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The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year A 20 – 21 May 2023

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

It seems that the risen Jesus remained on earth for forty days, appearing to his apostles and speaking about the reign of God. When the disciples' responsibilities were sufficiently explained, he was taken from their sight. The cloud is a traditional symbol of the presence of God. The two men in white garments who interpreted the ascension recall the two men in similar garb who announced the resurrection. In most eschatological passages, the Spirit is identified with the endtime. Here the activity of the Spirit is a characteristic of the new age, the period between the resurrection and the time of complete fulfilment.

A ritual of enthronement unfolds within this psalm. Two divine titles are invoked: Lord and Most High. The first is the personal name of the God of Israel; the second is an ancient Semitic title of excellence. The enthronement established God's rule over all the earth and all nations. The kingship of the Lord has cosmic underpinnings. The ancients believed that before creation the forces of good and evil were in mortal combat. A battle ensued from which good emerged triumphant. Following this, the cosmos was reordered, a heavenly palace was constructed, and the victor ascended the throne to rule over all. If the kingship of God was commemorated in Israel, this story would have been in the consciousness of the people.

The author of Ephesians prays for a threefold spiritual enlightenment: the hope of the calling from God; the riches of the glory of the inheritance of the holy ones; and the surpassing greatness of God's power for those who believe. These marvels have already taken place; it is for the believers to acknowledge them. The power referred to belongs to God. It was God's power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ in the place of honour in heaven; it was God's power that made all things subject to Christ and exalted Christ as head of the church. It is this same power that enables the members of Christ's exalted body to share in Christ's fullness and exaltation.

In the account of the commissioning by Jesus, the disciples returned to Galilee and see Jesus on the mountain. They worship him, but with incomplete understanding. The commission that Jesus confers is straightforward and all encompassing. The disciples are told to go out and make disciples of all nations. This will be accomplished by baptising and teaching. The disciples are told to baptise in the threefold name of the Trinity. Those baptised are plunged into the mystery of that name and recreated as new beings. Social or cultural boundaries are dissolved; ethnic and gender restrictions are lifted. The specific teaching alluded to is moral rather than doctrinal. Those who hear this teaching are to observe what Jesus commanded.

Dianne Bergant CSA



PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 20 May 10am: May Devotion, Cathedral
Sun 21 May 12pm: Parish Lunch
Sat 27 & Sun 28 May: Trinity Families Collection
Sun 28 May 9.30am: Confirmation, Pentecost Sunday
Wed 31 May 7.00pm: Reader & Commentator training, Cathedral
Fri 16 June 6pm: Parish BBQ
Sat 17 Jun 4.30pm: Altar Servers training

CHANGE TO SOME PARISH MASSES for this weekend and next weekend. **THERE WILL BE NO MASSES IN STRATFORD on Sunday 21 May or in BRIAGOLONG on Sunday 28 May.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION will be made at 9.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 28 May. Please bring a plate of food to share if you are attending this Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: We are planning a Parish BBQ on Friday 16 June at 6.00pm in the Chapter House.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am. When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will be held prior to Mass in the Cathedral at 4.30pm on Saturday 17 June and at 4.30pm on Sunday 18 June. Please let all children in Year 3 and above know about this opportunity to serve our Parish.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING will be held at a date to be confirmed in June. Stay tuned!

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays 17 - 24 June; 7 - 14 October. Teaching Meditation and Prayer Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris. To enrol or for further information: Dr Christopher Knauf, Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au

READER AND COMMENTATOR TRAINING for all readers and commentators at the Cathedral, Briagolong, Loch Sport, Rosedale and Stratford will be held in the Cathedral at 7.00pm on Wednesday 31 May. We encourage all those interested in reading or commenting, even your school age children, to come along to this training. We are in desperate need of volunteers at 5.30pm Mass on Sunday evenings. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to our roster.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Winnifred McKeever daughter of Lochie & Tanya, as well as William & Charlotte Nicholson children of Anthony & Marion. Congratulations to the families from us all.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on Thursday 1 June at 9.10am for Rosary and 9.30am Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

31 CLUB REMINDER 23 - 28 May. Please pray for vocations.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: On Sunday 4 June after 9.30am Mass, the Polish Community and St Thomas' Primary School will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and bring a plate to share.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST SUNDAY next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate that day when the Holy Spirit first descended upon the followers of Jesus, giving birth to the church. It is invariably the birthday of the church. On this day Bishop Greg will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our children. The colour of the day is RED. So please come to Mass on the day dressed in red or with a shade of red on you: shoes, jumpers, jacket, top, hair flower etc. Let the colour red fill the Cathedral, celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit. God bless you all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 21 May 9.30am: Thomas & Eileen Henebery (A's)
Sun 21 May 9.30am: Elena Gonzales (A)
Tue 23 May 9.30am: Matilde & Humberto Gatica (A's)

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.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

An Australian Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of Saint Joseph to help you enter more deeply into Mary and Julian's stories and spirituality. The opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne. Participating in 10 days of sharing a journey will draw you more deeply into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Woods and Mary MacKillop in Penola, and how their vision has unfolded. 'God is truly good to us all.' Mary MacKillop, 9.7.1873 The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information see the notice on the bulletin boards in our churches. I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 02 8912 4818 - Sr Annie Bond

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10-11am before Mass. **At Other times:** Available on request
Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,627.00
Presbytery:	\$1,169.15
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$120.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year A
20 - 21 May 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 20 May <i>May Devotion</i>	10.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 21 May <i>The ASCENSION of the LORD</i>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	NO	MASS
Monday 22 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 23 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 24 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 25 May		
Friday 26 May <i>Exposition & Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 27 May	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sun 28 May - Confirmation	9.30am	Cathedral
PENTECOST Sunday	5.30pm	Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 20 May 5.30pm	Sun 21 May 9.30am	Sun 21 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Emma Morrison	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Brenda Bowden
Counter	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

Date & Time	Sat 27 May 5.30pm	Sun 28 May 9.30am	Sun 28 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Confirmation	Claire Everard
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Confirmation	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Marietta Dykun	Confirmation	Brenda Bowden
Counter	John Dykun and John Vermaelen		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Kevin Prestney**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Katie Long, Thomas & Eileen Henebery, Matilde & Humberto Gatica, Elena Gonzales, Fr Martin Roche, Fr Patrick Moore, Fr John Readman**. We pray for those who are sick **Maira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, Madeleine Evans, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY: Father Elio Capra will conduct a formation day for catechists and others who are interested in Sacraments at St. Jarlath's Hall, Yarragon on **Saturday 17 June at 9.30 am to 3.30 pm** Cost is \$10 per head and catering is provided. Please contact Barbara [Durand on 0414965079 or barbarad@sale.catholic.org.au or book with Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CHWBF>

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: Sunday gospel reflections written by the clergy, religious and laymen and women of our diocese are published weekly through the diocesan website and the diocesan Facebook page enabling us to reflect and prepare ourselves on the Gospel before we get to the weekend masses. The link to our website is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/sunday-gospelreflections> and the link to our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale>

THE ANNUAL TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL is held during May each year. Trinity Families, was established by the Diocese of Sale to provide support for families within our region. A leaving collection will be held at all Parish Masses on the weekend of **27 & 28 May**. Envelopes are available in all churches if you prefer this option.

For more information about the Catechist Formation Day refer to the Posters in each parish Church.

**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.

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. **All: Thanks be to God**

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. All: Thanks be to God

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 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A

1st Reading: **Acts: 2:1-11**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

Gospel: **John 20:19-23**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

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.