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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week

Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass; Saint Matthias;
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Communion Service;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary;
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary;
Pentecost Sunday	9.30 AM	Mass,
	5.30 PM	Mass;
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses.	

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanks Giving Offering	\$1,099.60
Presbytery Offering	\$940.15
Thank you for your commitment and support	

Next Week's Reading

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

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

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BAPTISMS *(Baptism requires a months' notice)*

Upcoming baptism:

Laundry in **April**

Church Cleaning —

Week's Roster

	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Chatarina Pereira	Amber S Taab	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Joe Connoly	Joseph Nayna	Fiona Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Jane Cassar	Wilson Fernandez
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Volunteer	Belinda Liew	Volunteer
	Reader	Kate Robinson	Sheryn Disanayake	Volunteer
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Volunteer

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Clyde Pereira, Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James.

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us: Karleen Robinson; Maria Baldacchino, Antonia Cassar, Joseph Cassar.



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B

12 MAY 2024

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

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.

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 Mk 16: 15-20

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

'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 is 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

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us. Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'. At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body. The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time. We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm

- Open the eyes of my heart Text printed

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Anima Christi Text printed

COMMUNION SONG

- Communion song Text printed

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Mother's Day-What a day! Text printed

FINAL SONG

- Shout to the Lord Text printed

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am

- Alleluia No. 1 No 15; Page 18

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Be not afraid No 114; Page 112

COMMUNION SONG

- Hail Mary, Gentle Woman Text attached

FINAL SONG

- Hail Redeemer, King Divine Text printed

HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

HAIL REDEEMER, KING DIVINE

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blest is the fruit of your
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Chorus:

Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star, so strong and
bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
Teach us wisdom; teach us love.
1. You were chosen by the Father;
You were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
And for woman, shining one.
2. Blessed are you among women,
Blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is
thine;
King, whose reign shall never
cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
Refrain:
Angels, saints and nations
sing :
"Praised be Jesus Christ our
King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

2. King, whose name creation
thrills,
Rule our hearts, our minds,
our wills;
Till in peace, each nation rings
With Thy praises, King of
kings.

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm

- Praise to You, O Christ No 28;
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PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- One Bread, One Body No 129;
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COMMUNION SONG

- How great thou art No 94;
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COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

FINAL SONG

- Sing to the mountain No 92;
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CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL 2024

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria,
please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Parish Office Temporary Change

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, 16th May.
due to the Parish Administration Forum.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience it may cause.

Sing Your Praise to God!

Please pick up a copy of the newsletter and 'As One Voice' hymn book at the entrance and join us in the singing during mass.

Even better, do come and join our choir! We practice 45 minutes before mass either on Saturday or Sunday. All are welcome!

Please contact :

Cheryl 0422 724 572 or Thien 0434 998 317

PARISH NOTICES

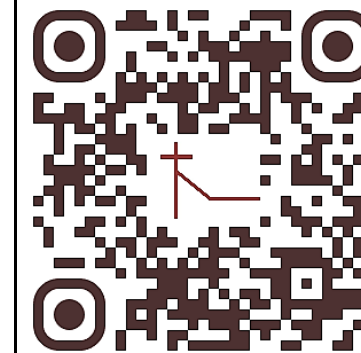
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday 11.30am - 3.30pm
 Thursday 8.45am - 12.45pm
 Friday 11.30am - 3.30pm

St. Elizabeth's Parish Donation QR Code

We're excited to introduce a new QR Code for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving, Special Collections, or the Priests Retirement Fund.**

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community. Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently. For additional information check our Parish Notice Board in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness and support.



PILGRIMAGE – SAINTS OF ITALY, MARIJA BISTRICA & MEDJUGORJE

Tues, 1/10/2024 to Tues, 22/10/2024.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – FATHER GEORGE JAMES,
Sacred Heart Parish, Thornlie

The first part of the pilgrimage will cover The Great Saints of Italy and will include Rome (Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, St. Alphonso, etc), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Assisi (St. Francis of Assisi), Sienna (St. Catherine), Padua (St. Anthony), Venice (St. Mark), etc. We will also visit Our Lady of Revelation, Manopello, Lancia-no, Loreto and the Shrine of the Mystical Rose. The second part of the pilgrimage will see us drive through Slovenia to spend two nights in Marija Bistrica (Croatia) and then to Medjugorje (Hercegovina) for a week. If you wish to join us for the pilgrimage,

Please contact **Pilgrimage Coordinators, EDMAN/RADHA ANTHONY** at **0424 437 251** and/or email edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com for more details.

A PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION: THE HAIL MARY

Dear friends, during this month of May...traditionally a month that we take up this particular devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who comes under so many different titles: *Our Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Help of Christians*, and so on. But most particularly in this month, we have the opportunity to just reflect a little on the great prayer that involves our Blessed Mother, and that is the Hail Mary.

The Hail Mary, as you might know, is basically a prayer of praise and petition. The first part, 'Hail Mary full of grace', is the praise part, and the second part, the 'Holy Mary, Mother of God', is the petition part to that prayer. So it's an old, old, prayer in our tradition. Its current form as we know it, traces back to the 16th century, when particularly that petition part, 'pray for us sinners', was incorporated into the prayer.

It's the basis also of other prayers that are really treasures of our Christian and Catholic faith. Think of the Angelus, which is a reflection with the prayer of petition that is also a reflection on the incarnation of our Lord. And there is of course the Rosary, so much a favourite of families and of individuals. That devotional prayer where the story of our faith, our salvation, is incorporated into the prayer with the repeating of the petitions.

But in this month of Mary, this prayer of the Hail Mary is, in a sense, the foundation of our devotion, and I encourage you to take it up within your families at home, or for those of you who might be in one of our schools, you can do it in your classroom. Anywhere ... we can take up this prayer of praise and petition to our Blessed Mother.

And so let's do so together now:

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, mother of God
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.*

Amen

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

**TO OUR BELOVED
MOTHER OF GOD
AND BEAUTIFUL
MOTHERS
IN OUR PARISH
AND BEYOND.**

**HAPPY AND BLESSED
MOTHER'S DAY!!!**

