



Dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp

A seven-day candle now burns before our Lord in the Infant Jesus church tabernacle. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning for a week in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a special intention, place \$10 in one of the special envelopes which are available at the Koroit church entry. The dedication may be public (printed in the bulletin) or anonymous.

Statement on Paul David Ryan

Over the past week a number of media articles have mentioned one of our former clergy and his association with sexual abuse. Once again this brings sorrow to our diocesan community and awakens past hurts and violations for survivors and their families. On such occasions for many, a loss of confidence and trust in church leadership comes to the fore, as does a loss in their confidence in belonging to the church community.

In this time of remorse we wish to assure people that the diocese is making every effort to secure a safe passage for all in our future endeavours to live as the People of God.

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon 17th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Tue 18th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Wed 19th	None
Thu 20th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri 21st	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's (No confessions at St Pius X)
Sat 22nd	10am to 11am, St Pius X

SUNDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION

Saturday Vigil Masses	
6:00pm	Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
6:30pm	Infant Jesus, Koroit
Sunday Morning Masses	
8:30am	St Joseph's, Warrnambool
9:00am	St Patrick's, Port Fairy
9:00am	Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
10:00am	St Joseph's, Warrnambool
10:30am	St Pius X, West Warrnambool
Sunday Evening Mass	
6:00pm	St Joseph's, Warrnambool

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St Patrick's, Port Fairy and Infant Jesus, Koroit are child-safe parishes.

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The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th May, 2021

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

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

Ps 46(47):2-3,6-9

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

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

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-13

We are all to come to unity, fully mature in the knowledge of the Son of God

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the

Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

*Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.



THE ASCENSION & OUR HOPE OF HEAVEN

Fr Francis Fernandez

In a sermon to commemorate today's solemnity St Leo the Great said: *Today we are not only made possessors of Paradise but with Christ we have ascended, mystically but also really, to the highest Heavens and have won through Christ a grace more wonderful than the one we had lost.* (St Leo the Great, *Homily I on the Ascension.*)

The Ascension strengthens and nourishes our hope of attaining Heaven. It invites us always to lift up our heart, as the preface of the Mass says, and seek the things that are above. Our hope is great because Christ himself has gone to prepare a dwelling place for us. (cf John 14:2)

Jesus is in Heaven with his glorified Body, with the signs of his redemptive sacrifice (cf Rev 5:6) and with the marks of his Passion: marks which Thomas could see and touch, marks which bring about our salvation. The Sacred Humanity of Christ has its natural place in Heaven but he who gave his life for us awaits us there. *Christ awaits us. We are 'citizens of Heaven'* (Phil 3:20), *and at the same time fully-fledged citizens of this earth, in the midst of difficulties, injustices and lack of understanding, but also in the midst of the joy and serenity that comes from knowing that we are children of God ... If, in spite of everything, Jesus' ascension into*

Heaven leaves a certain taste of sadness in our souls, let us go to his Mother, as the Apostles did. They returned to Jerusalem ... and they prayed with one mind ... together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. (St. Josemaría Escrivá, *Christ is passing by*, 126.)

The hope of Heaven will fill our day with joy. We will imitate the Apostles who, in the words of St Leo the Great, benefitted so greatly from the Ascension of our Lord that all that beforehand had caused them fear now caused them joy. *From that moment on, their souls were fixed in contemplation on the divinity seated at the right hand of the Father; the very vision of his body was no obstacle to their believing with their minds illumined by faith that Christ had not separated himself from his Father when he descended, and had not separated himself from his disciples when he ascended.* (St Leo the Great, *Sermon 74*, 3.)

Jesus departs, but he remains close to each of us. In a special way we find him in the Tabernacle, perhaps in one not far from where we live or work. Let us have recourse to him there, even though often we cannot go physically but only with our heart, and ask him to help us in our apostolic endeavours. Let us tell him that he can count on us to make known his teaching everywhere we go.

The Apostles returned to Jerusalem in the company of Mary. With her they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let us too prepare for the coming of Pentecost staying close to our Lady.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Ascension of the Lord	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Helen Carey	David Ryan
First & Second Readings	Gerard Auld	Angela Hutchison
Procession of Gifts		M. & K. Moyle
Holy Communion	Jenny Auld	Tony Hutchison
Cleaning & Flowers		Beth Conlan & Janine Maloney

**50th
ANNIVERSARY
1971-2021**

Fr Michael's Golden Jubilee

Next Sunday 23rd May at St Pius X Church, there will be a commemoration of Fr Michael Linehan's ordination to the priesthood on 22nd May 1971, fifty years ago. Fr Michael will preside at the 10:30am parish Mass, and there will be a morning tea afterwards. All welcome.

Recent deaths: Veronica Barker, Ron Earl, Bernard Smith, Pat Stanhope.

Anniversaries: George Douglas, Mary Lumsden.



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