an additional Administrative Assistant.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 18th May – St John I (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 19th May – Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 20th May – St Bernadine of Siena (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 21st May – St Christopher Magallanes (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 22nd May – St Rita of Cascia (Memorial)

Sunday 23rd May – PENTECOST SUNDAY (Solemnity)

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Thought for the Week:

Allow your soul the freedom to sing,
dance, praise and love.

- St Thérèse.

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