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The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year C 28 - 29 May 2022

The ascension, the mission, and the Holy Spirit

The disciples were asked a very important question: "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?" (Acts 1:11). The disciples were busy staring into the sky in awe of what has just happened. An unbelievable truth, they have witnessed! Here the two angelic beings addressed a burning fact: continuously staring into the sky (being passive) will do no good. So today, as we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into Heaven, let us redirect our gaze from the mystery of the ascension and contemplate the mission that Jesus has entrusted to our care and how joyfully we are involved in this mission. Three themes from our texts today come to mind: the ascension, the mission, and the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples were commissioned to continue the mission begun by Jesus. They were to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins (in Jesus' name) to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). This is the task of evangelisation, also emphasised in the first reading: "...you will be my witness... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). While we may not all be involved in the verbal task of preaching the word (from a pulpit), we are all called to be involved in the task of evangelisation in one way or the other. This task/mission entrusted to the care of all disciples down the ages, to our time, is expressed in the proclamation/living out of our faith, our daily choices, and in being actively involved in our community life. The joy with which this is lived and expressed is a testimony to the depth of our encounter with the One who called and commissioned us. Pope Francis exhorts all Christians to "embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy."

As Luke recorded in his narrative of the last appearance of Jesus to his disciples, (Luke 24:50-53), the disciples "worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God. Think about Luke's choice of words here for a moment—the disciples, worship, with great joy, and blessing/praising God. Do you realise that Luke begins his Gospel with the theme of joy and thanksgiving (Luke 1:24-25, 46, 58), the same theme runs through the entire narrative, and he now ends his account on a joyful note? Luke testifies that an encounter with Jesus transforms sorrow and emptiness into joy and fulfilment. This is the kind of joy that flows from trust. This joy also flows even today for everyone who genuinely encounters Jesus. In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis states: "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew."

In our world today, even as it was in the ancient world, expressing/living out our faith with great enthusiasm and joy is not like having a bowl of ice-cream, or eating fish and chips. Actually, it can be exactly that if we allow ourselves to be filled with the Presence that enables that. This is the reason Jesus instructed that we will need to be properly equipped for the task (of witnessing)—with the Holy Spirit. The disciples were to wait till they have received the Spirit which Jesus calls "Power from on high" (Luke 24:49). This "Power" will be on them as one puts on clothing (v 49). Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, disciples (either ancient or contemporary) could not carry out the mission. Sometimes, we may feel ashamed to identify.... Other times, we may feel hurt, unqualified, angry, powerless, unappreciated, and so on. And honestly, sometimes we may even feel too old, or too young or inexperienced. With the Spirit there is always something that everyone can do/be for and in the community of believers. Let us continuously pray: Come Holy Spirit! Yes, the Holy Spirit in an integral part of the mission. Diligently, the disciples waited. We too need the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen!!
Fr Francis Otobo

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 1 June: Confirmation Final meeting & Practice 6pm

Thurs 2 June: Serra Club Mass and Meeting

Sun 5 June: Confirmation Mass 9.30am

Sun 5 June: First Sunday Cuppa by St Mary's & St Thomas' Primary Schools 9.30am

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT: If you missed the enrolment deadline for Sacraments please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 and ask to speak to Jennifer Fitzgerald St Mary's Cathedral Parish Sacramental Coordinator.

CONFIRMATION will be held on **Sunday 5 June at 9.30am**. The final meeting and practice for all those making their Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 1 June at 6pm in the Cathedral**.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: On **Sunday 5 June**, St Mary's & St Thomas' Primary Schools Sale will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in the Cathedral after the **9.30am Confirmation Mass**.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN will be opening next on **Thursday 2 June from 12.00 - 1.00pm** in the Chapter House.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 30 May to 5 June. Please pray for vocations.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT: National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit

ST MARY'S PARISH BAIRNSDALE invite you to attend the 48th Mass and Procession in honour of St Anthony of Padua on **Sunday 12 June at 11am in St Mary's Church**. Afterwards a social gathering will be held in St Mary's Pastoral Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST FELLOWSHIP we invite the Filipino family parishioners to join our family ministries called couples for Christ at the Filipino Lunch Fellowship Day at **11am on Sunday 29 May in the Chapter House**. Call Andrew on 0412 280 012 for any enquiries.

TRINTY FAMILIES COLLECTION: Thank you to all Parishioners for your continuing generosity in raising \$1,613.70 to support this special collection. Envelopes are still available in the churches if you have not yet had a chance to make a donation. Please post these to the address on the envelope.

HEART OF LIFE 'Taster Session', Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom. Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/BZAWV, or email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.

Prayer for the Synod:

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey
together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the
Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

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 mercy 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.*

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on **18 October**, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on **29 October 2022**.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Annie Bond rsj is happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or **02 89124818**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 29 May 9.30am: Maurice O'Neill (A)

Sun 29 May 5.30pm: Grace Harvey (A)

Wed 1 June 9.30am: Rose Marslen (A)

Fri 3 June 11.00am: Katie Long (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon 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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,175.00

Presbytery: \$907.20

Credit Cards: \$130.00

Direct Debits & Credits: \$730.00

Cathedral EFTpos: \$60.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C
21 - 22 May 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 28 May	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 29 May	7.00pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>WEEKDAYS</i>		
Monday 30 May	NO	MASS
Tuesday 31 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 1 June	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 2 June	5.00pm	Cathedral
Serra Club Mass		
Friday 3 June	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>		
<i>WEEKEND</i>		
Saturday 4 June		
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 5 June	9.30am	Stratford
CONFIRMATION MASS	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Following the exhortation of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and upon the blessing of our local ordinary, Bishop Greg, the leadership of the Sale Diocese Charismatic Groups invites us all to an extra-ordinary experience of the Current of Grace as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Pentecost).

As the Lord promised “you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5; see also Acts 2:1-4). This promise, Peter says, is for every one of us (Acts 2:39). This gathering affords us another great opportunity for a fresh encounter/renewal of intimacy with the Spirit. Friends, this will be an experience you wouldn't want to miss and you will never forget. God bless you as we come together to celebrate a new beginning in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Date: Saturday, 04 June 2022.

Venue: St Ita's Drouin.

Time: 10.30am start to 4.00pm

Mass to be celebrated at 2.30pm

For queries, please contact the prayer group leaders of your parish, or speak with one of the following:

Bro Lindsay (Chair, service team, 0432 375 391)
Sister Anushka (Secretary, service team, 0425 555 206)

Fr Francis (Chaplain, 0448529712).

Praise the Lord! Alleluia!!



2022 CHILD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

Get creative. Tell us what makes you feel safe and supported?

The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a competition where entries can be a poster (digital or scanned in electronic form) or video (mp4).

See entry form, ideas and support materials on www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding/child-safety-week or contact our parish safety officer, Lorel Donnelly.

Entries close **Friday 22 July 2022.**

Date & Time	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Counters
Sat 28/5 5.30pm	Marietta Dykun	Liz Tabuteau	Brenda Burditt	
Sun 29/5 9.30am	Dalia Ellison	Margaret Shirreffs	Vince Beer	
Sun 29/5 5.30pm	Please offer	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Brenda Bowden	Sue Harvey

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Fr John Readman, Margaret Lee (Stratford), Robynne Briggs (Brenda Burditt's niece)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Maurice O'Neill, Grace Harvey, Rose Marslen, Katie Long, Fr James O'Neill, Fr Cornelius Cremin, Mgr Ned Hayes.** Please pray for those who are sick **Maureen Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, John Schroeder, Kempsea Smith, Brendan Lee, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Dawn Carroll, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the 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 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:

**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 St Paul's letter 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday from 11.30am —12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Friday & Saturday morning following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year C
First Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**
2nd Reading: **Romans 8:8-17**
Gospel: **John 14:15-16, 23-26**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Each Thursday fortnight - next 2 June 2022
'Soup and Sandwiches' from **Noon -1.00pm**
Tea and Coffee provided. **All welcome.**



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.