

The Ascension of the Lord

1st - 2nd 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3,6-7,8-9

R/ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 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.

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: Luke 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.



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You will be my Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth

Over the past weeks the readings of the Easter season have witnessed to the new insights the early Christian communities had into Jesus' life and teaching when he was no longer physically present to them.

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven which the gospels of Matthew and Luke describe so vividly as Jesus' last farewell to his disciples and followers. What picture comes to mind when we hear the readings describe the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and when we proclaim in the creed, "he ascended into heaven?" Do we picture him separating himself from his disciples and going up into the stratosphere like a spaceship to be with God above the clouds? If so, we don't realize that the words of scripture about this are not to be taken literally. They are a figurative way of saying that Jesus is no longer on earth in a physical and material way.

The Ascension is a celebration of the passing on of the baton from Jesus to his faithful disciples.

Jesus' mission was not ended by his death, nor was he but a memory to them. He had risen in them. Now they are to witness to the risen Jesus in a world sometimes welcoming but sometimes of political and religious tensions, and of indifference to the poor, weak and powerless. His life and mission to proclaim God's kingdom of love to all becomes the ongoing mission of his Church and his people.

So we don't go looking for him on the clouds or in the sky. We find him in our reading, hearing and heeding of the scripture which brings him to life for us. We share his presence in the Eucharist we celebrate. And compelled by the gift of God's Spirit we encounter him in our stirrings of compassion and our practical love for our neighbour and fellow human beings who are poor, neglected, sad, sorrowing afraid or despairing.

On this feast of the Ascension we remind ourselves of the mission Jesus gave to his followers before he 'went home to God' and bequeathed to us. This is to go and tell everyone everywhere the good news that Jesus is alive, that he is our Saviour, the one who changes people for the better through his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promises that we will never be alone in this:
"I will be with you always, to the end of time." Matt 28



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Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Historic National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Launched

Catholic Professional Standards Limited (CPSL) has released (Thursday 30th May 2019) the historic National Catholic Safeguarding Standards in response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Speaking shortly after the release, CEO Sheree Limbrick said that during the Royal Commission, Catholic leaders committed to establishing nationally consistent standards and to the audit and public reporting of the compliance of Church Authorities with those standards.

"The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and their supporting criteria build on the Royal Commission's child safe standards and harmonise with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations," Ms Limbrick said.

"In addition, the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards include seven further criteria unique to the Catholic Church in response to specific Royal Commission recommendations and in light of consultations leading to the development of the Standards."

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are available on CPSL's website:

www.cpsltd.org.au/safe-church/national-catholic-safeguarding-standards/

Dates to Remember

- Thursday 6th June:** 1.30pm
Mass with Anointing of the Sick
- Sunday 9th June:** 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm
Pentecost Sunday
- Sunday 16th June:** 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm
Trinity Sunday
- Sunday 23rd June:**
Parish Feast, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Monday 24th June:**
Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
- Saturday 29th June:**
Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

Last Week's Collection: 26/05/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1360.40
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$680.90
Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal: \$514.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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First Reconciliation

The following children made their First Reconciliation last Tuesday 28th May, 2019:

Kayla Andega, Harrison Boubis, Victoria Byrne, Sienna Ear, Joshua Galvin King, Miliana Holo, Mary-Elise Kanindot, Maleah Lettellier, Liam Pablo, Franco Santos, Alana Scicluna, Tyra Tou, Tiar Tou, Tere Ingamua Tou, Julian Ventura, Remy Caithness-Christoffelsz and India Caithness-Christoffelsz. Congratulations to all of them! Let us continue to pray for them.

Thank you to the Sacred Heart teachers for preparing the children for the Sacrament and the celebration last Tuesday: Marie Petrie, Alexandra Butera, Belinda Cheoung, Jennifer DelPrete and Mark Tierney. Special 'Thank you' to Judeline Wadhvani, who for several weeks volunteered to prepare children from non-Catholic schools for this Sacrament.

Some of the children will now prepare for First Holy Communion in September this year, while others will receive Holy Communion next year when they are in Year 4.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Information Nights

Wednesday 5th June, 2019

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites parishes, individuals, movements and communities to join us for our regional ACYF information sessions. Find out all you need to know and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Eastern region: St Pius X, Heidelberg West
Wednesday 5th June, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Enquiries: acyf@cam.org.au

Bookings: <https://forms.gle/GvNJyJNN7RkTppWr8>

Download Flyer: https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ACYF19_A5_ParishInfo_Flyer%20FA%20.pdf

National Appeal for Sri Lanka

Dear Parish friends,
As we come to the end of the Easter Season, I would like to thank all parishes which have donated and offered prayers to the Church in Sri Lanka, following the Easter Bombings that left 258 people dead and many more injured and traumatised.

Parishes, individuals and organisations across Australia have so far generously raised over \$70,000. If you still want to make a donation, it is not too late. Donations can be made via www.aidtochurch.org/srilanka, or by calling 1800 101 201.

Alternatively, our bank details are:

Account name: Aid to the Church in Need

BSB: 012321 (ANZ Bank)

Account number: 008601759

#Include parish suburb, state and 'SL' in the description

Celebration of Sacred Heart Feast

The Feast of the Sacred Heart, our parish and Primary School patron feast, falls on Friday 28th June this year. We like to celebrate it as one Sacred Heart Family. As Sunday 30th June is in the Term 2 school holidays, with the permission of the Archbishop's Office, we will celebrate the Sacred Heart Feast on Sunday 23rd June.



Bring your Palms Together...

As we prepare for Pentecost, join Palms Australia to celebrate diversity, cross-cultural understanding, and our Call to peaceful development of global family.

Palms Together

Thursday June 6th from 5:30pm

Irish Times Pub

427 Little Collins St, MELBOURNE



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Alight Family Fiesta

Saturday 21st September, St Bede's College Mentone
At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, **Alight** is an event that will strengthen everyone – especially parents – to be renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family! To register or for more info, look for the Alight flyers in your parish or visit www.cam.org.au/alight19



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 8th June 2019

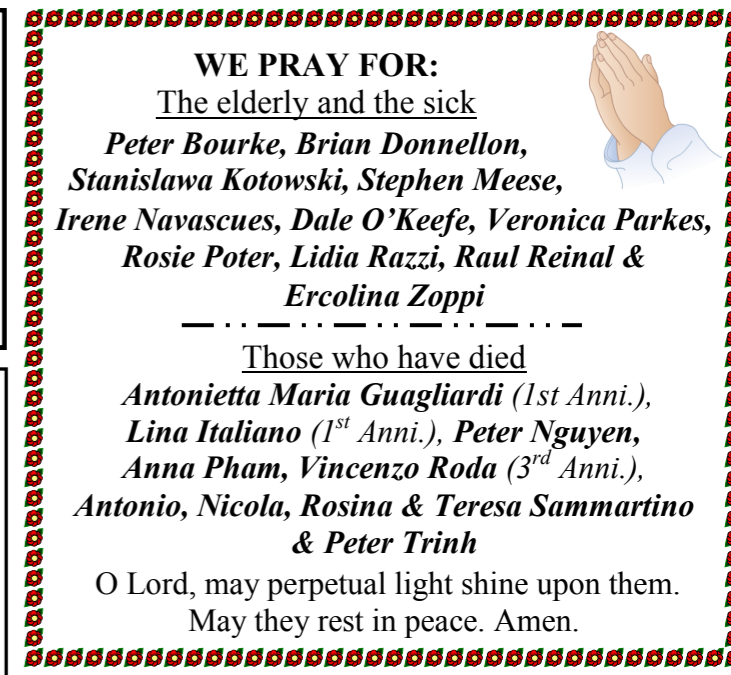
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Thank you for your help!

Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word



To be kept informed of developments, please fill out the expression of interest register in the Church foyer or contact Natalie on 0422 718 681.



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Stanislaw Kotowski, Stephen Meese, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi



Those who have died

Antonietta Maria Guagliardi (1st Anni.), Lina Italiano (1st Anni.), Peter Nguyen, Anna Pham, Vincenzo Roda (3rd Anni.), Antonio, Nicola, Rosina & Teresa Sammartino & Peter Trinh

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pondering Grief - Sat 22nd June 2019, 10am-4pm.

This Reflection Day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie, psychotherapist, supervisor, educator and author with 35 years' experience specialising in loss, grief and trauma. Cost \$80 including materials. Contact Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill. Tel: 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne

Mass Count 2019

Every year our Archdiocese requires counting Mass attendance in the month of May.

The average attendance for Sunday Masses on a particular weekend is 469 (476 in 2018):

Saturday Vigil Mass: 76 (76);
Sunday Italian Mass: 61 (64);
10.30am Mass: 162 (158) and
6pm Mass: 170 (178).

Roster for weekend of 8th - 9th June 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Ilardi L.	Recchia I. Roda G.	Mancini M.
Sun 10.30am	Eileen Stevens Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello Giovanna D'Intino	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Peter Constable Carolina Constable	Margaret Rankin Robert Dullard	Jessica Suppiah