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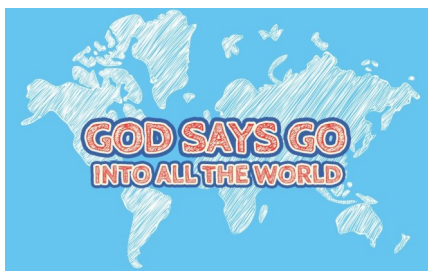
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PARISH CALENDAR: 24th—31st May 2020

Sun 24th **The Ascension of the Lord**
Mon 25th **Our Lady, Help of Christians**
Tue 26th **St Philip Neri**
Sun 31st **Pentecost Sunday**

The disciples gathered with Jesus moments before he was to leave. At these gatherings, they must be overwhelmed with emotions. They seemed obviously anxious. Perhaps they didn't have a clue what to do next, since they felt stuck in the in-between



time: between Jesus' departure from them and his promised return. They wanted him to come back quickly, especially when life pressed in on them. His departure, or rather ascension, might lead them to temptation to think about his absence rather than presence. They might put the prayer in this way, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?" Perhaps they wanted him to wrap things up. They wouldn't have him with them as they had, especially during the 40 days after his resurrection. They and we will have to wait till he returns for the completion of his vision for us.

Jesus was promising help to those first Christians. He knew the responsibilities he was leaving them. He also knew their past records of failures, internal conflicts and, finally, their betrayal. They would need help facing the mountains of opposition and problems the world would put before them. He also knew them well enough to foresee the conflicts and divisions that would develop among them. So, he promised them the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would enable, guide, strengthen and renew them in the many ways they would be called upon to witness to Jesus - "in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

As Jesus promised, we are gifted with the same powerful Spirit that animated Jesus and sustained him, not only through his preaching and healing ministry, but through his long suffering and death. It is that same Spirit that keeps us from stagnating and being just a curious, antiquated relic from the past. Thanks to the Spirit, we are called and empowered to be modern witnesses to the living Christ still with us, who is reaching out in a new age to do through us, what he did in his lifetime - preach the gospel, heal the sick and bring people back to God.

During the week ahead of us we do again what Jesus instructed his disciples to do - we wait. While we wait, we bring to prayer our personal needs for a renewal of faith in the risen Christ. We also pray for those we know who have lost their commitment to our church community, as well as for those whose spirits are battered in any way because of loneliness, poverty, violence, sickness etc.

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people
as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*

PASTORAL SERVICES

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 06:00pm
 Sun 08:00am
 9:30am
 11:00am
 06:00pm

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Sat 06:00pm	C:	R:
Sun 08:00am	C:	R:
9:30am	C:	R:
11:00am	C:	R:
06:00pm	C:	R:

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PRAYERS WRITERS: 31st May Denis Fitzgerald

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WELCOMERS

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
Mar	\$4,003.50	\$	\$

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: The sick of our parish: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr JulieThomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	23 rd May	9:00am	James Family
Sun	24 th May	9:30am 11:00am	For the People of the Parish Zophia & Miroslav Kimnes
Mod	25 th May	7:00am 12:00pm	Dominican Vocations James Family
Wed	27 th May	12:00pm	Marjorie June Whelan
Thu	28 th May	12:00pm	Barry Hickey
Fri	29 th May	7:00am	Deceased Dominicans

If you want to have a Mass offered,
 please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of May is available on our website
<http://www.stdominics.org.au> to remind us
 to pray for those mentioned



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*"In the life of Pope St John Paul II, we can see
 a man sent by God, prepared by Him,
 and made Bishop and Pope to guide God's Church.
 Today, we can say that the Lord visited his people."*

Pope Francis, 100th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Birth

**"God is our refuge and
 strength, a very present help in
 trouble"**
Psalm 46:1.



Hymn: Aprite le porte a Christo - Hymn for beatification of Pope John Paul II - English Lyrics

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Our services to the community are NOT closed. If you need assistance with food vouchers and other urgent financial assistance during the current pandemic please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 305 330 between 10.00 AM and 3.00 PM - Monday to Friday'.

