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The Ascension of the Lord - Year B - 12th May 2024

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 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

Mark 16:15-20

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

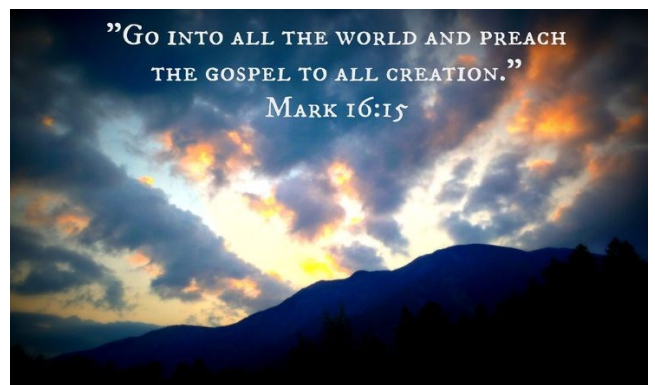
Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(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.*



We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Dear Parish Family, Some thoughts to ponder for this week,

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord. Mark in his Gospel said, "Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God (16:19)." Sitting at the right hand of God is a figurative expression. St Augustine interprets it as, "for by sitting we express habitation, as we say of a person, he sat himself down in that country for many years; in this way then we believe that Christ dwells at the right hand of the Father; for all is right there, since there is no misery." Jesus who is seated at the right hand of the Father is a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek (Ps 110:4). The present office of Jesus is that of High Priest and intercessor, who pleads for us and represents us, Himself to govern our destiny.



Jesus Christ is the most perfect intercessor – in the letter to the Hebrews, it is said, Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them (7:24-25)." Paul states to the Romans (8:34) "Jesus Christ who died and who was raised, is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us."

Jesus Christ is the Perpetual High Priest- in the Old Testament, the weakness of the priesthood was that the priest, including the high priest, always died, and so there was no continuity to their intercession. Moreover, they entered the Holy of Holies just once a year. But our High Priest- Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. In Him we have perpetual continuity; He is ever present in the presence of God, interceding on our behalf.

Lord Jesus Christ be near to defend you, within you to refresh you, around you to preserve you, before you to guide you, behind you to justify you, above you to bless you; who lives and reigns with the Father and the holy spirit, god for evermore.
(Tenth century prayer)

Fr Leonard PP

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS:

Loving God, we pray:

- for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
- for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
- for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
- for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
- for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
- for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
- for those who raise children on their own;
- for those who have lost a child;
- for those who care for the children of others;
- for those whose children have left home;
- and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES and their families that they will continue to grow in faith, hope and love through their experience of God's mercy and compassion in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** celebrated on Tuesday this week in Sacred Heart Church, Newstead.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Phil McGee** who celebrated his **80th Birthday** on the **Wednesday 1st May**.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Marlene Bilowus, Ray Atley, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Kathy Aldred, Cheryl Dawtrey, Rowena Villacampa, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weedling, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, 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, Ellen Bortolot

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Joan Keefe and Barry Smith who have died recently, Marie Butterworth, Leon Kolka, Colleen Damon, James Dooley, Stella Walsh, Vonnie Bird, Leonard Bird, Darryl Walsh, Richard Bird, Norman Viney, Laurie Geard, Michael Harris, Michael Hesselman, Alida Moolenschot-Burger, Raffaele Casteller, Kathleen Bugg, Noel Smith, Kevin Jones, Anthony Clifford, Geoffrey Hunter, Robert Kauzlaric, Lino and Maria Rossi, Mario and Angelina Colla, Christine Barnard, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to 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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The Launceston Branch will hold its Branch meeting for May and the AGM, on **Tuesday, 21st May, 2024**, at the Parish Centre in Margaret Street. The Rosary will start at 12.30 pm, with the Branch meeting starting at 1pm, followed by the AGM at 2pm. New members welcome. Contact Victoria on mob: 0408398785.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The Launceston Branch will celebrate WUCWO Day (**World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations**) with Mass starting at 12pm, on Tuesday, 14th May, at the Sacred Heart Church, Newstead. Luncheon afterwards will be held at Olive's Cafe in the Newstead Hotel. All welcome. Non members please phone Victoria on 0408398785 if you wish to attend the luncheon.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass on **Sunday 19th May** at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., West Launceston, concluding with Benediction at 3pm. All are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in prayer.

