



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

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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; baptise 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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

24 May 2020

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

24 May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As was mentioned last week, we have recommenced celebration of public Masses at St Peter's Church. We must all abide by the temporary conditions laid down by the Victorian Government and Archdiocese of Melbourne. We can accommodate ten people at Mass in addition to those required for the celebration of Mass.

This week, Masses will be celebrated at the following times:-
Tuesday 26th May – Thursday 28th May at 9.00am and 10.30am
Friday 29th May at 9.00am only (due to funeral in Church at 10.30am)
Saturday 30th May at 6.00pm
Sunday 31st May at 8.30am and 10.30am

You cannot attend a Mass without making a booking first. If you arrive without having made a booking, you will not be allowed entry to the Church. Bookings can be made as follows:- **Online Bookings:** For parishioners **with internet access**

Mass attendance is via TryBooking. Please type TryBooking.com into your browser, then go to 'Buy Tickets'(free), 'Search Events'(or 'Find Event') and type in **Mass St Peter's Church Keilor East** and find the Mass you wish to attend. Add your details and confirm booking. If all 10 spots are filled, you will not be able to book that particular Mass time. Bookings for Tuesday-Friday, 26th-29th May, will open at 9am on Monday, 25th May and close on the morning of the Mass, at 8.30am. Bookings for Masses weekend of 30/31 May will open from 9.00am Wednesday, 27th May.

Phone Bookings: For parishioners **without internet access only**

Please call the Parish Office on 9337 4141 by 4.00pm, **the day prior to the Morning Mass you wish to attend, except for weekend Masses.** Bookings for weekend 30/31 May will open from Wednesday 27th May. We will let you know if there is availability for the Mass you wish to attend when you call the Parish Office.

To cater for the needs of all parishioners, I ask that you choose only one weekend Mass per month. If you are not working, you can attend a weekday Mass.

I suggest you arrive at the Church approx. 10 minutes before commencement of the Mass. Please provide your contact details as you enter the narthex and observe all the social distancing and hand sanitising requirements. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home but let us know if you have booked but are not coming. Thank you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Mu Ma Win, Michael Chircop

RECENTLY DECEASED

Elza Bailey, Eddie Schembri, Vincent Vihtelic

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Burke

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY

Month dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary

Though not able to come together to pray the Rosary at St Peter's Church, we encourage you to pray a family Rosary at home every day during the month of May. We hope to have a Procession with the Statue of Our Lady on 31st May (depending on restrictions).

SELF-ISOLATING? OUR PARISH IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

If you are in need of some assistance with shopping, being taken to appointments etc, please call the Parish Office on 9337 4141. We have volunteers who can assist. If you are feeling a bit lonely and would just enjoy a friendly chat over the phone, please let us know. We are here to help where we can.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – JULY-DECEMBER 2020

A roster will still be prepared in anticipation that things will go back to "normal" sometime during the second half of the year.

Can you please still notify the Parish Office by 15th June any 'away' dates.

WEEKEND ONLINE MASS

Available from 6pm via our Parish Website, Facebook or YouTube for parishioners to participate in their homes.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

With some Year levels returning from Tuesday, a timely reminder that it is strictly a **40kph zone around the surrounding streets. Please slow down.**

FEAST DAYS NEXT WEEK

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| Monday, 25 May | Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia |
| Tuesday, 26 May | St Philip Neri |

ST PETER'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen.