

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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The Ascension of the Lord

29th May 2022

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 [Acts 1:1-11](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Second Reading [Eph 1:17-23](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 24:46-53](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

Communion Antiphon

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

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

In today’s First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus’ appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus’ saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit’s descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: “in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church’s attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation or the act of making amends for our failings, is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God’s children. To live that divine life, we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit, we must be purified through Baptism.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called “illumination” or “enlightenment” because of the light that came with God’s saving grace. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as the Ascension leads to Pentecost: “May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,” he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their “hope” is “his inheritance among the holy ones,” the saints who have been adopted into God’s family and now rule with Him at the Father’s right hand. This is the “good news” the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It’s the good news we must spread today.

Wisdom from the Saints: “God is really present in the Host just as He is in the glory of heaven.” *St Pascal Baylon 1540 – 1592 was a shepherd before entering religious life at 24 and is patron of Eucharistic Societies & Shepherd*

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068
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Recent Deaths: John Galvin
Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns,
Joan Bathgate and Marj Hynam 🙏
May our healing God touch the lives of our sick
bringing them comfort & peace.

Pentecost Sunday 5th June – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am
Reader: Marlene O'Callaghan
Prayers of the Faithful: Margaret Prentice
Offertory Procession: Brady Family
Projectionist: Carmel Vallance

Collections: 22nd May
U'Bool: \$35.00
Ouyen: \$203.00
Planned Giving: \$210.00

Church Cleaning:
June: John & Merrill Boland
Presbytery Cleaning:
June: Ellen Bonica

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be
available after the Friday Mass for
Reconciliation, after the 11:00am Masses, or at
any other time by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00pm with the
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at
4:00pm; all welcome.

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you
the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
offered at all the Masses throughout the world
for the Holy atonement, and to protect Australia
from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from
every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn
~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For Faith-Filled Young People - We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Mass Timetable

Wk 1	Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 st Friday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 4	U'Bool	Mass	9:00am	Sunday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

More opportunities for Mass: each Friday at
10:am

Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with
any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to
enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a
much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for
dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those
with gofers we would ask you to **please use the
gravel to drive on**, rather than the pavers which are
too narrow and have a dangerous lip. If you are
aware of any other potential hazards please notify:
Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

Some Punny Funs:

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing
now.
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went.
Then it dawned on me.
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just
can't put it down.

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Ordinations to the Priesthood: Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. Please keep both Bill and Matt in your prayers as they draw closer to their ordination.

Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for their first Reconciliation: **Chloe Brady, Matilda Brady, Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.** This week we are focusing on: 'The Garden of our Heart/Soul' and how Jesus helps us as the divine gardener to become aware of and remove the weeds and thorns that grow as a result of our daily lives. The sacrament of Reconciliation makes this possible and also repairs the damage done to us through our ordinary faults and failings; it helps us be the best person we can be and realise the potential of who we were made to be.

This week begins Prayer for Christian Unity week: The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" As there is nothing official planned for our churches let's take this opportunity to pray for those in the churches around us and for the re-uniting of our churches once again.

Thank You: On behalf of Caritas Australia, thank you for your generous support of Project Compassion 2022. You have participated in the service of charity, working to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities to support themselves in spite of every challenge. Your kind donation has helped change lives and will have an impact on All Future Generations.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop: 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. For more information see the brochure on the board at the back of the church.

Walking in the Spirit: As we are approaching the lead-up to the final Assembly of the Plenary Council in July, people across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. I ask you to pray specifically that all members of the Council will put aside any personal agendas and be truly open to what God is asking of us as 'the Church in Australia'. The "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign runs until the opening of the Second Assembly, on Sunday, July 3. You can find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit/

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN has launched its "Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow " global campaign. For 75 years, the benefactors of *Aid to the Church in Need* have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees



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