

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.**

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 Mt 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.**

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EVANGELISATION IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

The Ascension is Jesus' homecoming. This is especially seen in the Gospel of John. Jesus is 'from above', from God. As the *Logos* (Greek for 'Word') he was with God from the beginning. But the *Logos* became flesh, taking on our human nature to save the world. Jesus was faithful to his mission to the very end by giving up his life. But he took it up again by his resurrection and returned to the Father and to the glory he had before the world began.

The Acts of the Apostles presents him as being lifted up, as a cloud takes him from the sight of his disciples. That is why we imagine heaven as 'up there, beyond the clouds'. Pope Benedict XVI explains that this does not mean that Jesus is transported to another cosmic location; rather, he is taken up into God's very being, participating in God's powerful presence in the world. Jesus' return home does not mean that he has ceased connecting with the believers. The final words of Matthew's Gospel, that we hear today, contain Jesus' assurance to his disciples that he will be with them always, yes, to the end of time.

Connected with the Ascension is the sending of the apostles to all the nations to invite all humanity to enter God's reign and make it 'present' in their lives. While the Apostles preached in synagogues, by riverbanks, and in market places (*agoras*), nowadays people congregate around computers and digital gadgets. Pope Francis points out that one cannot speak to today's people without entering into the culture of communication and the digital networks. That is why today's feast of the Ascension is also *World Communications' Day*.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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.**



RESP 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

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Visit from Little Sisters of the Poor—This weekend after 5.30pm & 9am Masses :Sister Josephine and Sister Veronika from Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish and would like to speak about their mission and how we can assist them.

Project Compassion Receipts : are available from the table in the Narthex. Thank You.

Readers & Special Ministers—Please collect your copy of the Roster available in the Foyer. Thank You.

Thanksgiving Envelopes
 Please collect your Thanksgiving Envelopes for the period of 4/06/2017—26/11/2017 . Please let the Parish Office know if your circumstances have changed.

Annual Mass Count
 Final week of Mass Count will take place this weekend at all Masses. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the forms please. Thank You.



Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family at St Clement's Parish
Alessia Mirabile
Joshua & Lachlan Gilligan
Charlotte & Olivia Langley

Pentecost Sunday 4 June 2017 at 6pm - St Patrick's and St Paul's Cathedral Choirs Unite in Sung Prayer at St Paul's Cathedral

On Pentecost Sunday at 6pm at St Paul's Cathedral, a Choral Evensong for the Day of Pentecost will be sung by the Choir from St Paul's combined with the Choir of St Patrick's Cathedral – completing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is the first time these choirs have combined for worship. In addition, the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Fr John Salvano, has been invited to preach. Join in the Spirit and make this a Pentecost to remember. (The combined Cathedral Choirs rehearse publicly in the Cathedral from 4.30pm.)

PRIVACY: As a Parish we are obliged to follow a Privacy Policy. We always have to be respectful of one another's privacy and need from time to time to remind ourselves about good practice. Many groups in the Parish are given phone numbers so that they can carry out the ministry in which they are involved. The practice is that those numbers should only be used for that one purpose. The phone numbers should not be passed on without the permission of the person concerned or used for promotions.



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
 Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am ,11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)



Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)
 Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.
 Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Joan Bennett

Death Anniversaries : Maria Mariani, Ines Pacini, Dino Pacini, Concetta Calafiore, Maria Mazzocca, Joy McNaughton, Luisa Giliberti, Petrucci Family.
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Tue 30th May @ 9.15am—Confirmation Classes in the Parish Office
 Thurs 1st June @ 7pm—RCIA Inquiry Meeting in the Parish Office
 Tue 6th June @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Parish Office
 Thurs 8th June @ 7pm—Scripture Studies in the Clifton Centre
 Sat 10th June @ 10am—Hope Ministry in the Parish Office

Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,485
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,083
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

Sacramental Program 2017

Enrolment for Sacraments closed for 2017. Applications for 2018 now being accepted. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

CONFIRMATION :

Parents' Information Session: Thursday 20th July 2017 @ 7.30pm in the Clifton Centre

Commissioning Mass: Saturday 22 July 2017 @ 5.30pm

Day of Reflection : Wed 26th July from 9am—3pm

Confession : Sat 29th July after 9.15am Mass

Rehearsal & Archbishop's Talk : Tue 1st Aug from 9am—12noon

Confirmation: Sun 6 August, 2017 @ 2.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FIRST EUCHARIST FOR THE CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE SCHOOLS

Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 July 2017 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Clifton Centre

Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 10.00am

First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$150 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

Mario & Angela's Café—This Sunday after 9am Mass.
 All welcome.

Craft Ladies

Our grateful thanks to the Craft Ladies of St Clement of Rome, who made a donation of \$400.00 to the Parish from a recent Sale. Many thanks to everyone who supported them.

We are in URGENT need of the following volunteers :

- 1) Projectionist—anyone wishing to operate the PowerPoint & Music for the weekend Masses Sat 5.30pm & Sun 9am.
- 2) PowerPoint presentation writers. Typing up the Mass on to the slides for weekend Masses.

Training will be provided to anyone interested. Please contact Mariangela at the Parish Office or leave your details on the clip board provided in the Foyer. Thank You.

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5 30pm	Sun 9am	
27/28 May	Sacristan COMMENTATOR	Elroy De Witt John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng David Mitchell
	Reader	Linda Cultrera	Mark Gregor
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcox May Teh	Rita Gagliardi Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Martin Teh	Gabriella Grande
			Eleanora Mascitti
			Sylvia Mascitti
			Pam Mitchell
			Maria Papalia
3 /4 June	Sacristan COMMENTATOR	John Bruce Linda Cultrera	Francis & Gloria Ng Mark Gregor
	Reader	Jacinta De La Cruz	Christine Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright John Bruce	Maria Papalia Elsa Waters
		Linda Cultrera	Chris Zordan
			Trish Atherton
			Anne Fusca
			Rita Gagliardi
			Grace Canatelli

Annual Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 July at 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5587/ lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 14 July.

Liturgical Formation Workshop

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass

This workshop offers biblical, spiritual and liturgical guidance for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during Mass. Thursday 15th June 2017, 7pm—9pm (light supper from 6.30pm) Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. More Info : Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation—9926 5761 evangelisation@cam.org.au

Euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation— Please pick up your copy 'When life is ending' (discussing dying, assisted suicide and Euthanasia).