

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4: 1-13

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia.

Andate e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, dice

il Signore. Ecco, io sono con voi tutti i

giorni, fino alla fine del mondo.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$840.00

- Loose Money..... \$237.00

2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$414.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 24/05/09

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba

9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & T Forte

10.30am (SUN) – G Canavan & A Vinelli

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin

S LoBartolo, A DeCata & L Calafiore

S Rottura, G Santinon & L De Marco

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 31/05/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch

9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & M Crupi

10.30am (SUN) - D Lucato & A DeCata

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba

L Catena, L Cavedon & A DiRico

C McMahon, S Miano D Herbert

CHURCH CLEANERS

30/05/09 R DeZan & A Natoli

MONEY COUNTERS

25/05/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

01/06/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio, J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lucia BUCELLO, Noel KEARNEY, Fr Desmond JENKINS,

Antoinette SOLER (d. Malta)

ANNIVERSARIES

Silvio NATOLI, Caterina IOZZI, Tonino & Carolina NAPOLITANO, Rosalia SCOTT,

Gaetan CAMILLERI, Carlo, Pasquale & Laura MARIANI,

Francesco, Franca & Michela INDOMENICO, Joseph PHAM, Annarosa & Pietro SCHIAVONE,

Antonietta & Francesco CUNTO

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Sat 6.00pm - English

Sun. 9.00am - Italian

Sun. 10.30am - English

Fr Emmanuel Bonello–Parish Priest

Sr Doreen Bentley-Pastoral Associate

Mr Peter Chowne -School Principal

Mrs Liz Pistoni – Parish Secretary

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon. 9.10am Comm. Service

Tue. 10.00am Italian

Wed. 9.10am - English

Thur. 9.10am - English

Fri. 9.10am - English

Sat. 8.30am - English

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am



Ascension, Year B

24 May, 2009

Time to move on

Hopefully there have been times in all our lives when we would willingly have stood still: those occasions when we say: ‘Why can’t it always be like this?’ Photography and film and all their more sophisticated modern developments now make it possible for us to recapture those moments.

But human beings have always been able to recapture such experiences in the mind’s eye. It is clear from their accounts in the New Testament that there were certain highpoints that captured the imagination of Jesus’ disciples in this way. At the Transfiguration, Peter was so in awe of what was happening that he suggested building tents for Jesus and their visitors. It was as if he just wanted to cling onto the experience and stay on the mountain. He soon realised that was not possible, just as we do with our experiences. Having to move on is a challenge that repeatedly faces us. Parting from loved ones always has something of the bereavement experience about it, and of course the ultimate bereavement comes with death itself. It is then that we may gather the memorabilia to try and keep the person alive in our minds, but we know that the key is not really in the photographs or the videos – treasured as they may be – but rather in the depths of our hearts. It is there that the love lives on. But it may take time to enter those depths especially if death is unexpected or tragic. For example, when a child dies some parents can only withdraw and console themselves with their memories, while others find new energy and determination. These may use their child’s memory to try and ensure that others do not suffer a similar fate, fighting for advancements in medical science or improvements in road safety. No matter what the cause, it would seem that the tragedy becomes the springboard that gives new meaning to their lives. There is something of a parallel here with what happened for the disciples after the death of Jesus. In spite of the rumours of his resurrection, they begin to withdraw in fear and talk about returning to their previous ways of life. However, gradually Jesus fills in the blank spaces for them and helps them put the picture together. His Ascension provides the springboard for them to move on. ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?’ Mark’s account of the Ascension is particularly interesting because it was almost certainly added to the original text at a later date. It confirms that there is work to be done – the same work that Jesus was doing when he was on earth. But the original text of Mark ended with the women withdrawing from the empty tomb so afraid that they could not bring themselves to tell the disciples what they had experienced. Mark’s message was that no matter how difficult and uncertain things become, the Gospel now has to be written around the story of their lives and their faithfulness to Jesus. And that is the challenge for us too.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Christian Chirico** child of Anthony and Jenny, and **Stephen Muleta-Koumanias** child of Daniela, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 1 June at 7.30pm in the Church.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 25 May 7.30pm – Angela Crea.(1mth)

Friday 29 May – 7.30pm –Rocco Caminiti (1mth)

Saturday 30 May-6.00pm- Irene Rigoni (1 yr)

EUCCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS

This Weekend at the 6.00pm and 10.30am Masses the children of our parish preparing for First Eucharist will be presented to the parish community. We pray for them as they prepare for their First Eucharist which will be celebrated on **Sunday 21 June at 10.30am and 2.00pm.**

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL PREP ENROLMENTS 2010

St Joseph the Worker School is opening enrolments to any families in the Parish who may have a child starting in Prep 2010, on Monday 18th May.

The closing date for enrolments is Friday 29th May. Enrolment forms are available during office hours, from the School Office, or you may ring on 9460 7506 to have an enrolment form sent to you.

Peter Chowne – Principal.

RINGRAZIAMENTO FESTA DELLA MADONNA DI FATIMA - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA THANK YOU

Solenne e devota la celebrazione di Nostra Signora di Fatima svotasi Domenica scorsa in Parrochia. I presenti hanno partecipato con grande amore alla funzione e alla processione con la fiaccolata che ci ricorda le celebrazioni di Fatima e di Lourdes. Il nostro ringraziamento ai sacerdoti, al coro, al comitato Italiano, al fotografo, e a tutte le persone che hanno donato per i fiori, dolci, e altre spese. Ai meravigliosi pastorelli e angioletti. Arriverderci prossimamente per la Festa di Sant'Antonio. La Vergine Madre benedica a tutti.

Thank you to all who participated at the feast of Our Lady of Fatima last Sunday 17 May, it was a very moving and beautiful ceremony

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì prossimo 26 Maggio ore 9.00am Adorazione Eucaristica in capella, seguita dalla Santa Messa celebrata in onore di Santa Rita.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FEASTS

Monday 25 May – Mary Help of Christians

Tuesday 26 May – St Philip Neri

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR WASHING & IRONING

The Liturgy Team are in the process of organising and arranging the store rooms around the Church. We have Altar Servers gowns, Materials and Costume items that need to be washed and ironed. We are looking for assistance from any parishioner that can take a few items home to wash. If you can help, please contact the parish secretary Liz at the Parish Office on 9460 3013.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

The title 'Help of Christians' was first used in the 16th century by Pope Pius V. In 1815 Pope Pius VII established the feast day of 'Mary Help of Christians'. The early church in Australia was nurtured by a strong devotion to Mary and the rosary and in 1844 invoked 'Mary Help of Christians as the Patroness of Australia. Let us pray that God will deepen our love of Mary Help of Christians, and that through her intercession Australia will be granted harmony, justice and peace.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation. He did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God's right hand. That already happened at his resurrection. We cannot even begin to grasp the scope of this mystery. Therefore, throughout the Easter season we focus our attention first on one aspect of the mystery and then on another. On Easter we concentrate on Jesus' victory over sin and death; today we contemplate his enthronement. On Pentecost we will reflect on the gift of the Spirit.

The flow of today's readings carries us through the message to this feast. First we stand with the disciples gazing up at the sky, not knowing what has happened or what it might mean for us. In the second reading Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation. Then in the Gospel reading we ponder the commission given first to the disciples and then to us: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel." How do we fulfil the commission, given by Jesus at the time of his Ascension, to proclaim the Gospel?

Excerpt from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant

Fellowship Meal of Jews and Catholics

Guest Speakers: Archbishop Denis Hart and Rabbi Yaakov Glasman

Sunday 31 May 2009 at 7.00 pm

at Beth Weizmann Community Centre

306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South

Tickets: \$50.00 (Kosher meal)

All members of the Jewish and Catholic communities welcome.

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