

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 Mt 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 Mk 16: 15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

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 will be 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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

16 MAY 2021

CALLED TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS

As I write I'm in a transit lounge and, as it turns out, it's probably the most appropriate place from which to reflect on the feast of the Ascension which was a moment of great transition for the early church. As Jesus ascended the disciples were invited to leave behind what was known and familiar. Now the time had come to begin a new stage of the journey as they continued Jesus' mission. Many questions remained and they were uncertain about their ability to cope with the changes that lay before them. Jesus had proclaimed the coming of the kingdom. Now the task had been entrusted to them.

In a time of transition and change, we can all have the need for a point of reference that helps give direction and a sense of purpose. Paul writes from prison, bound and seemingly powerless, but he knows that the most powerful bonds for the Christian are those of love. For the Christians of Ephesus, the call is to be worthy of the vocation they have received, to grow in their baptism, and in their love and care for one another.

In a sense, the Ascension is something that happens to each and every individual Christian and community when we take up the task of preaching the gospel in our own time and place. We are still called to preach the good news of the kingdom, to carry on the task which Jesus has entrusted to us. There are still many questions in the life of the Church and there always will be.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

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 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. v. 6

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

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.**

SECOND READING Eph 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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,

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Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kurna people's cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land, waters and community.

Sunday Mass Times

6.00 pm — (Saturday Vigil)

8.30am — (Sunday)

10.00 am — (Sunday)

Weekday Masses

Monday 17/5 No services
Tuesday 18/5 Mass 12 noon
Wed 19/5 SHC Mass 7.30am
Thursday 20/5 No services
Friday 21/5 Mass 12 noon
Saturday 22/5 Mass 10am

Masses at Hallett Cove

Wednesday 17/5 12 noon
Friday 21/5 9.30am
Saturday 22/5 6.00pm
Sunday 23/5 9.15am

Feast Days this week

Tuesday 18th May

St John 1, pope, martyr

Thursday 20th May

St Bernardine of Siena, priest

Friday 21st May

St Christopher Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs

Saturday 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia, religious

Reconciliation

After midday Mass on Fridays
After 10am Mass on Saturdays

Baptisms

are held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office and with the Baptismal Preparation Team

Weddings - Contact Parish Office

Popes' Prayer Intentions for May

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Readings for next weekend

22nd/23rd May, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16: 12-15

What's on this week in our parish

Tuesday 18/5

Parish library open
9.30am – 12noon
Vinnies Sewing & Knitting
10am -12pm
Men's Fellowship 10am
Meditation 11am
Parish Council 6.30pm

Friday 20/5

Parish library open
9.30am – 12noon
Men's Fellowship 10am

Morning Tea this weekend after both Sunday Masses, Sunday 16th May – all welcome.

Obligation for Sunday Mass

The obligation for NOT attending Mass on Sundays is still available for all parishioners.

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased

Margaret Taylor, Rosemary Butt, Isabelle Douglas, Pat Dawson

Deceased

Mary Pelgrave, Maria Victor Raj

Anniversaries

Rory O'Grady, Basil Amott, Frances Power, Mollie Crittenden, Fr Hugh O'Sullivan

Sick

Caitlin Clarke, Charline McCoy, Pearl Jewel, Roma Knapp, Pat Gilmore, Julie Currie, Jim East, Anne Flint, Genevieve Honner, Sue Cashman, Russell Ebert, Eugene McKiernan, Lauren Eblen, Peter Boxshall-Smith, Tibor Ferencz, Jimmy Ryan, Marilyn Huddleston, Peter Paige, Robyn Williams, Barbara Driscoll, Jim McClafferty, Robert Wolf, Kevin Pardon, Pam Wynn, Leon Greal, Chris Boast, Bob McEvoy, Marian Maitland, Edna Rusinski, Rachel Bainbridge, Taylor Keen, Charlie Hamblen, Duncan Booth, Fr Peter Dunn, Pat Donnelly, Eileen Paige, Betty Fowles, Margaret Mary Roche, Debbie Canino, Sr Marietta Green, John Wallace, Carol Swavley, Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

As from 1st June the church will be closed at 2pm each day.

Mass Counts

In the month of May we are required to count everyone who comes to our weekend Masses. This year we have to count the gender and age ranges as well. We will be asking everyone as they come into Mass to please place a counter in the box corresponding to their gender and age. Thank you for your co-operation.