DOMINCARE In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community it is timely to draw your attention to a phone number that appears each week on the front of the Dominican, namely that of Dominiccare. Dominiccare has been part of the parish for decades and is simply a chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

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PARISH RESOURCES

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SUNDAY OF THE ASCENSION YEAR A REFLECTION



There is no sense of loss experienced by Jesus' disciples upon his departure, his Ascension, in the New Testament accounts of this event. On the contrary, in St Luke's gospel we read that the disciples immediately after Jesus' Ascension "went back to Jerusalem full of joy."

In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles Luke tells us that at Jesus' departure he promised his disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to empower them to carry out his commission to be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth": "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses." Jesus' promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit explained the apostles' attitude in the face of Jesus' departure. The Gospel of John also throws light on this for it teaches that it is through the presence of the Holy Spirit that the ascended Lord remains with his disciples.

St Paul in today's second reading witnesses to Christ's new mode of presence when he writes that at his Ascension he became "the head of the Church; which is his body." A few centuries later St Augustine drew on this thought of Paul to remind his congregation that Jesus who ascended into Heaven, and ourselves who remain on earth, are still united, just as a head and a body remain united. We are now in heaven through our living faith in Christ which "unites us with him" and he is with us on earth, especially in suffering humanity: "I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

And the fifth century Pope, St Leo the Great, drew attention to Jesus' new mode of presence in the world in an Ascension Day sermon saying, "What till then [his Ascension] was visible of our Redeemer was changed into a sacramental presence" – By means of the sacraments Jesus remains with us. St Augustine spoke of faith and suffering humanity making Jesus present. Leo the Great, the sacraments. We might add to that Jesus is present through Scripture and where two or three are gathered in prayer in his name.

Matthew in today's Gospel also draws attention to Jesus' continued presence in the Church. We see this by noting that there is no mention in his Gospel of the risen Lord returning to the Father after he commissions the 11 to make disciples of all the nations. On the contrary, after his final instructions Jesus reassures them of his abiding presence: "And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." Matthew ends his Gospel by proclaiming Jesus' presence with us, not his absence.

Paradoxically in ascending to his Father Jesus has drawn closer to us. That is at the heart of the Ascension and the joy and challenge the feast communicates.

Fr David Willis OP

MASS READINGS AND HOMILIES

The readings can be found by clicking on links below

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Recent Homilies are available to read (pdfs) or to listen to (podcasts) on our Homily webpage.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

"Work"

"Work" in all its forms has occupied Christian thinking and this has seen firm statements made about the worth and dignity of all workers.

The secular approach to work is the symbolism of International Workers' day (May Day): although we have our uniquely Australian counterparts.

Leo XIII in 1891, Pius XI in 1931 and John XXIII in 1961 all purposely supported fundamental work rights and obligations that have stood the test of time.



Prayer to Mary Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin, Help of Christians,
Patron saint of Australia-

I consecrate myself entirely to your
Immaculate Heart. I promise to live only
for the greater glory of God
and the salvation of souls.

I entrust to your care, the Church,
her supreme Pontiff, priests
and missionaries, my relatives and

friends, today's youth exposed to so many dangers, poor
sinners, the dying and all the souls in Purgatory.

Teach me dearest Mother to imitate your virtues in my life,

particularly your strength and courage,
obedience to God and spotless purity.

Grant also, Mary Help of Christians
that through your powerful intercession,
we may be victorious over the enemies of our souls,
in life and in death.

So that we may be with you in Heaven.

Amen.

FROM THE PRIORY



A big thank-you to the many generous people who have made donations to the priests at St Dominic's since the epidemic began. We have received donations of food and other groceries, as well as cash, often given anonymously, so we are unable to thank you in person. We are truly grateful, and assure you of our on-going prayers and Masses.

Fr Martin Wallace, O.P.
(Prior, on behalf of the community)

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or by using the Give Now site on the internet <https://www.givenow.com.au/stdominicspriory>

PROPER OF THE MASS: The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Today's Readings

(Ascension, Year A) Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Next Week's Readings

(Pentecost, Year A) Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 103; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

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