



In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

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

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

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.

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, 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 celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings 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 the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

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The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

29 May 2022

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. 6-7. 8-9. 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 Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Emmanuel Said, Lina Di Stefano, Ellen Burnside, Carmela Ozzimo

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Eric John Hodgens PE

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Caridi, Michael Chircop

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 5th June 2022

Tanner Guglielmino

Eloise Lancashire

Ariana Vassolo

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please see full information in separate column.

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MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY
Month Dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary
The Rosary will be recited on Tuesday & Wednesday morning this week at 9.00am. Thanks to all who led the Rosary and joined in, during the month of May.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Concludes this weekend. Collectors at weekend masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Are available for collection on the table in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE – SYNOD REPORT 2022

Please see letter from Archbishop Peter Comensoli displayed on the narthex glass for your information. Please go to: the Parish Website for the full Report or www.cam.org.au.

MASS - 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next **Friday, 3rd June** commencing at 7.00pm, followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

MINISTERS' ROSTER

Would all who volunteer for Ministry, please advise the Parish Office of any 'away' dates between 1st July 2022 and 30th November 2022, no later than Friday, 2nd June.

CATHOLIC MISSION: PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2022 'THANK YOU'

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia. Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. *Many thanks for your generous donations. Last weekend, our Parish collection raised \$1,797.20 (including credit card donations).*

PARISH PILGRIMAGE NEWS

Fr Sebastian called the Parish Office on Wednesday to say they had all arrived safely in Paris and were on their way to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. They were staying overnight on Thursday in Lourdes. This weekend they travel by plane to Lisbon, Portugal where they will visit the Tombs of the visionaries of Fatima. While there, they will visit the Little Chapel of Apparitions and join the Rosary and participate in a candlelight procession of Our Lady's Statue, in the evening.

PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Lord Jesus,
you became man

and came to live among us.

For love of us,
you suffered and died for us.

Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day.

Today you return to your Father and our Father,

But you promised to remain with us till the end of time,

And to send us the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith? The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we will walk with you on your journey of discovery. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and *Enquiry*, continues through a period of *Catechumenate*, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of *Easter*, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith. There will be a series of *Enquiry Nights* for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on **Tuesdays 12th, 19th & 26th July** at 7.30pm in the **Parish Centre Meeting Room**. For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103.

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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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

Saturday 28 May Class Mass

We welcome the Year 1LK students, teacher and families to the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil 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.