BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Ascension of the Lord - Year A

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergeant CSA



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 end time. 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.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass & 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass (Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

Saturdays at 10.30am

No Baptism during Lent

Other Time

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Sacrament of Marriage

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6pm Vigil Mass - Ryan Gonsalves 0423 708 777 7:30am Mass - Marie Chaperon- 9313 4585 9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065 11am Chinese Mass

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ROSTER		Weekend 20/21 May	Weekend of 27/28 May
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	J Molony	J Molony
	Sun 9.00am	S McLlheney	S McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	Jim Kelly
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	Maria Fernandes
Counters		D & B Molony	Sharon & Ryan Moore

Parish Calendar				
May Mon 22	8.00am	Communion Service (7th week of Easter) Church		
Tue 23	8.00am	Communion Service (7th week of Easter) Church		
Wed 24	8.00am	Mass (Our Lady, Help of Christians) Church		
Thu 25	8.00am	Mass (7th week of Easter) Church		
Fri 26	8.00am	Mass (St Philip Neri) Church		
Sat 27	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Pentecost Sunday - Year A) Church		
Sun 28	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (Pentecost Sunday - Year A) Church		
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Pentecost Sunday - Year A) Church		
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (Pentecost Sunday - Year A) Church		



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to
keep you fit and active with the help of
Francis and Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm All parishioners are most welcome For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838



2023 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them

First Holy Communion

9.00am Sunday, 11 June 2023 Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm 25 May 2023

First Reconciliation 10.30am-12.30pm Saturday 28 October 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023 Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm 12 October 2023

Catholic Charasmatic Renewal

CCR Pentecost Mass Gosnells Parish Sunday 28th May

Charismatic Renewal will conduct a *Praise, Mass & Healing prayer* event at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Gosnells, commencing with praise at 2:30pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm, with healing prayer teams available after Mass, followed by Tea & Coffee

What a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Church at that first Pentecost!

A collection will be taken up to defray costs and support the ministry

Queries to Dan 0409849049

Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00pm

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm



Congratulations to all our children who are preparing for their Confirmation on Saturday, 27th May at 6.00pm. May they be blessed with a deeper understanding of commitment to their FAITH

We would also like to thank parents and teachers who have been preparing the children for their special day

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference has broadened safeguarding
to include adults at risk. ALL church
workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend
a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church
worker is anyone in the parish in any role

paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction
Or phone 9221 7762 to book in

First Reading

Acts 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.'

Responsorial 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.
- 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.)
- 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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 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

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.'

Reflection for Young People By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why was it important for Jesus to 'commission' his disciples to continue his work?
- Q. What is the connection between the coming of the Holy Spirit and the disciples being witnesses?
- Q. How do you understand 'being a witness to your faith'?
- Q. How are you able to witness to what you believe in your every-day activities?
- Q. Who is a person you know who could be described as witnessing to their faith?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend of 27/28 May 2023 Pentecost Sunday - Year A

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

20
Jesus is with me when
Jesus is with me when
Jesus is with me when