

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1: 1-11

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

1:17-23

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

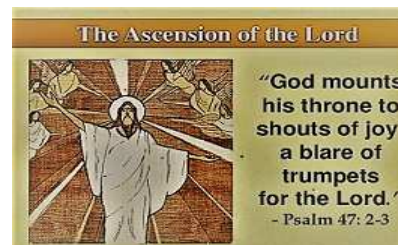
GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:46-53

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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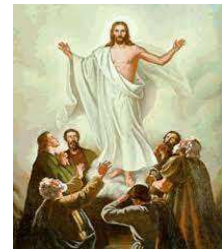
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The Ascension of the Lord – Year C

28th / 29th May, 2022

**Father,
You Led Your Son
through suffering into risen life
and took Him up to the glory of heaven.
Clothe us with the power,
promised from on high,
and send us forth as witnesses of
Jesus Christ, Your Son, the firstborn from the dead.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



FOCUS ON THE WORD: The reaction of the disciples to the absence of Jesus after his ascension is in stark contrast to the reaction they had to him leaving at his death. After his death on the cross, they shut themselves into the upper room in fear. Now they worship him and go joyfully rejoicing to the temple. Clearly now they have not lost the sense of his presence with them. Something has changed. His return to God opens the way to glory for all who believe, and this is the source of their joy. He is beyond their sight but truly with them, and he has repeated again his promise to send the help they will need to undertake their mission into the world. These final verses of Luke's Gospel introduce what will become the story of his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles: 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.' Acts tells the story of the Gospel being taken out to all the nations, a story that continues to this day. **In what ways are you just like the disciples – beginning a new journey out into the world?** In what ways is the Gospel still being taken to the ends of the earth? Live joyfully this week. Try to bring joy to others. Practise continually praising God in all the small actions of your day.

<https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/exploring-the-word/2022/the-ascension-of-the-lord-year-c/>

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

FEAST DAYS: Tuesday 31st May – The Visitation of the Virgin Mary,
Wednesday 1st June – St Justin Thurs 2nd June Sts Marcellinus and Peter
Friday 3rd June Charles Lwanga & companions

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday **No Mass**
Wed & Thurs - Communion Service 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

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BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.
Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

Next weekend: Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Please bring a little extra to support this appeal.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Fr. Eric John Hodgens PE, Joan Owens.



Those who we remember at this time:

Conchita Censon, Angelo (Andy) Zarro 1 month, Cladinollo Zollo, Lorna Feeney, Betty Cameron, Raymond Daniels, Peter Russo, Angelo Mazzone.

The sick: Cyriac Cherumanathu, George & Genevieve White, Michael Jones, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

ROSARY – MONTH OF MAY. ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays between 10am to 1pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. New friends welcomed.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Come and join us for Praise, Prayer and fellowship. We in the Parish Hall 10.15am on Tuesday Mornings. All welcome. Enquiries: Judy on 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES – ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL For those who would like to contribute electronically, this site enables you to make quick and easy online thanks-giving payments [CDF Pay Femtree Gully](#). Many thanks to all our contributors for your generous support.

CONFIRMATION NEWS 2022,

- **CONFIRMATION FAMILY NIGHT: THURSDAY 2nd JUNE**, in the School Hall. All candidates and parents **required to attend. Please bring your candidates' baptism certificate.**
- On **Sunday 5th June** (Pentecost Sunday), we will warmly welcome all **Confirmation Candidates to the 11am Mass, to receive a blessing.**
- Please keep our Candidates in your prayers as they begin formation.

CATECHIST CLASS ASSISTANCE St John the Baptist runs a catechist class for children who do not attend catholic schools. This year we are running the classes for children to receive the sacrament of confirmation. The classes are held on Wednesday at 4pm for one hour starting from the 8th June. Due to safeguarding measures, we must have more than one adult in the class at any time for this reason we are seeking extra adults to join the catechist to assist with the class, no preparation for the classes will be necessary and no teaching is necessary. For this year we have 5 classes with the last class on 13th July. If you think that you could be a part of this or have any questions, please contact Mary marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or phone: 0488119357.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 56th WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motion pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. The theme this year is: LISTENING WITH THE EAR OF THE HEART. Pope Francis said: "Last year we reflected on the need to "Come and See" in order to discover reality and be able to recount it beginning with experiencing events and meeting people. Continuing in this vein, I would now like to draw attention to another word, "listen", which is decisive in the grammar of communication and a condition for genuine dialogue." Read more here: [LVI World Communication Day](#) Sunday 29th May, 2022. Join us in this prayer on Youtube: [A Prayer for the Earth - YouTube](#)

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT, is coming on **Thursday 23rd June 2022**. This event sees business and community leaders sleep rough on one of the longest nights of the year to raise awareness and much needed funds to help change the lives of Victorians experiencing homelessness. Find out more at: [Vinnies CEO sleepout](#)



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27th May-3rd June, 2022. The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians. Some Information about the Uluru Statement from the Heart is on display in the back of the church. **You are invited on Sunday May 29 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm AEST to the [SOUNDS AND TASTES OF TORRES STRAIT](#) St Kilda Esplanade Market The Esplanade, St Kilda, Victoria**

NEW DIRECTIONS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE Save the date. Our newly formed Entertainment committee have been hard at work arranging a new fun event for our Parishioners. Come and enjoy a sumptuous feast at our "Christmas In July" event in our very own Parish Hall, on **Saturday 23rd July at 7pm**. More information to follow, but please mark it in your diaries! We know you won't want to miss the fun, fellowship, food and Carols!

BRICKLAYER NEEDED the Parish is in need of the services of a bricklayer, to repair the fence outside Fr Thomas's residence. If you know of anyone with Bricklaying skills, please ask them to contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 to arrange a quote. Your assistance to spread the word, and get a skilled tradesperson would be greatly appreciated.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is sending immediate emergency aid to strengthen the Catholic Church in **Ukraine** in its commitment to **stay on the ground and keep serving its flock in the face of material and economic war**. More info: <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

The COVID MEMORIAL MASS Celebrated last week, by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli for all those who have died during the COVID-19 pandemic, **remembered more than 1,100 names**. These were inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, with more likely to be added in the coming weeks. Read more about this at <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/more-than-1-100-names-inscribed-in-book-of-remembrance>

ROSTERS: Mon 30th May to Sun 5th June	
Flowers	Genevieve W & Gina P
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm Peter G & Wilma H 9am: Joanna C & Thelma B 11am: Anna M & Priya F
Lectors	6pm: Louise D'B 9am: Peter F 11am: Vincent M
Counters	George & Genevieve W & Bindu M
Gardening	Roger K