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The ASCENSION of the LORD 23 - 24 May 2020

The ascension of Jesus is the climax of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It is important to realise that he hasn't left us, and is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

We need help to understand this weekends feast of the Ascension its ongoing meaning to one and all. If you go to St Luke's Gospel (Today's is Matthew's 28:16-20), you will find that Luke gives us what appears to be an eye-witness account of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension stands for something real that happened to Jesus. Perhaps these thoughts may help our efforts in understanding this wonderful mystery. Life is busy with entrances and exists – Life is full of arrivals and departures. We are born, we grow, we blossom, after a period of time we grow fragile, we fade. History has revealed people enter the world full of dreams and expectations and leave with tears and sadness. Yet the joy of arriving (birth) and the pain of departing (death) help us get in touch with the Ascension of the Lord, and the feeling of the Apostles at his leaving.

During the forty days between the resurrection and the Ascension Jesus made several appearances to the apostles, teaching them about the kingdom of God and the responsibilities that lay ahead for them in guiding the church. The apostles learn they are to be his witnesses in spreading the gospel of repentance and forgiveness to the whole world regardless of race or nation. Jesus assures them that although he would no longer be visibly present in their midst, he would remain with them by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the end of time.

It's like the passing of our loved ones, whose love, teachings, values, remain ever in our hearts, our actions our lives. When reflecting on our Mother's, Father's, family members words of love, actions of sacrifice, witness to their values in serving Christ we know that in our turn, we are to do the same. Their Spirit of love warms our hearts. Jesus during his public ministry ate and drank in the company of the apostles. They experienced his love and care everyday. Although Jesus physically leaves them, they knew his spirit and love would be always with them. Through the Ascension, Jesus had assumed a new way of being to them. Jesus would be close to them, closer than they could ever have imagined.

We as full members of Christ's church know that when Jesus touches the untouchable and loves the unlovable through us, the Ascension tells us that it is God at work in and through us. When we see the efforts of so many giving care and support to those who have lost loved ones, to those who are alone, to those who are afraid throughout the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic we know God is working through so many sharing his caring spirit of love and compassion. Jesus is with us in that wonderful disciple of Christ we are aiming to be.

Please pray for Archbishop-Elect Patrick O'Regan – Installation – Monday 11.00am (Video link: <u>https://youtu.be/WaG12a-tCw4</u>)

LET US PRAY

Lord hear our prayers: send out to all the Spirit who makes us your sons and daughters, as foretold by Christ, the witness of your truth: and so bring to completion through the gospel the sanctification promised by your word. Through Christ our Lord. Love and prayers to all,

Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn, to the sick, the disabled and the elderly,

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are guarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment.

our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you! 25 May 2020

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION Friday 5 June as 7. After signing your time out, please leave the there is strict time for cleansing. Exposition Church by the front doors. will be held from 9.30 - 10.00am and from Kind regards 11.30 - 12.00noon. Intense cleaning happens Dean Peter between 10.00 to 11.00am and from 12.00noon to 1.00pm.

DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO ATTENDEES AT MASS

10 Persons only – Plus door attendant. Bookings are required—ring the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

1. Upon entry, at the side door near the kitchen, in the fover - please use hand sanitiser

2. Liturgies or prayers groups with up to TEN attendees in addition to Celebrant, Ministers, Door Attendant. Choir etc.

IN ALL CASES THE FOLLOWING **REQUIREMENTS APPLY:**

Distancing of at least 1.5 metres between attendees.

Signage at the Church entrance. specifying the maximum number permitted at any one time (10), allowing 4 square metres per person.

A Register of attendees, including:

- name

- phone number

- date

- time of attendance & departure

Reasonable time between services to allow for cleaning.

Cleaning by wiping with disinfectant:

frequently touched surfaces (at least twice a day).

- whenever a surface is visibly soiled
- immediately after a spill.

3. Appropriate seating spaces in the places pinpointed in the Church seats. Families may sit together.

4. Please keep appropriate spacing (1.5 metres) - social distancing - when going to communion. Please note: Communion is to be received on the hand only.

