

First reading

Acts 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

Psalm 46(47): 2-3,6-9

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.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise to our king, sing praise.

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

Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: *When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.*

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel

Mark

16:15-20

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.

Why are Mothers Special?

My own Mother, Judy, passed away almost 8 years ago.

I think of her every day and I especially miss her on this day.

Mothers are special because they are the ones who brought us into the world.

They nourished us physically and emotionally as we started our life.

They are special because, at their best, they reflect the love that God has for us.

Loving us unconditionally.

Wishing the best for us.

Putting our needs before their own.

Today is a day to give thanks for the motherly figures in our lives.

To show them they are appreciated and loved.

To let them know that, in them, we see God's presence at work in the world.

May God bless all Mothers in our community and grant eternal rest to those who have gone before us.

- Deacon Tony Hoban,
Pastoral Director

Welcome back Fr Meng

Our Celebrant this week is:

Fr. Domingo Barawid, MI (better known as Fr Meng).

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron,
a person of faith
who desired all people to come to know and
love you
in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke
pioneered:
discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace
and nourished by Word and Sacrament
may we grow in our relationship with you
and together make our Catholic Faith
Community
a community of communities,
a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink
in the midst of their journey,
and a center of constant missionary
outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

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Mass for Neophytes: 18 May

The annual Mass for Neophytes (newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church) will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and held on Friday 18 May, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For further information contact 02 8838 3456 or ingridvergano@parracatholic.org.

Community conversation on asylum seekers and refugees: 20 May

Find out more about this important issue and take part in a table talk discussion. Blackheath Community Centre Hall, 2.00pm-4.30pm, 20 May. RSVP Celia 0499 077 511.

Feast of Corpus Christi: 3 June

Santa Sophia Catholic College invites everyone to come celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi. 3 June at Santa Sophia Catholic College, Schofields. Lunch from 12pm and 2pm Eucharistic Procession with

Fr Warren Edwards. RSVP Daryl 0407 406 668 or dcastellino@parra.catholic.edu.au

Children's Meditation Workshop: 19 May

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions. Saturday 19 May, 1.30pm-4.30pm. For more information: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 02 8752 5390.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario: 26 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario on Saturday 26 May 2018 at 6.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Monica's Church, Richmond. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS

Meet some of our St Luke's Advisory Group members:

Mark Rupac

My name is Mark Rupac. My wife, Lara and I have 2 boys, Thomas is 5 and Oliver is 1 year old. I was born in the Philippines and grew up and lived in Western Sydney. I have been involved in different Parishes and different church groups from an early age. We moved to Marsden Park a year ago and were excited to get involved in the beginning of a parish in the area. I've always loved music and I've played in different bands. I was keen to help out with singing and playing the guitar at mass.



Nina Sheryll Nunez

Nina was born and grew up in the Philippines. She took up Communication Arts at De La Salle University - Manila. Whilst in the Philippines, she was active serving the parish as a lector/reader. She also had the chance to portray Mother Mary in a Christmas play at church. She moved to Sydney in 2001 to pursue Accounting. She was an experienced Barista in her early years and is now working as Payroll Accounting Team/Project Manager at NSW Health. On weekends, she is fond of baking Filipino desserts and creating terrariums. She is married to James for 13 years and has 2 kids: Reese Loiz (12 years old) and Lincoln Reeve (11 years old) who are both studying at St. Luke's Catholic College - Marsden Park. Nina is very honoured and privileged to be part of the Advisory group headed by Deacon Tony and Annette and can't wait to see St. Luke's Catholic Community grow in the future.



SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub
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