PRAY THE ROSARY during May: Mondays 7.30pm in Church of the Apostles; Saturdays 5.40pm before the Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead.

MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION will be held in the **Stables, Emmanuel Centre** on **Tuesdays at 10.30am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm**. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

LECTIO DIVINA Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST 2024

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 on Tuesday 21st 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 Saturday 24th August and candidates will then continue their preparation for First Eucharist to be celebrated over the weekend of 22nd/23rd 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@ahtas.org.au**

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 103:1,24,29-31,24

Galatians 5:16-25

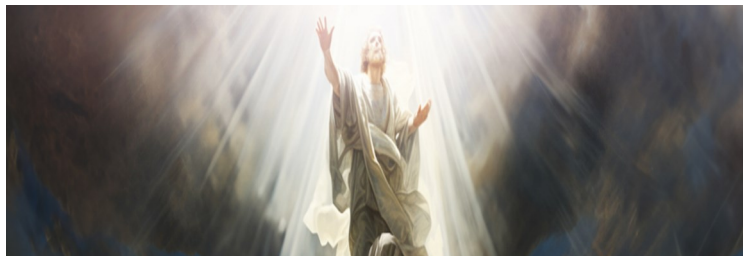
John 15:26-27;16:12-15



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

LOST PROPERTY

A lady has lost a ring with a blue stone possibly in or around Church of the Apostles, Sunday 5th May. If anyone happens to find it, please bring it in to the Parish Office.



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"

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 13th –18th May

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	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

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. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..



150th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church, Westbury

The Meander Valley Catholic Parish invite parishioners, past and present, together with friends around Tasmania and beyond, to join us in celebrating the

**150th Anniversary of the opening of
Holy Trinity Church, Westbury, on the weekend of
24th – 26th May 2024**

This joyful occasion will be marked by a number of events across the weekend:



- **Friday 24th May**

6:30 for 7pm Celebratory Dinner at the Westbury Hotel

- **Saturday 25th May**

9am – 4pm Historical Display in Holy Trinity Church

2 – 3:30pm Music Recital in Holy Trinity Church

- **Sunday 26th May**

10:30am Sunday Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

All are welcome, although note that there is a maximum of 80 seats for the celebratory dinner. *Please RSVP for the dinner by Friday 10th May: email meandervalley@aohtas.org.au, or phone 0448 527140.

Jacqui Rémond - Guest Speaker Visit - Weaving an Integral Ecology Together

The Bellerive/Lindisfarne Parish Laudato Si' Steering Committee is very excited to announce it will be hosting Jacqui Rémond as a guest speaker for the Parish community and other interested people on **Saturday, 1st June**. Jacqui is a lecturer at the Australian Catholic University, Co-founder of the Laudato Si Movement, and former director of Catholic Earthcare Australia. The program facilitated by Jacqui will enable parishioners to engage with Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si' - *On Care For Our Common Home*, particularly with responding to the *Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor*. The program will run from 10am - 3.30pm in the Corpus Christi School Hall.

Register: via the web link: forms.gle/FVWS8veznm8m82g18

Children's Corner



What are some special things we can do for others because of our belief in Jesus?



ANOINTING FIRE
CATHOLIC MINISTRY



You are invited to an evening of Catholic charismatic prayer, praise and worship centred around Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

WE WELCOME YOU TO:

Agape

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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 The Emmanuel Centre
123 Abbott St, Newstead TAS 7250

*Join us for supper after.
Please bring along a plate of food to share. Tea / coffee / Light supper provided.*

The Secular Franciscan Order in Australia is seeking to reach out to members who have been professed overseas prior to relocating to Australia and would like to connect with one of our fraternities. email: national@ofsaustralia.org.au

Here in the Launceston The Holy Family fraternity meets on 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Francis's Parish Hall, 12 noon. to 3pm. We would welcome any members who would love to come. **Contact** - Margaret Cherry 0457 575 770 or email geo23f@bigpond.com



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: launceston@aohtas.org.au
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church