5. The Sign of Peace should be given with a sign of reverence for example: a respectful nodding of the head, a gentle bow.

6. Weekend planned giving envelopes, loose collection envelopes or Mass offerings can be placed in the bowls provided at the step near the Sanctuary before or after the Mass.

PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale. for your people and your Creation. Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist. Enrich us in our faith, hope and love. Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercv and grace. Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together. May we be a welcoming and serving community, always discerning and doing your will for one another. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED we are currently seeking volunteers to usher parishioners into Mass and wipe down surfaces after each Mass held in the Cathedral and our other Churches. If you have any time available for these tasks please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 or see one of the Priest's after each Mass.

MASS TIMETABLE next the evening Masses will be at 5.30pm as per normal.

Please note: Monday Masses will not be

continuing to allow the Priest's to have their day off. We are grateful for your understanding.

Weekday Masses will be held at 9.00am & 11.00am on Tuesday to Friday.

Please note: There will be no Saturday morning Mass.

In our first week it's been relatively quiet. Don't hesitate to ring or email (Sale@cdsale.org.au) the Parish Office on 5144 4100 to book a time.

FEAST OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS after Mass on Monday 25 May Rosary will follow the 9.00am Mass and 11.00am Mass.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am-12.00noon First Friday of the Month 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am-10.30am RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass , Saturday After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday 1 June: Ricardo Elgueta (A)

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Mass Timetable this week The ASCENSION of the LORD 23 - 24 May 2020

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 23 May	6.00pm	Cathedral
Sun 24 May	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Rosedale
	6.00pm	Cathedral
Mon 25 May	9.00am	Cathedral
This week only	11.00am	Cathedral
Tues 26 May	9.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
Wed 27 May	9.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
Thurs 28 May	9.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
Friday 29 May	9.00am	Cathedral
- •	11.00am	Cathedral
Sat 30 May	5.30pm	Cathedral

Bookings are required for all Masses by ringing the Parish Office on 5144 4100. Requirements for Mass attendance are listed on the front page of this bulletin.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Prayer for Archbishop-elect Patrick O'Regan

O God, the giver of all good things, We bless and thank you for Archbishop-elect Patrick, for the five years of his ministry and servant leadership among us as our Bishop in the Diocese of Sale. We thank you for the example of goodness that he has been to us and by which we have been encouraged and inspired in our journey of discipleship of your son, Jesus. May your Holy Spirit continue to grace him with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion. May he be welcomed joyfully into the Archdiocese of Adelaide, now entrusted to his care and leadership. May you continue to guide him and bless him all the days of his life. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever. Amen, Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Pauline McMullen** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ricardo Elgueta, Dean Edward Coleman, Fr Peter Kilduff, Bishop James Corbett, Fr Jim McGuigan, Fr James O'Neill.** We pray for those who are sick Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Lorna Ray, Elly Cox, Marie Adjemovic, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann (Bernie) Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

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NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS? Please let us know we'd like to meet you! NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: EMAIL: Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program If you would like to join a Family Group Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office	Barry & Annette Lett FUNERAL DIRECTORS We offer care, compassion and service with dignity, for the people of Gippsland Caring and personal 24-hour service . Chapel facilities available. 67 Macarthur Street, Sale Phone: 5143 1232 www.lettsfunerals.com.au Member Australian Funeral Directors Association

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in even to the end of the age, alleluia. 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:

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

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 :

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.

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 Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral: Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon 1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm **RECONCILIATION:** Cathedral - Saturdays Following Mass: 10.00am to 10.30am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Pentecost Sunday First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27 Gospel: John 7:37-39

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Cancelled currently due to the Coronavirus.



SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE - Bookings Required 5144 4100

Saturday: Cathedral - 6.00pm Vigil Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Sunday of the Month) Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am (Live-streamed) Sunday: Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th) Sunday Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th) Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd) Sunday: Cathedral - 6.00pm