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The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

29 May 2022

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

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

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

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

or:

(R.) *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

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 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.

or Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

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.*

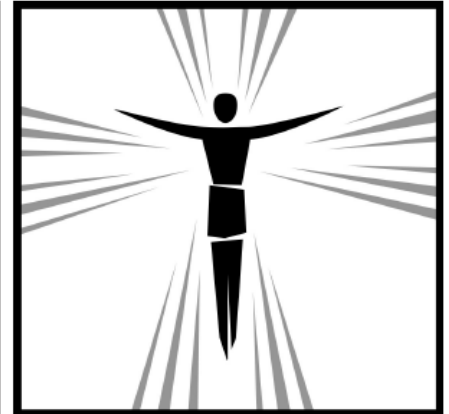
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.

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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

“Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love”

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Sat 10.30am—11.00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 30/5	Mass or Comm Service	6.00pm
Tues 31/5	Holy Hour Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass or Comm Service	6.00pm
Wed 1/6	Mass or Comm Service	6.00pm
Thur 2/6	Mass or Comm Service	6.00pm
Frid 3/6	Mass or Comm Service	10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 28th May First Communion Students
Sun 29th May Valoia family

Sat 4th June Sarah Richards
Sun 5th June AM Carroll

MESSAGE FROM PARISH HEADQUARTERS

Mons Peter continues to make good progress in his recovery from recent hospitalization and is coming to terms with the cancellation of his license.

He is a little more housebound now and has more time for his greatest love, his reflective reading.

However, he loves to socialize, so if you are out and about and have a bit of spare time, he would love to be swept off down the town for a coffee and a chat.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27th—2nd June

BE BRAVE, MAKE CHANGE

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and to elders past and present, and we pay tribute to the unique role they play in the life of this region. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land as they have done for so many thousands of years.



RECONCILIATION WEEK is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

- Today I will treat everyone equally and fairly.
- Today I will respect the rights of others no matter who they are.
- Today I will be sensitive and thoughtful to those around me.
- Today I will see people and not colours or race or clothes labels.
- Today I will speak out against racism, discrimination and injustice.
- Today I won't shut out someone because they don't fit with my group.
- Today I won't laugh at racist jokes.
- Today I won't make fun of someone who cannot speak

MAY is the MONTH of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This is a fitting time to begin
to recite the ROSARY
on a daily basis



ANNUAL MASS COUNTS

We are once again required to do our Annual Mass Count for Bishop Shane.

This is required for our pastoral planning activities and we ask for your patience as our volunteers conduct this task for the next 2 weeks.

Congratulations Tom Dumaresq

For being recognized with a special plaque and inducted into the Hall of Excellence at Assumption College, Kilmore on 29th April, 2022

Tom has been involved with Overseas Aid and was a Foundation Member of the Assisi Aid Project when it was formed 35 years ago. He has travelled to India 8 times and supported Sister Stella to establish the formation of a dairy farm in Tamil Nadu, South India with the object of getting cows into villages so kids could have access to fresh milk each day.

He supported groups of 20 women in their villages to become financially independent and self sufficient in being able to feed their families. 1400 groups were set up totaling 28,000 women. Tom was so proud of their progress as some went on to set up cottage industries, market gardens and mini supermarkets.

Tom has received an Environmental Award for raising awareness of these issues and was awarded the Tree Grower of the Year in 1992 after planting 50,000 native trees on his farm at Undera.

Tom loves to give back to his community and has been a Justice of the Peace for over 45 years and is still active in that role now.

TOM, YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US, AND ST. MARYS MOOROPNA SALUTES YOU

Thomas (Tom) Dumaresq OAM
Environmentalism and Humanitarianism
Last Year Attended 1956

Tom Dumaresq was a founding member of the philanthropic organisation Assisi Aid Projects with Sr Stella Ettadu, which began its work teaching women in India to farm, with the intention of improving food security in local communities. Over time, Assisi Aid Projects expanded its operations to work with local partners in Cambodia, India and Timor Leste to deliver women's empowerment projects in agriculture, education, health and microfinance aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty in these countries. After the 2004 Tsunami, he was involved in a fundraising project to help people in Southern India replace fishing boats and protect their livelihoods.



WINTER NIGHT SHELTER, 2022

Will provide food & shelter for homeless men during June, July & August, 2022.

St. Mary's & Mooroopna Uniting Church will provide this service to our guests (homeless men) on Tuesday nights at Ardmona Community Complex.

WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO :-

- Prepare Venue
- Provide & Serve Evening Meal
- Prepare Breakfast and clean up
- Bus drivers to drive guests from Salvation Army to Ardmona, and return the following morning
- To stay overnight from 10.00pm to 7.00am



FOR INFORMATION

Phone Cathie 0434 343 327
or email catmcmaster@bigpond.com

All volunteers are required to register online.
Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/XGL9XhFW8h7QzdDr6>

Quote of a Saint on the Ascension

"On this day has ascended to heaven the new and spiritual bread, and all the mysteries have been revealed in your Body, raised like an offering. Blest be this bread, O Lord! As light falling from heaven, he was born of Mary, like a divine seed, fell from the cross like a ripe fruit, and was raised to heaven as one raises the first fruits."

St Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church (d. 373)



CONGRATULATIONS

We pray for
**Brandon Doherty
and
Cooper Smith**

Who will be celebrating
the Sacrament of First
Eucharist this Saturday

Congratulations

and welcome to

Olivia Vigliaturo

Who will be baptized
this weekend.



MARY MacKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE
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OPEN DAY

Saturday, 18th June, 2022,
10.00am to 4.00pm

Call 03 9926 9300

FURTHER INFORMATION ON NOTICE BOARD



Readings for this week:

Acts 1:1-11
Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53



Readings for next week:

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16,23-26

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Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Keane, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Mary McGrath, Dawn Sandilands, Odino Antonello, Fr Steve Bohan, Parish Priest at Yarrowonga

Recently Deceased Gerard Murphy, (Kevins brother) Marj McKenzie (Masons great grandmother)

Anniversaries : Merv Janke—2nd anniversary

ALTAR HELPERS 4th June Not required **11th June** Marg & Michael McCarty

BINGO June 4th Cecily Davis, Daniel Carrafa, Graeme Quinlan, Maureen Ball, Trish Renshaw

28th May & 29th May	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Imelda Valoia	Kevin Murphy	Ester Janke	Students
10.00 am	Liz Turk	Cecily Dumaresq	Margaret Campbell Maree Williams RP Inez Raleigh RP	Valoia Family
4th & 5th June				
6:30 pm	John Valoia	Margaret Campbell	Miriam Hogarty	Merv & Pam Cormick
10.00 am	Tom Dumaresq	Rosemary Wingrave	Marg Lee Rob O'Meara RP Cecily Dumaresq RP	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq