

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:
Old Missal:716 New Missal: 806



The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

2 June 2019

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.*

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.
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.
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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Thanksgiving):

If you would like to join our programme please take a brochure from the foyer or call the Parish Office.

IN OUR PRAYERS

SICK:

Tony Cioccia; Mariangela Portaro; Kerry Hallam; Edgar Bunque; Shirley Anne Carandang; Frances Dawson; Brian Couacaud; Jimema Bucao (Filippines); Sofia Di Pietro; Primrose Busary; Joel Abordo; Margo Trajkovski; Christine Cortez; Leanne Cargeg; Anna Giunta; Francesca Catania (Malta); Antonio Castro; Reynaldo Salvador; Maximino Salvador Jnr; Tom Lonergan; Elaine Groves; Giuseppa Bonanno; Rowena Melegrito; Buck Dela Cruz; Calixta Malalang.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Steve Marton; Fr Ray Deal; Maura Clarke; Giovanni Di Pasquale; Francesca Zappia; Mary Brincat; Peter Luppino; Reece Avery; Maria Tran Thi Mo; Pedro Corso (Italy); Michael George; Leo Monseigneur (Malta); Francesco Rainone; Lucita Bunque; Rosario Du; Josefa Fernando (Filippines); Angelo Barrasso (Italy); Maria Nguyen Thi Khen (Vietnam); Giuseppe Amore; Antonietta Furci; Nunzia Tiralosi (America); Brendan Brennan (Ireland); Maria Catena Barbante; Pinuccia Iaia (Italy); Josip Jelincic

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:

Francesco La Pila; Mario Cecchini; Agostino Petricca; Angelo & Vince Demaio; Kazy & Emy Lukauskas; John & Mario Raviola; Gaetano Vitagliano; Giovanni Martello; Giuseppe Vitone, Nunzio Berto; Giokim Tran Van Ton; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Sebastian La Mari; Pierangela Giansiracusa; Frank Giunta; Charlie Sciberras; Victor Micallef; Remo Gentile; Joseph Giusti; Victor Apap; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo, Rita & baby Michael De Bono; Maria Moore; Maria & Francesco Falzon.

WEEKDAY MASSES

	NO MASS
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	9:15am
WEDNESDAY	9:15am
<i>followed by Adoration & Benediction</i>	
THURSDAY	9:15am
Novena Mass for Our Lady of La Vang	7:00pm
FRIDAY	9:15am
Funeral Mass Steve Marton	1:00pm
Novena Mass for Our Lady of La Vang	7:00pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	
Vigil	6:00pm
Novena Mass for Our Lady of La Vang	7:30pm
SUNDAY	
English	8:00am, 9:30am
Italian	11:00am
Vietnamese Mass for Our Lady of La Vang	12:30pm

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Pledged: \$3,004 **Received:** \$2,803 **Shortfall** \$201
Presbytery: \$1,010 **Loose:** \$987
Archbishop's Chaplaincy Appeal: \$680. Thank you.

MAY OUR CHILDREN FLOURISH - Our Parish ensures that it is the responsibility of all adults to create a safe and positive environment for our children.

This weekend our First Eucharist children will recite the Our Father at the 6:00pm and 9:30am Masses. Please keep these children in your prayers as they journey towards receiving the sacrament.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

Rosters for June commence THIS weekend:

Readers:

6:00pm: J Vassallo
8:00am: L Crocitti
9:30am: Augustinian Sisters

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00pm: E Martin, C Sciberras, T Caputo, M Bui
8:00am: J Vella, K Marshall
9:30am: S Sammut, N Vetro, J Batten, V Nguyen, D Marino, V Arbaci

Counting Team: M Mifsud, M Comazetto

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Flower pick up: M Scales
Flower arrangement: H Baker
Sacristy: M Mondo
Hospital Communion: Team 4: A Hickey, T Proctor
V Piperno

OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:


Flower arranger: 4th & 5th Saturday of the month.
Sacristy duties: 4th & 5th Saturdays of the month.
Please contact the Parish Office on 9337 6016.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LA VANG will take place in St. Martin's church from Wed 5th until Sun 9th June. Programmes are in the foyer of the church.


1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH After 9:15am Mass

Get together with a cuppa in the Parish Meeting Room commencing next Friday 7th June.

LEARN TO PRAY: Prayer and Life Workshops with Sr Cres

 Mondays 5 - 7pm in the Parish Meeting room. An apostolic service for all, that deepens individuals spiritually and brings people closer to God through the art of prayer.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

 "Be still and know that I am God" Ps 46:10
10am-11am 17th & 24th June in the Pastoral Centre. **All Welcome** to deepen their practice and knowledge of Christian Meditation. Contact Clara Rizzi 0403 153 346 for further information.

DEVOTION TO DIVINE MERCY



Every Monday 2.30pm in the Church.
All Welcome.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS

Please support our school by placing stickers in the boxes in the foyer of the church or outside Woolworths.

2019/20 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Available in hard copy or digitally from the Parish Office. Receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for \$70. Pays for itself in as little as 2 uses. Expires 1st June 2020. THANK YOU for helping to raise \$518 so far.

AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER

Australian Catholics Winter Edition – free
Melbourne Catholic magazine June Edition: \$4 available in the foyer.

MOONEE VALLEY FREE WINTER CONCERT SERIES

Classic Music from Classic Movies

This Sunday 2nd June 3-4pm in St. Martin's church. Presented by Alto Strings, a versatile, dynamic and engaging string ensemble whose members have performed at prestigious events such as The Logies, AFL Grand Final and the Grand Prix.

NOTICEBOARD/WIDER COMMUNITY

FR ROB GALEA 'COMING HOME' CONCERT TOUR:

The Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds 5pm 14th July.
Bookings: www.frgministry.com/tickets

FEAST OF VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ST ELIZABETH

This Sunday 2nd June. St Bernadette's Catholic Community Centre, Cooke Avenue, North Sunshine. Mass at 2:30pm celebrated by Rev. Fr John Taliana MSSP followed by a social function in the foyer.

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE:

Excellence Scholarships available for Year 7 in 2021.

Registration closes Wednesday 5th June 2019.

Scholarship exam date is Saturday 15th June 2019.

To find out more visit College website

www.columba.vic.edu.au

AVE MARIA COLLEGE: Year 7 2021 Enrolment

Applications close Friday 23rd August 2019.

Excellence Scholarships available for years 9 & 11 in

2020. To find out more visit College website

www.avemaria.vic.edu.au

JESUS YOUTH AUSTRALIA! CHOSEN Conference

Unforgettable 4 days of faith discovery and fellowship with a line-up of amazing speakers, praise & worship rallies, workshops, live theatre and music performances. 4th – 7th July 2019. Sacred Heart Girls College, Hughesdale. info@chosenconference.org.au

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: 'A place to call home'

A Forum for parishes – "What can parishes do?"
Saturday 8th June 9.30am – 1pm. **See noticeboard**