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The Ascension of the Lord (YEAR A) - 21 MAY 2023

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.**

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

***Through His death, resurrection and ascension,
Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know
that the Lord is with you always, through your
struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear
your prayers.***



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.'

Dear Parish family,

In today's feast of the Ascension, Jesus' mission of establishing God's Kingdom on earth enters a new phase. As he is raised up from them and covered by a cloud, he promises the eleven that the Holy Spirit will come to them and give them power so that they will be his witnesses throughout the world.

In today's Gospel, he commands them to "make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". It must have been a daunting prospect to be given this mission – no wonder the Acts of the Apostles tells us they remained staring into the sky, as if they were paralysed while waiting and looking for some direction from where Jesus had disappeared to. It is only when the men in white called them to attention that they came to. This experience is something many of us may have faced at some time in our lives – being paralysed due to fear or being overwhelmed by life leaves us unsure about what to do next or where to go and so we find it hard to do anything.

Thanks to Jesus' promise of the advocate, the disciples could be assured of his ongoing presence among them. That's all they needed to be raised above those situations which threatened to pull them down.

Last Tuesday, about 30 young parishioners participated in the *Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)* for the first time at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead. It was an uplifting celebration of healing grace given by God, and an occasion to reflect on the presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit in the lives of individuals, families and the whole community. Please pray for our young parishioners, some of whom will continue to prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist this year, while others will continue that journey at another time.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, let us be renewed in the assurance of Christ's presence among us all, including in these youngsters and their families, raising us above all obstacles, and be unafraid to proclaim the Good News in our daily lives

Have a blessed week!

Fr Ben Brooks



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST 2023

Parents wishing to present their children for the ***Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist*** in our parish this year need to attend the ***Parent Information Meeting this coming Tuesday, 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre (upstairs).*** **Children do not need to attend this meeting.** There will be one preparation program for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 24th August and candidates will then continue their preparation for First Eucharist to be celebrated over the weekend of 23rd/24th September. Children being presented for these Sacraments should normally be in Grade 4 or above and must have already celebrated their First Reconciliation. ***For further information please contact our Sacramental Co-ordinator Rosie Caelli Phone 6331 4377 or email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au***

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

The ***Parish Social Justice Team*** would like to invite you to explore the information available on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Information is available on the Parish Facebook page, via the attached website voice.gov.au, and also on notice-boards in each Mass Centre. The Catholic Church in Australia, after a vote by the members of the Plenary Council, has endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which calls for a First Nations voice to Parliament to be enshrined in the Constitution. Together, let's take this opportunity to build a stronger Australia that recognises the past, celebrates diversity and creates a better future for us all.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Call for volunteers to become catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year old children: Catechist formation for scriptural and liturgical formation of children based on Montessori educational principles. **Where:** Kingston Parish. **When:** July 12-14th for Level 1, Part 1, and July 9-11th for Level 1 Part 2. Beginners can register only for Level 1, Part 1. Volunteers are required at Kingston, Launceston, and Hobart, so if you live nearby and are interested please register.

Information: <https://youtu.be/RJZyqsJEjwU> **Register:** Christine Wood 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially ***Emma, Charlie and Zoe Page*** (Mathew and Erin) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Ellen O'Dea, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, 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 and Peter Marshall and all those who have contracted Covid 19.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Terry Brakey who has died recently, Marie O'Connor, Juliana Mackowski, Jan Macowski, Gavina, Florentino, Felix, Erinio and Augustino Torayno, Johannes Vandersteen, Judith Phillips, Maria and Lino Rossi, Mario and Angelina Colla, Phyllis Hanson, Judith Gladman, Scott Jones, Ermenegildo Bordin, Armando Di Giammarino, Kathleen Fisher, Don Hamence, Joe Lyons, Maria Wroblewski, Marie Stossich, Beverley Groves, Ieva Kaukenas, Anne Riley, Cheryl Shuttleworth, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, Launceston Branch, combined with George Town Branch, will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday, 24th May**, at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, at 12pm, presided over by Fr Sunil de Silva. A luncheon at Olive's, Newstead Hotel, will follow at 12.45 pm. All are warmly invited to attend. Phone Victoria (0408398785) or Rosa (0427692929) if you would like to attend the luncheon.

LOST PROPERTY There are many items of lost property at the back of Church of the Apostles—spectacles, gloves, rosary beads etc. Please check if you are missing anything.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am**. Newcomers are welcome.

Enquiries: phone 6334 1082

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.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass—Church of the Apostles. All welcome



Catholic Parish
of Launceston



PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIREPOT AND SOUP NIGHT

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES, AFTER 5.30PM MASS

EVERYONE WELCOME

ALL DONATIONS TO SUPPORT WYD23 PILGRIMS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 22nd – 27th May

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	12noon	Newstead

Mass for Catholic Women's League –all welcome

	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm –5.45pm	Newstead

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

150th Year Anniversary, Sunday 18th June 2023

Mass at 10.30am at Church of the Apostles will be followed with refreshments and a tour of the school. RSVP is essential for refreshments and the tour by 7 June. Enquiries: shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au/ 63311011

SACRED HEART OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION

All Old Collegians are invited to attend the 150th year and Final Reunion Lunch on **Saturday 17th June 2023 at 12noon at Riverside Golf Club**. Cost \$38. For payment details RSVP by 1st June to Hetty Binns: 0438 321 435 or hbinns@westnet.com.au

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS



The following items would be most appreciated to give out to people in need who use the Vinnies Van: soap, toothpaste/ toothbrushes, deodorant, jackets, blankets, shampoo/conditioner. (No body lotion).

Please drop off to the Parish Office during office hours or call the office for further information.

Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish
BSB: 067 000; Account No: 1031 6153.
Reference: "your surname"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

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.*

COMMON PRAYER for the 8th anniversary of LAUDATO SI'

Loving Creator,
You have placed us on this earth to cultivate a
communion of love within the web of life. We
thank you for the gift of humanity's
interdependence with our common home.

Infuse us with your mercy and strength so that
we may grow painfully aware of our ecological
sins and the cries of the earth and the cries of
the poor.

Remind us how hope is the foundation of our
faith, so that the certainty of the resurrection
inspires us to greater action for a just and
sustainable earth.

May we grow deeper in our journey of ecological
conversion, as individuals and as a global
community, working together day by day to bring
more hope for the earth and hope for humanity.

We ask this in Jesus' name and through the fire of
the Creator Spirit,
Amen.

LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2023

Unscramble the words below to find out what Jesus told his disciples before he ascended into heaven.

WITH YOU THE
OF



TIME REMEMBER UNTIL ALWAYS AM END

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 22nd: John 16:29-33
Tuesday 23rd: John 17:1-11
Wednesday 24th: John 19:25-27
Thursday 25th: John 17:20-26
Friday 26th: John 21:15-19
Saturday 27th: John 21:20-25

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
John 20:19-23



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Children's Corner

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

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....