COVID REQUIREMENTS

If you are attending Mass or any other event or meeting in the Brighton Parish you are required to Scan the QR code or sign in. This is a mandatory requirement by the SA Government. They are now checking on people signing in at events and **you** can be fined if you do not do so. We are now allowed 270 people in our church. You will still need to maintain distancing but will not need to wear a mask.

Scripture Reflection Group

Yearning for a deeper appreciation of the banquet of God's Word during Sunday Mass? You're warmly invited to a weekly, online Scripture Reflection Group (facilitated by Deacon Tim) every Tuesday. Starting at 7pm (1hr only) via Zoom, participate as you feel inclined—no pressure. Lingering over God's Word helps us to get to know Jesus better and to rest in God's grace.

Zoom Meeting ID: 737 160 0607
Passcode: 647195

Brighton Knitting & Sewing Group

We would like to thank all those who helped in any way towards the "Big Morning Tea" for Cancer, Also all the Parishioners who attended. We hope they enjoyed their morning tea. And a catch up. The Men's shed guys who came in and put everything away. It was a very successful morning. We were able to bank \$663.15 into the Cancer Council of SA account. God Bless you all.

Global Prayer Marathon

Pope Francis has called for a global Rosary prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6 pm Rome time (1.30am Adelaide time) on all Vatican media platforms.

Come and Celebrate

23rd May, Pentecost Sunday
Explore our community spaces and outdoor area after the 10am Mass whilst enjoying a sausage sizzle and tea or coffee with each other. Our invaluable volunteers in our parish will receive a special blessing at each of the Masses as we celebrate 'The Spirit Alive' at St Joseph's.

Crazy Whist Night

Knights of the Southern Cross and Antioch Youth are raising funds for Vinnies and Antioch Youth

When: Wednesday 2nd June, 2021
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Where: The Brighton Catholic Parish Activity Centre, Strathmore Terrace Brighton,
Carparking from Old Beach Road
Cost: \$5 Adults - \$1 students
BYO Supper and drinks Tea, coffee and prizes provided
Bookings essential.

Contact Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321
Make this function a fun night, socially, and financially to support these worthwhile causes.

Year of St Joseph

A daily prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The Winter Appeal raises funds to support our work of assisting the poor and marginalised in our society. Demand is stronger than ever for our services and the onset of winter exacerbates issues for many families. If you are able to assist there are donation envelopes inside the parish bulletin or you may donate online at www.vinnies.org.au or by calling 13 18 12. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Big Tutti Singalong

The Tutti Choir is performing at the Festival Theatre on Sunday 23rd May, 3 til 4pm. The choir is renowned for its uplifting performances and is suitable for all ages. Join in as the Tutti Choir perform some of your favourite songs with a live band and a special guest host. This is a free event but booking is essential. Bookings via www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Mass on Wednesday Evenings

We would like to commence celebrating Mass on Wednesday evenings in the month of June commencing at 6.30pm. This would be a follow up from our Lenten Evening Prayer. We will be commencing on the 2nd June. For those willing to get involved but the stated time is not convenient, kindly share your thoughts with Clare. We are open for different times and/or nights.

Mass is a sacred privilege to encounter Christ. Fr. Michael

The Archdiocesan Office for Worship will be offering the following courses for the remainder of 2021.

The Eucharist - commencing Thurs 3 June to 1 July (5 weeks), 7pm – 9pm, St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall
Learn about the history and development of the Mass and develop practical skill in preparing Sunday Mass

The Word of God in Mass – commencing Thurs 5 Aug to 2 Sept (5 weeks), 7pm – 9pm, St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall

This course is designed to help Catholics understand the role of the Scriptures in the Church's liturgy and to explore the Word of God as a source of ongoing spiritual nourishment.

Courses are \$50 per person, payable on the first evening. To register your interest, please contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8130 or email worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Marian Procession & Peace Rally

2pm Sunday May 16, Adelaide Showgrounds, Jubilee Pavillion. All are invited to attend under our parish banner. Group assembling will begin from 1:30pm. The event is expected to end by 4pm. Please visit trybooking to book your ticket.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPJAN>
For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: (08) 8210 8220 or

E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

St. Joseph's Old Scholars' Autumn Luncheon

Wednesday May 26, 12 noon. The Hampstead Hotel, Collinswood. Senior's Menu is \$15. Bookings with Josie – P: 8295 3667 or Joyleen – P: 8337 9500 by Friday, May 21. Seating **will not** be allocated. Invitation is for all former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite school/college and/or anyone with a connection to St Mary MacKillop.