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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C - 29TH MAY 2022

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

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.'

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

Luke 24:46-53

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.

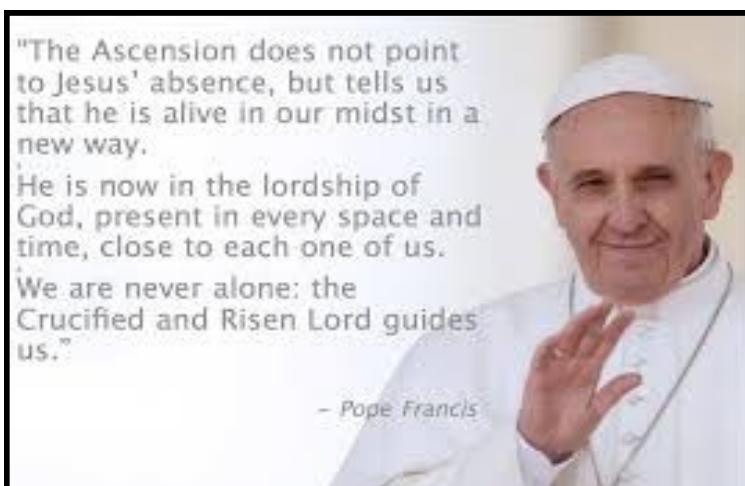
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

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

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.)**

A VOCATION VIEW:

**Our Spiritual Life is a journey - following the
Call of the Master to "Go and teach all people
my Gospel." Say "Yes" over and over again.**



Dear Parish Family

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Ascension**. This feast, within the Easter Season, is not simply a recalling of the Risen Jesus' return to the Father. It is, in fact, our great commissioning to go out to the ends of the earth **in the power of the Spirit (see Acts 1:8)** to proclaim the good news of salvation. We long to know this power of the Spirit in our lives. In withdrawing from those who have journeyed with him along the way, Jesus promises to be, in a sense, even more powerfully present to his followers. The strength and power of the Spirit are the means by which we can be confident in both our relationship with Christ and the worth of our efforts to proclaim the Gospel.

This past week, 22nd – 29th May has been **Laudato Si' Week 2022**, marking the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. The whole Church strives to be **Listening and Journeying Together** in response to this beautiful and challenging teaching from Pope Francis. As suggested last Sunday, our participation in efforts to care for our common home starts with making simple choices about our stewardship of God's creation: turning off unnecessary lights, recycling where possible, walking wherever we can, avoiding wastage of food, water etc. It's important that our parish family keeps moving forward in bringing **Laudato Si'** to life. **Anyone interested in forming a Laudato Si' group within our parish is asked to contact me so that we can join our efforts to the great things that are happening in the Church, throughout the world.** Once again, two important links are provided to open up the possibility for your participation in this important aspect of evangelisation: **Laudato Si' Action Platform (www.laudatosiactionplatform.org)** and **Laudato Si' Tasmania (see www.laudatositasmania.com)**.



My prayer for our parish is the same as Paul's prayer for the early community of faith in Ephesus: **May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, ...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 (Ephesians 1:17-19).**
Fr Mark Freeman



CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2022

Parents wishing to present their children to celebrate the **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist** this year and who missed the Parent Information Evening during the week, are asked to contact our **Sacramental Co-ordinator, Rosie Caelli on 6331 4377** or email: **pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au** no later than this coming Thursday, 2nd June to arrange a suitable time for a meeting. The Presentation & Commitment Masses are over next weekend, 4th & 5th June and the first Faith Sharing sessions are on Monday, 6th & Tuesday, 7th June.

There will be one preparation program for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Porteous on Thursday evening, 25th August. The candidates will then continue their preparation for First Eucharist which will be celebrated at our parish Masses over the weekend of 17th & 18th September.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

Faith-filled young people: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Nanette Gunton, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Denise Austin, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sr Anna Durkin rsj, Mary Dowd, Robert Kaulzavic, Marion Winterson-Jowett and Michael Brock, who have died recently, Jan Mackowski, Nola Malisaukas, Dario Coplo, Bob Kiely, Patricia Collins, Jeanne Pereira, Don Cullip, Graeme Miller, Josip Beg, Egidio Vedovelli, Kane Leary, Robert McLaine, Mary Bennett, Mario and Angelina Colla, Lino and Maria Rossi, all the victims in the Texas primary school tragedy this week, all victims of COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: During the COVID-19 crisis we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital and for their families.

