The Pauline The Ascension of the Lord

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God. Lamb of God. Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46:2-3,6-9

- R. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia! GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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 will be 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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I believe in God. the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (All bow during these two lines) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Friday: 10.30 am to 4:00 pm. For general enquiries, please call 9354-1564.

MASSES:

Weekends: Saturday: 6:00 pm (vigil), 8.00pm (Neo Catechumenate) Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am (Italian), Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10.00 am. CONFESSIONS: Saturdays - 11am and 6.45pm ADORATION: First Friday of the month: 10.30 am to 12pm BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12.00 pm. BAPTISM PREPERATION MEETINGS: Once Monthly MARRIAGE PREP MEETINGS: Wed 8pm or Sat 4pm WEDDING REHEARSALS: Mon or Fri – 8pm **COMMUNION TO SICK:** Thursdays & Fridays ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 2 times a year (Lent & Advent). SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10am YOUTH & KIDS GROUP: 4th Friday of the month. ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 10.30 am Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10.30 am. Knights of the Southern Cross: Monday mornings.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2021

21 March:St Joseph at 10.30am MassGood Friday:7pm21 Nov:St Gregory at 10.30am Mass12 Dec:St Lucy at 2pm

For enquires re above programs call the parish office on 9354-1564

READERS:

<u>This Week</u>
Virginia Efthimiou
Rosa Touma & Patricia Wright
Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano
<u>Next Week</u>
Judy O'Meara
Stephanie Youil & Dean Youil
Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Next Week

Sat 6pmJ & L GaleaSun 9amAlfred MeilakSun 11amMaria D'Angelo

Mary De Marco k Mary Carnovale elo Carmelo Ruggero

PARISH NEWS:

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The Archbishop, Peter Comensoli has assigned Fr Raymond Bugeja as Parish Priest of St Thomas Parish, Drysdale. Fr Ray will take care of the communities of Leopold, St. Leonard, Portarlington, as well as Drysdale.

Fr James Puppady will be the parish priest of St Paul's Coburg and St Oliver Plunket, Pascoe Vale. Fr James hails from India, and he is 56 years of age. He is a wonderful priest. Let's keep both parish priests in our prayers. Both assignments take place on Wed., 9th June 2021.

A Message from the incoming Parish Priest, Fr James: *"Dear Fr Raymond,*

Now I changed the Saturday Vigil Mass at Pasco Vale from 6.00 pm to 5.00 pm. And people are happy with that. The same way I would like to change the Vigil Mass at Coburg from 6.00 pm to 6.30 pm. So I can manage both churches Vigil Mass. So could you ask people for this change this coming two Sundays. Tell them because of the two churches kindly to adjust with these timings. So I will start from 12th June Saturday onwards. Sunday Mass will continue as usual at present. Thank you. God bless." Fr James



The 5th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies will be conducted in May 2021. All Catholic dioceses and parishes will take part. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include people of all ages at Mass (including babies), and other types of Sunday Assemblies.

This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies. As well, in light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in some areas, parishes will be invited to provide the number of 'views' of Masses or Sunday assemblies streamed online.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Sacrificial Offering: \$1026.70 Presbytery Collection: \$345.00

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Noah Bugeja & George Mangion **WEDDINGS:** Bridget Butera & Tyla Sandiford Anthony Cannizzaro & Nadia Carbonari..

Those who are **Sick** and those who care for them: that they may be strengthened and comforted by the healing power of Christ.

We pray for those who have died recently, Filippo Zullo (Funeral Mass, Mon., 11.30am), and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: Maria & Rocco Trimarchi, Carmel Romeo, Teresa Matalone, that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.

VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus commissions us to go into the whole world and proclaim the good news. What do you need to carry out this mission? Ask for that grace. (Mark 16:15-20)

REFLECTION: "Offering our Gifts"

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ... Ephesians 4:11-12

As a teacher, I appreciated opportunities to stand back and watch a small group come together to work on a team project. Within a relatively short time, differences in work styles showed themselves and leadership capabilities emerged. Students discovered the gifts they had to offer could fit in the with the whole. They came to see the ways in which their unique contributions were also intended to serve the common good.

St Paul reminds us today that we all belong, that there is a place for each of us in the reign of God. In our work of loving the world as Jesus did, we're invited to put our talents into service to build up the body of Christ in our time and place.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

STEWARDSHIP

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." - 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we have the courage to defend our faith and share our witness joyfully with others.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Self Confidence"

As soon as you trust yourself you will know how to live. Johann Von Goethe

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Chaplaincy Appeal 2021. This 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. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Electronic Check-in by QR Code now mandatory:

St Paul's church is now using Electronic Sign-in by QR Code for all Masses as directed by the Victorian Government. Paper based record keeping is no longer accepted.

