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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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 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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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, 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.

Thanks be to God.

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*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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 commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

1. Dempsey Medal
2. Our Lady Help of Christians
3. Vigil of Pentecost
4. Adult Confirmations
5. Marian Prayer for Synod

Today (Sunday) at the 10.30am Solemn Mass we especially welcome recipients of the Dempsey Medal, which is awarded by the Archbishop to recognize those who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Archdiocese, usually in the context of their local parish. Congratulations!

This Wednesday we celebrate the feastday of Our Lady Help of Christians. This is a major celebration for us: under the title “Help of Christians” the Blessed Virgin Mary is Patroness of Australia and of this Cathedral. I hope you can join us in prayer on Wednesday. The young men of the Cathedral Scholars will be singing at Vespers (5.00pm) and Mass (5.30pm).

Next Saturday, 27th May, the 6.00pm Mass will be the special Vigil of Pentecost, at which there are several beautiful Readings and Psalms, which speak of God’s promised Holy Spirit – a little like the Easter Vigil but simpler. The texts are unique to the Saturday evening before Pentecost Sunday, and are a wonderful way of preparing for a fruitful Pentecost.

On Pentecost Sunday 28th May at the 10.30am Mass, the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon a number of adults from around the Archdiocese. We are looking forward to welcoming the candidates and their sponsors, families and friends.

The Holy See has asked for special prayers to Our Lady on the Feast of the Visitation, 31st May, in preparations for the forthcoming sessions of the Synod on Synodality which will be held in Rome in October. The Australian Bishops have nominated St Mary’s Cathedral Sydney as the major Marian Shrine in Australia where these special prayers will be held. You are warmly invited to come and entrust the work of the Synod to Our Lady on Wednesday 31st May, with Mass at 5.30pm to be followed by Rosary and other prayers. I would really encourage you to join us in this moment of Marian prayer – the Synod needs all the prayers and heavenly patronage it can get!

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

May – June 2023

 <p style="text-align: center;">ASCENSION</p>			<p>20 <i>Saturday</i></p> <p>Today's 12pm Mass in honour of Mary Help of Christians</p>	<p>21 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>The ASCENSION of the LORD</p> <p>Today's 10.30am Mass includes Dempsey Medal Presentation 2pm Sunday Public Tour</p>	<p>22 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>23 <i>Tuesday</i></p>
<p>24 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS</p>  <p>6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p>	<p>25 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS</p> 	<p>26 <i>Friday</i></p> <p><i>St Philip Neri</i></p>	<p>27 <i>Saturday</i></p> <p>Extended 6pm Mass today for Vigil of Pentecost</p>	<p>28 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> <p>10.30am Mass (Adult Confirmation) 2pm Sunday Public Tour</p>	<p>29 <i>Monday</i></p>  <p><i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i></p>	<p>30 <i>Tuesday</i></p>
<p>31 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p><i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p> <p>Today's 5.30pm Mass includes 'MOMENT OF MARIAN PRAYER' 6.30pm Rosary, Litany, Hymns and Prayers for the Synod</p>  <p>6:30pm RCIA</p>	<p>1 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p><i>St Justin</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS</p> 	<p>2 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>3 <i>Saturday</i></p> <p><i>Sts Charles Lwanga & companions</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>2pm Sunday Public Tour</p>	<p>5 <i>Monday</i></p> <p><i>St Boniface</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Tuesday</i></p>

Weekly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11:00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



Please note: The “EMBRACE” Young Adults Group will be in recess until Sunday 2nd July.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Black-tie gala dinner

St Mary's Cathedral

Friday 26th May 2023, 6.30 p.m.

Cathedral House, by kind invitation of the Dean

Tickets \$140 (\$120 for members of the Friends)

Come and celebrate the Cathedral's patronal feast in style!

All welcome.

Read more and book by Monday 22nd May
www.cathedralfriends.org.au



Call to prayer for the global Synod on the Feast of the Visitation

Dioceses across Australia have been asked to join together for a time of prayer on **Wednesday 31 May** on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We will entrust the work of the upcoming Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to Our Lady on this special feast day.

Resources are being developed and can be shared online

[With Mary - Sharing synodal resources \(synodresources.org\)](http://WithMary-Sharing-synodal-resources-synodresources.org)

Save the Date: Walk With Christ Sunday 11 June

Join Catholics from across greater Sydney for the Walk With Christ procession through central Sydney to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi when Christ reminds us as Catholics that He will be with us till the end of time through His real presence in the Holy Eucharist.

1pm Festival in Martin Place.

2:30pm- Procession begins from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street

Seasons of Renewal: Corpus Christi

Join the Parish Renewal Team online as we explore practical ideas to assist your parish to prepare for the feast of Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ. All welcome!

Wednesday 24 May, 10 – 11 am

Thursday 25 May, 2 – 3 pm

Thursday 1 June, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Register at

<http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events>

Evangelium Forum: Lumen Gentium and Synodality

What can this landmark Vatican II document teach us in our contemporary Church today?

Guest Speaker: Rev Prof Gerald Kelly, Lecturer, Catholic Institute of Sydney

Sunday 28 May (Pentecost Sunday)

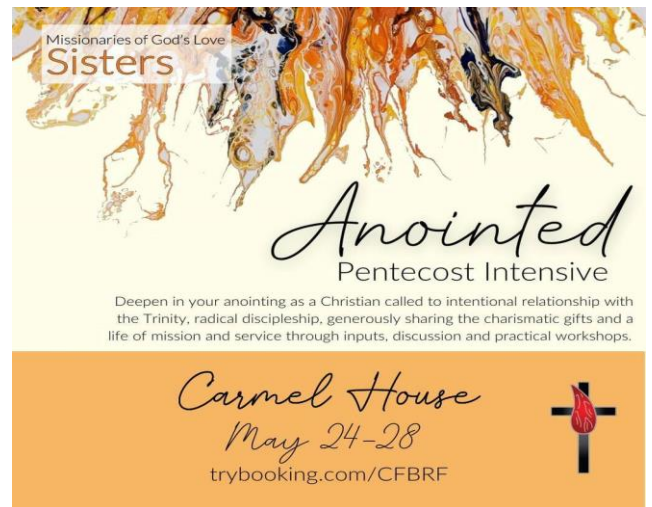
12 noon-1:30pm (including Q and A)

St Peter's Parish Hall

235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills

(50 metres from Surry Hills light rail stop)

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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.