



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 Fr Michael Tate

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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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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Nicola Genchi(in Italy).

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vincent Tin Tran, Elvie Lewis, Fred Schembri

ANNIVERSARIES

Bertha Officer, Mary Couacaud, Eufrecina Baera, Dominic Tran Van Dat, Maria Nguyen Mai

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 16 May 2021 at 12 Noon

Ivy Bugeja

Harrison Saxionis

Sonny Serrano

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521
Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 2021

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. **Please give generously.** We will have a special collection next weekend at all Masses. Envelopes will be available.

PARISH NEWS

TWO 'SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS' – WEEKEND 29/30 MAY 2021

Our Lady Statue Procession on Saturday 29th May and Fr Sebastian's Birthday Luncheon & Fundraiser on Sunday, 30th May at 12noon

On Saturday, 29th May, we will carry Our Lady's Statue in a procession, commencing at 5.30pm from St Peter's Church and return by 6.00pm for our Vigil Mass. Everyone welcome to join in the Procession prior to the Mass. *Please arrive by 5.15pm for QR code check in.*

On Sunday, 30th May, you are invited to attend a 3 Course Luncheon to celebrate Fr Sebastian's Birthday, commencing at 12noon in the Parish Centre. Adults \$25ph, children under 12, \$15ph. BYO drinks. Payment to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 26th May. Please ask your family and friends to come along. Limited bookings available, due to capacity requirements. Sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the parish office. RSVP – Tuesday, 25th May.

Donations of good quality items or vouchers to make up prizes for a raffle, would be appreciated. Please bring to the Parish Office by 26/5. Thank you.

50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE 'THANK YOU'

Thank you once again to all the parish volunteers and school staff who helped make the Jubilee celebrations on 2nd May such a wonderful success.

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY
Month Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary is recited on weekdays before the 9.15am Mass throughout the month of May.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass count continues to take place across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard please.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS

The Government now requires us to use the QR Code system for Mass registrations.

For all Masses: Please arrive early and register via the QR code, before the commencement of Mass. There will be no pre-booking via "Trybooking.com" anymore, except on occasions when we would be expecting a higher number of people attending a Mass than usual. We still need to keep a 1.5m physical distance while seated, unless you are from the same household. Our QR code is displayed below. The code is also displayed on the narthex glass, with clear instructions on how to scan to your smartphone. We have purchased some Tablets to assist with the QR Code check in, so that if you do not own a smart phone or don't like to bring your mobile phone to Mass, you can still Check In. Please note:

- If there are elderly people who have no smart phone, please kindly register them through a Tablet found in the narthex.
- If you see someone who struggles to use the QR code, please assist them.
- If multiple parishioners of one household have the same contact number and they arrive at the church together, they can be checked in by entering their first names, separated with a comma.

Thank you for your assistance with this important government requirement.

Please note that from 22 May, we will be moving to the Victorian Government QR code service. The current QR code will no longer be able to be used after 22/5. Please have the Service Victoria App ready on your phones.

**PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE,
EAST KEILOR – QR CODE(UNTIL 21/5)**



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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome the Year 3SS class children and their families to our 6pm Mass this weekend.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.