

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 baptized with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of 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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 46:2-3,6-9.

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

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.**

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.**

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 – Ephesians 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

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 our 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.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Let's reflect...

"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Cirvilio, Sunita & Kevin D'Mello, Treasure Clarke & Family, Batchie & Andrew Sarmiento, Dan Cortezano, Francesca & Randy Bordon, Riand Aragoza, Riche Agcaoli

For those who have died recently: Ligaya Garcia, Jose Nabiula Jr., Ananda Wickramasurya

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Phyllis & Leonard Dealey, Antonio Sarmiento Sr., Numeriano Bordon, Honesto Cortezano, Emilia Trajano, Emilio Villanueva,

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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23rd & 24th May 2020

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'Support us' page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-gBOvfy-I0>

(st kevins parish hampton park)

You can now follow us on Facebook too!



Any offers of Flowers for the St. Kevin's Church???

The current situation prompts a call for any parishioners who are in a position to provide flowers to help our parish through until the time when professional suppliers of flowers will be more accessible. Do you have flowers you could donate to the church? The parish flower ministry team normally prepares two large flower arrangements for the back wall of the sanctuary. Some change may be required, even it were to be a single vase arrangement at the side/front of the altar. Please contact Pam Giaquinta on 0414 386 066.

Message for the catechists

There are still some lessons to be collected from the Parish Office. The 3rd lot will be ready by Wednesday June 3. It's important that these lessons be completed as they are part of the catechism program and also for preparation of the sacraments when the time comes.

Mary Doherty

Entrustment of Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians.

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you! St Joseph, Pray for us.

For the Second Week-End of May

Two Masses (9.15am and 4.00pm) will be celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The church will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00am to 12 midday, and on Wednesdays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

There will be door monitors to ensure the number of attendees does not exceed 10, and who will direct people to the hand sanitiser and Records Book to enter their first name, contact number, date and time. There will be a seating plan in the church to ensure the proper distancing. Please observe the signs indicating the entry and exit points.

Parishioners, who wish to attend a Mass, are requested to come to the church at a time when the church is open in order to register for a Mass. The number 10 will be arrived at according to the order of contact, namely 'first in, best dressed'!

Out of consideration for others, please register for only one Mass in the week.

The Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation can now proceed with a protective shield in place on Saturday from 9.45 am.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney