

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

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

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of
the world.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to 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.

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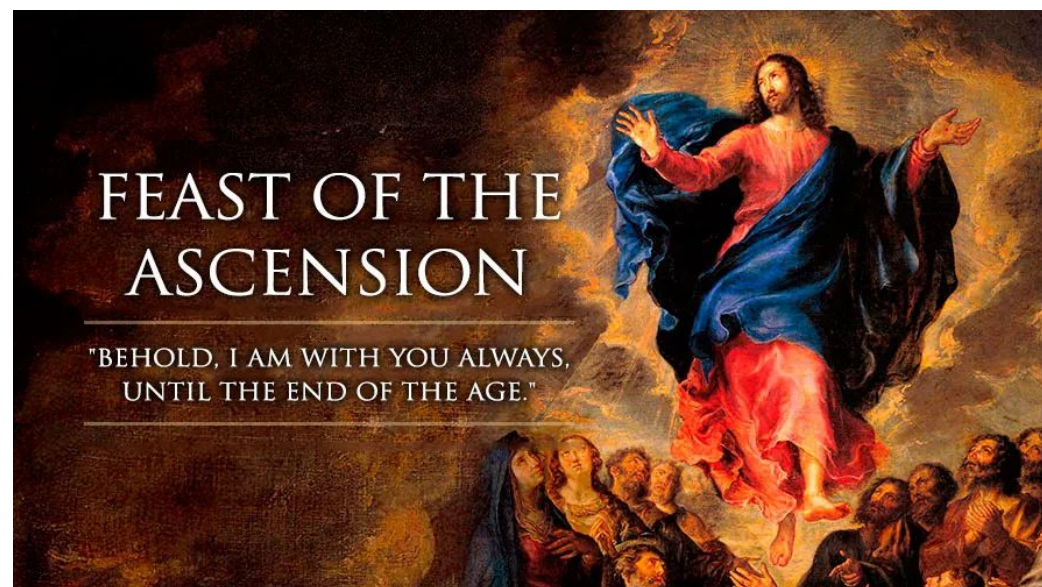
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C 28th / 29th May, 2022



The Feast of the Ascension is a vision of the future and an act of hope. The forces hostile to God and to true humanity have by no means yet been fully overcome. The essential blow has been struck in the Paschal victory of Jesus but his messianic work continues as he breathes his Spirit into the Church that carries on his mission. What the Church must understand – what the Ascension assures her – is that accompanying all her labour and suffering is the victory of her risen Lord, who now stands at the right hand of God interceding on behalf of all. It is the feast that celebrates the hope that his triumph will ultimately be ours as well.

Brendan Byrne SJ

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHTETT
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday 9:45 am
Saturday 9.30 am
i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Yr C 28th / 29th May, 2022

PRAYING FOR:
Fr Eric Hodgens PE,
Judith Dodgson, Betty Carroll,

...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:
Patrick Mulhall, Greg Lannan,
Maria Paterno, Freida Pereira,
Doreen Stevens, Alexander Stevens

*....and all whose anniversaries occur about
this time.*

*...and we keep in our prayers all who are
currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2021 to Christ the King 2022 are taken from
Year C in the Lectionary cycle**
Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS:
General Guidelines from the Archdiocese
(Update #58: 22nd April, 2022) are available
online at: melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to support both the
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through
your generous contributions. Both OLA & St
Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Hightett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHightett>



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next
meet on Tuesday 7th June at 1pm in the
Church Meeting Room. All are most
welcome.

ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH
The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be
at 12 noon this Thursday, 2nd June, 2022, at the
Hightett RSL. All are welcome. RSVP by 30th
May to Karen Mitri 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350.

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2022

Calling all plant lovers and green thumbs!

The plant stall is one of the most successful and
most loved stalls at our fete. This year we need
your help to make sure it is blooming and bigger
than ever.

We are looking for people who can:

- Donate indoor/outdoor plants, indoor/ outdoor
plant pots (can be creative) or source donations
for the stall; or
- Propagate plants that you may have in your
garden/home to donate to the fete. Even if it is
just a few – every little bit helps;

If you can assist please contact Helen Brennan or
Claire Melican, from the Fete Committee either at
0402 367 067 or via email:

fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au



MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE
Mercy Works Ltd. is currently
recruiting volunteers to academically
support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in
Primary and Secondary schools across the
Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre.
Experience working in an educational setting is
preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr.
Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and
further information. The training day is in July.
Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred contact)
Website: www.mercyworks.org.au T: 9326 1895

THE ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT
concludes this weekend.



Next Sunday 5th June,
you're invited to stay and
join fellow parishioners for
a cuppa after the 9am & 11am Masses, in the
OLA Church Meeting Room.

**RCIA – Curious about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone interested in becoming
a Catholic? Are you interested in supporting
those on their journey of Faith?** The Rite of
Christian Initiation of Adults is an established
'Journey of Faith' that has parishioners
accompany discerning adults, i.e. those seeking
to become Catholic, on their path to Sacramental
initiation into the life of the Church, at Easter.
The RCIA gives those preparing for the
Sacraments an opportunity to explore many
facets of the Christian life. An invitation is
extended to anyone seeking Baptism, as well as
to those Baptised in another denomination who
may desire full communion with the Catholic
Church, to get in touch. If you know of someone
who'd be interested in taking up this journey, or
you'd like to be a part of their accompaniment,
or would like any more information, please
contact the Parish Office on: 9583 6161

GOSPEL FOCUS

A message for all people

*One of the defining features of the
Gospel of Luke is the fact that the
message preached and practised
by Jesus made salvation available
to all people. At times in the gospel
some of the Jewish audience became
quite angry at Jesus because he said
that pagans and gentiles were also
included in the salvation he promised
– something they regarded as exclusive
to the 'chosen' people. The two
accounts of the Ascension make very
clear that the message and ministry
of Jesus are to be carried to all nations
– even to the ends of the earth!*