

# Reflections on the Gospel

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** Mt 28:19, 20  
Alleluia, alleluia! / Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. / Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 28:16-20  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

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 commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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## 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.*

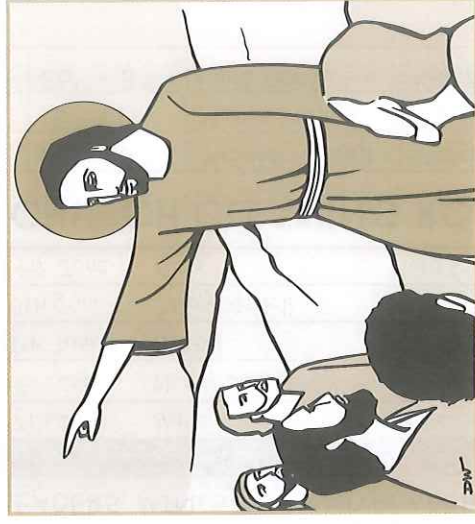
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for 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 of 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.'

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# THE SAVING WORD



## RESP PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

**R.** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia.)

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

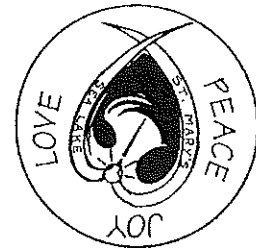
## SECOND READING

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.*

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



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**Mass & Assembly Times**

Culgoa	9.30am Assembly
Nandaly	9.00am Assembly
Sea Lake	9.30am Assembly
<b>1st Sunday</b>	
Culgoa	9.30am Assembly
Nandaly	9.00am Assembly
Sea Lake	9.30am Assembly
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	
Culgoa	9.30am Assembly
Nandaly	9.00am Mass
Sea Lake	10.30am School Mass
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	
Culgoa (Sunday)	5.00pm Mass @ Nullawill
Nandaly	9.00am Assembly
Sea Lake	9.30am Assembly
<b>4th Sunday</b>	
Culgoa	6.00pm Friday Mass
Nandaly	9.00am Assembly
Sea Lake	6.00pm Saturday Mass
<b>5th Sunday</b>	
Culgoa	9.30am Assembly
Nandaly	9.00am Assembly
Sea Lake	10.00am (Eucharistical Service)

**World Environment Day - Monday, June 5, 2017**  
 The Diocesan Ecological and Sustainability Group invite all parishes of the diocese to celebrate World Environment Day on Monday, June 5, 2017. The theme for World Environment Day 2017 is Connecting People to Nature - in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator. Could you please note this on parish bulletins and if possible pray for the environment at the weekend Masses on the first weekend in June. The following is Pope Francis' prayer from Laudato Si' (A prayer for our earth). Further information on global actions can be found at: <http://worldenvironmentday.global>

**"Lessons from the Long Paddock" conference**  
 The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes is offering an conference online event called "Lessons from the Long Paddock" on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This conference opens the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. This conference draws participants to seek Christ at the heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to trust that individuals have all they need to begin the journey into constant conversion. The conference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Mwacheth Green OSPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback spirituality. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecth, Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information please contact Kate on ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/> More information attached.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
 We pray to God for the healing and renewed health of all our sick parishioners and friends.  
**Special prayers for**  
 Kathleen Lowery, Elaine King, Bill Causser, Michael O'Callaghan,  
 Chloe Martin, Georgia Fraser  
 Letitia Gaskin, Ken Stacey and Foye Dettman.  
**Anniversaries that occur about this time.**  
 Thomas Burns, Leslie Woodburn, John McLoughlan, Herbert Roberts, John Wise, Kevin Byrne, Hugh Woodburn, Cornelius Ryan, John Joseph O'Loughlin, Loma Graves, Michael McInerney, Patrick Conlan, George Giddings, Bernice Ledwith and John MacDonald

**ASSEMBLY, LEADERS, MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER**

Mass 6.00pm	27th May	Mass	Maria Dorigo	TBA
Assembly	4th June	Nancy Summerhayes	Jenny Newell	TBA
Mass 10.30am	11th June	School	Maureen Allan	School
Assembly	18th June	Jenny Newell	Nancy Summerhayes	TBA
Mass 6.00pm	24th June	Mass	Marg Rinaldi	TBA

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

May/ June	29th + 5th	Melanie Crowe	Margot Mckenzie
June	12th + 19th	Maria Dorigo	Jenny Newell
June/ July	26th + 3rd	Lana Durie	Kim McInerney

**A prayer for our earth:**  
 All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

**PARISH PRAYER**  
 God our Father  
 through the intercession of  
 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.  
 Our patron, we pray  
 that you bless our Parish  
 so that we may love you more.  
 Help parents to be  
 good examples to their children  
 and our youth to grow in strength  
 as good Christians.  
 Encircle our families  
 with your loving care.  
 To the sick  
 and the weak  
 grant health.  
 To the aged,  
 bring serenity,  
 and to those in sorrow, joy.  
 May we grow stronger in faith  
 and may our love for one another  
 become deeper in our daily living.  
 Amen

**COLLECTIONS**  
 21st May 2017  
 ( 3 weeks )  
 Parish \$ 226.25  
 Presbytery \$ 233.65  
 CAN ALL BOXES AND ENVELOPES  
 FOR EASTER, PLEASE BE RETURNED