Our mission is to love and serve our God, each other and the wider community

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 5th June at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles. Please come and spend time with the Lord and pray for our parish, our diocese, our nation and our world.

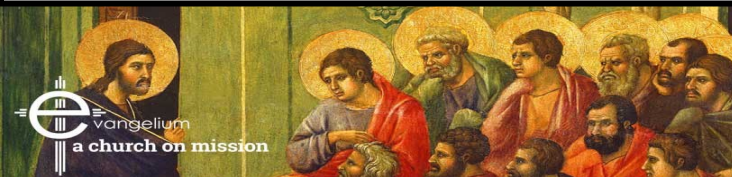
SACRED HEART OLD COLLEGIANS Annual Reunion Lunch will be held at Steve's Grill, Bathurst St, Launceston at **12noon on Saturday 25th June.** To book or for enquiries, please ring Hetty Binns on 0438 321 435

ROSARY: is recited each and every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. We pray our Blessed Mother will watch over us all at this time of uncertainty and sadness. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm. Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: carmelshop@yahoo.com

EVANGELIUM PROJECT: *Inflame your heart with the love of Christ and share this with others! - Registrations are still available, please visit www.evangeliumproject.com*

Register today www.evangeliumproject.com



Share in a personal journey of the heart
REGISTER NOW! www.evangeliumproject.com Archdiocese of Hobart

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

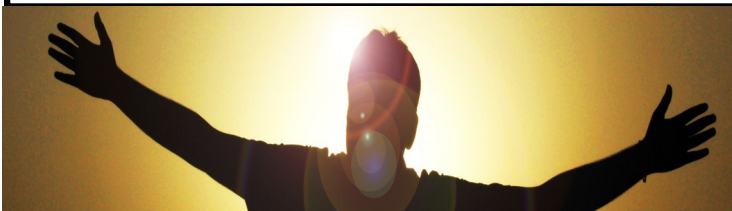
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
	9.00am	St Finn Barr's, Invermay
	10.00am	St Patrick's Chapel
	10.30am	Apostles
	5.30pm	Apostles (April—Sept)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 30th May - 4th June

Monday:	7.30am	Carmel
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	7.30am	Carmel
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Invermay
Friday :	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9.00am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm-5.45pm	Newstead



St Vincent de Paul Society
(TASMANIA) INC
good works

The St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members for our Parish conferences, and to help in our core work of delivering emergency relief (ER) assistance. Conference members meet regularly to reflect upon Vincentian spirituality and seek to live the gospel message by supporting people in need. They work in pairs and receive support and training.

We thank the many people who help in other areas such as Vinnies Van and Dining with Friends, but there is a real need for more people to work in ER assistance. If you would like to give some of your time for this important and rewarding work, and to join a local conference, please contact one of the members below.

Warren Dargusch 0419 266 556

Hetty Binns 0438 321 435

Vyvyan Allchin 0428 655 592

Melissa White (membership manager)

0419 008 204 melissa.white@vinniestas.org.au

LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP

*For young people from grades 5 to 12
Music, Sport, Adventures, Social Work, Faith*



Regular Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays,
6.00pm - 7.30pm

St Ailbe's Hall, Margaret Street

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd June

*For further information about the next gathering
contact the Parish Office while Fr Chatty is on holiday
on: 0469 661 578*

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 10.00am



On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

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**Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning
on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.**



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



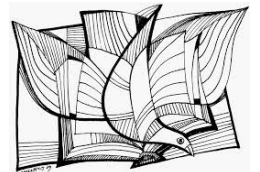
Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 30th:	John 16:29-33
Tuesday 31st:	Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday 1st:	John 17:11-19
Thursday 2nd:	John 17:20-26
Friday 3rd:	John 21:15-19
Saturday 4th:	John 21:20-25

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Pentecost Sunday

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 103:1-2,24,27-30,35
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care

More information and Applications Forms
are available on our website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Closing Date 29 July 2022

Children's Corner



How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

AND THEY WORSHIPED HIM AND RETURNED TO JERUSALEM WITH GREAT JOY,
AND WERE CONTINUALLY IN THE TEMPLE BLESSING GOD.

LUKE 24:52-53

