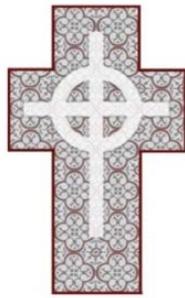


MASS TIMES  
9am Friday  
8am Sunday



# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

RECONCILIATION  
7:45am Sunday  
or by appointment

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The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

2 June 2019

## First Reading Acts 1:1-11

*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.'

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. 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.

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.

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.

## Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

*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.

## 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 Lk 24:46-53

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

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

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity. As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope? At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord. Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God. We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.

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## **ENTRANCE**

### **416 Lift Up Your Hearts**

#### *Antiphon:*

Lift up your hearts to the Lord  
praise God's gracious mercy!  
Sing out your joy to the Lord,  
whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!  
Praise the name above all names!  
Say to God "How wondrous your works,  
how glorious your name!"

Let the earth worship, singing your praise.  
Praise the glory of your name!  
Come and see the deeds of the Lord;  
bless God's holy name!

## **OFFERTORY**

### **446 We Remember**

#### *Refrain:*

We remember how you loved us  
to your death,  
and still we celebrate,  
for you are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see you  
when you come, in your glory, Lord,  
we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls  
are yearning just to touch you and be healed;  
Gather all your people,  
and hold them to your heart.

Now we recreate your love,  
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;  
Sign of grace and mercy,  
the Presence of the lord.

## **THANKSGIVING:**

### **193 One Bread, One Body**

#### *Refrain:*

One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

## **RECESSIONAL**

### **422 Glory Be To God in Heaven**

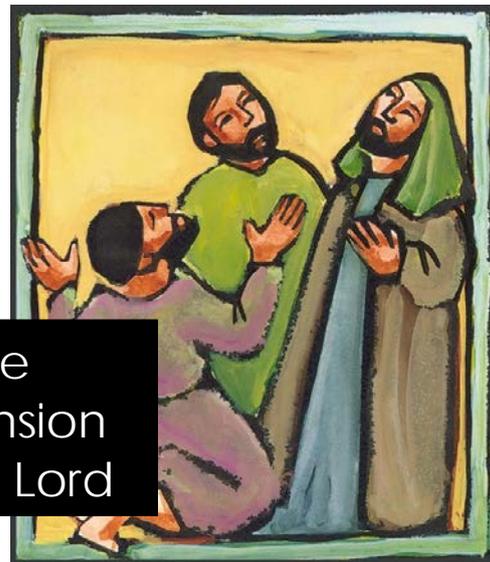
Glory be to God in heaven,  
Peace to those who love you well;  
On the earth let all your people  
Speak your grace, your wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
Mighty Father, heaven's king;  
Hear our joyful adoration  
And accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
Now with God in triumph seated  
For your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
In the glory of the Father  
With the Spirit: Three in One!

# NOTICES

## Funeral Service for Greg Smith

On Friday, we remembered the life of parishioner Greg Smith. We remember especially in our prayers Greg's family and friends during this sad time. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*



## The Ascension of the Lord



Congratulations to **Fr Joshua Whitehead** who was Ordained to the Priesthood on Friday 31 May 2019. Fr Josh joined us as a deacon for our Christmas Masses last year. We wish Fr Josh all the best, and pray that God may bless him abundantly in his priestly ministry.



**Parish Monthly Morning Tea**  
Please join us in St Luke's Green after Mass for our monthly parish morning tea. All are welcome.

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- ❖ Our Lady of Peace Church, Kumbia, recently celebrated its centenary and the loving faith community who uphold its peace
- ❖ And much more!

### Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of our truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

### ANOINTING MASS FOR THE SICK

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held at **9am on Friday 7 July** for those who feel the need for this sacrament at this time. Mass will be followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please feel free to invite others to this Mass who you feel may benefit from the reception of this sacrament.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST BONIFACE



Born in Devon (England) about 675. Died in the Netherlands in 754. A monk and teacher who went to evangelise the Germanic peoples. Was ordained bishop and given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. Founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at synods, and maintained close associations with various emperors. Remembered as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe. He is buried at his abbey of Fulda and is honoured as Apostle of Germany.

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# THE ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

## Penitential Act

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge  
our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the  
sacred mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)  
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,  
all the angels and saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

**Amen.**

## Gloria (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

## After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## The Mystery of Faith

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection,  
until you come again.
- OR: 2. When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.
- OR: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

*May almighty God bless you  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Go forth, the Mass is ended.*

**Thanks be to God.**