To Sign-in when you arrive at church, you can use the QR Code posters in the foyer (or below). Scan the QR Code with your camera app on your smart phone.

Then, you only need to enter your first name and phone number. The parish will not receive this data. The Victorian Government contact tracers will use this data if a Covid-19 outbreak occurs. The data is stored by the government for 28 days.

We will have volunteers in the foyer to assist anyone who does not have a smart-phone - please be patient and arrive with plenty of time before Mass.



PRAISE HIM, ANGELS IN THE HEIGHT; SUN AND MOON, REJOICE BEFORE HIM; PRAISE HIM, ALL YOU STARS AND LIGHT. PRAISE THE LORD FOR HE HAS SPOKEN; WORLDS HIS MIGHTY VOICE OBEYED; LAWS WHICH NEVER SHALL BE BROKEN FOR THE GUIDANCE HE HAS MADE.HELL AND DEATH IS AT YOUR SIDE. KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU THROUGH IT ALL.GRANDE SETE ABBIAM DIO FONTE DELL'AMOR CAMMINIAMO VERSO TE FRA GIOIOSI CANTICI, NOI VENIAMO AL TUO ALL BLESSED ARE THE POOR FOR THE KINGDOM SHALL BE THEIRS. BLESSED ARE YOU THAT WEEP AND MOURN FOR ONE DAY YOU SHALL LAUGH. AND IP WICKED MEN INSULT AND HATE YOU ALL BECAUSE OF ME, BLESSED, BLESSED ARE YOU!GRANDE SETE ABBIAM DIO FONTE DELL'AMOR CAMMINIAMO VERSO TE FRA GIOIOSI CANTICI, NOI VENIAMO AL TUO AL DENT TO RIVE PRAISE THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION, HEAVEN AND EARTH AND ALL CREATION PRAISE AND GLORIFY HIS NAME.HELL AND DEATH IS AT YOUR SIDE. KORN FOR THAT HAVE TO DO.GRANDE SETE ABBIAM DIO FONTE DELL'AMOR CAMMINIAMO VERSO TE FRA GIOIOSI CANTICI, NOI VENIAMO AL TUO AL DESSED ARE YOU SHALL LAUGH. AND IP WICKED MEN INSULT AND HATE YOU ALL BECAUSE OF ME, BLESSED, BLESSED ARE YOU!GRANDE SET RA BBIAM DIO FONTE DELL'AMOR PER AMARTI O SIGNOR.WORSHIP, HONOUR, GLORY, BLESSING; LORD, WE OFFER AS OUR GIFT. YOUNG AND OLD, YOUR PRAISE EXPRESSING, OUR GLAD SONGS TO YOU WE LIFT. ALL THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN ADORE YOU, WE WOULD JOIN THEIR GLAD ACCLAIM. AS YOUR ANGELS SERVE BEFORE YOU,HELL AND DEATH IS AT YOUR SIGNORE, VIEN FF AND SET THE DOWNTRODDEN FREE.GLORIA ALL OSPIRITO, CI NELL'AMOR, VIEN SIGNORE, VIEN FF AMEN, ALLELUIA	R. E, CHIEDE: I, NEL ERÒ VATOR ISERÒ A TE, PENTOR, CHE CI UNISCE FRA NOI,
SO ON EARTH WE PRAISE YOUR NAME.AND GO TELL EVERYONE, THE NEWS THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME; AND GO TELL EVERYONE, TO THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS, THAT YOU DO UNTO ME.RESTA CON NOI, SIGNORE, LA SERA: RESTA CON NOI E AVREMO LA PACE.	3
WHEN I WAS HUNGRY YOU GAVE ME TO EAT, WHEN I WAS THIRSTY YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK; NOW ENTER INTO THE HOME OF MY FATHER.JUST AS THE FATHER SENT ME, SO I'M SENDING YOU OUT TO BE MY WITNESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE WHOLE OF THE WORLD.RESTA CON NOI, NON C LA NOTTE MAI PIU SCL RESTA CON NOI, NON C PER LE VIE DEL MONDO PER LE VIE DEL MONDO TI PORTEREMO AI NOS' TI PORTEREMO LUNGO RESTA CON NOIWHEN I WAS AGED YOU BOTHERED TO SMILE, WHEN I WAS RESTLESS YOU LISTENED AND CARED; NOW ENTER INTO THE HOME OF MY FATHER.DON'T WORRY WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY, DON'T WORRY BECAUSE ON THAT DAY, GOD'S SPIRIT WILL SPEAK IN YOUR HEART, WILL SPEAK IN YOUR HEART.VOGLIO DONARTI QUEST VOGLIO DONARTI QUEST VOGLIO DONARTI QUEST RESTA CON NOI	CENDERA. CI LASCIAR O, SIGNOR. STRI FRATELLI, E LE S TRADE. TE MIE MANI,
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