



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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The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

12 May 2024

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

Silvia Scrafam

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Armellin, Agata Luca, Pasquale Bruzzese

ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy Palumbo, Clara Inserra, Rosario Carni, Giuseppe Bonfa, Margaret McConville, Eufrecina Baera, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, August Jurisic, Ruza Marusic, Krizan Marusic, Ivan Marusic, Brendan Jamieson Maria Peraic, Mary Couacaud

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) RCIA classes will recommence in July and these dates will be published in coming weeks. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 2nd June 2024

Lily McLardy

Matthew Taylor

Christian & Sofia Grasso

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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SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY – Sunday 19th May at Corpus Christi College There will be a Seminary Enquiry Day for young men who are thinking about becoming a Priest. If you are interested in attending the Enquiry Day, please contact Fr Anil or the Parish Office for further information.

PARISH NEWS

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY
Month Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary continued to be recited from 9.00am (before the 9.15am Mass) during the month of May, on weekdays and Saturday mornings.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTER

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please email or call the Parish Office with any 'away' dates between July-October 2024 by Tuesday, 4th June.

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL – 18/19 MAY

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Envelopes will be available and a Special Collection will be held.

ST PETER'S 'CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE': Volunteers Needed

Every Parish is required to have a Safeguarding Committee to ensure policies, processes and practices are in place to protect children and young people. We are calling for more volunteers to join the St Peter's Safeguarding Committee. Please speak with Fr. Anil or contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, 14th May, if you are interested.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

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

CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION

Receipts, for those who requested them, are available to collect in the narthex.

CHURCH CAR PARKING

As many parishioners are asking about the car parking situation, inside the grounds for the morning weekday Mass, this is to let you know that we are working on it. We understand this is an inconvenience, especially to our elderly and disabled parishioners. Please keep this project in your prayers.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – 12TH MAY

During the month of May, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God. This weekend is also a special time for celebrating the gift of mothers and women. We pray for all mothers in our community. May they continue to love and nurture their children and may we treasure their precious gift of mothering.

We pray for those mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who have passed away. We give thanks for their love, their laughter and their labour. We give thanks for the many ways they shaped our values, our faith and our family traditions and rituals. May they Rest in Peace.

A Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.

Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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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

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

FRIDAY, 24TH MAY - OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY

Whole School Mass at 9.15am. All welcome to attend.

MONDAY 27TH MAY

School Closure Day

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