



Holy Family Parish

Ascension of the Lord – Year B – Sunday 16th May 2021

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

R. *God mounts his throne with 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 4:1-13

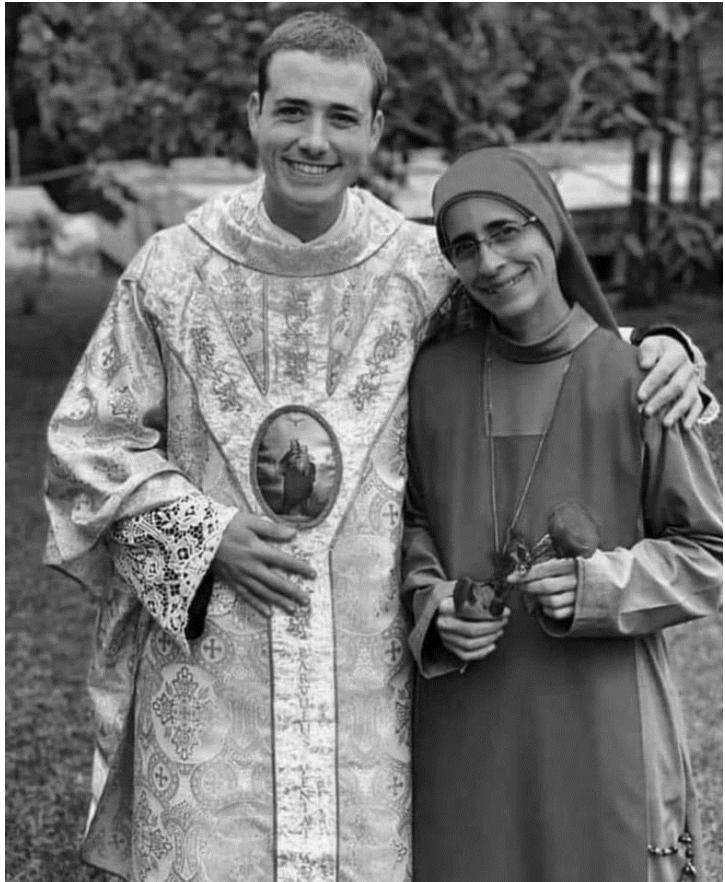
I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were 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.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP ON OUR PARISH CALENDAR

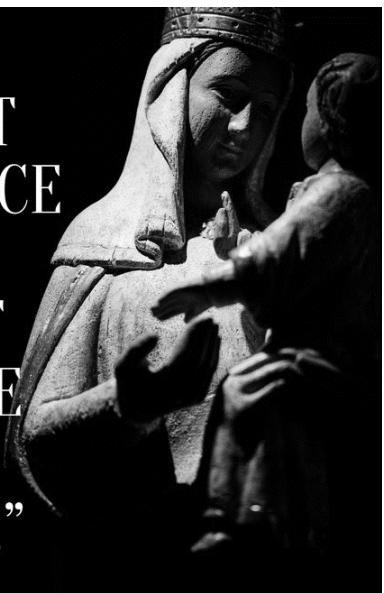
- **FOOD FESTIVAL:** Sunday 23rd May – *Pentecost Food Festival in the Hall after Mass. \$2 entry Fee. Call Ellen to register a table of your food.*
- **CONFIRMATIONS:** Sunday 13th June – *Parish Celebration of Confirmation for our children. Bring a plate for Hall celebration.*
- **ORDINATION:** Saturday 3rd July – *Mass will be at 7am and there will be No Reconciliations that Saturday as Fr Jeremy will be attending the Ordination all day. The Traditional Rite Ordination of Deacon Brendan Boyce is at St Benedict’s at 10am. All are welcome.*
- **YOUTH TALK:** Friday 9th July, 7pm, Bugler Centre – All youth welcome. Topic = Friendship and Virtue.
- **PARISH RETREAT DAY:** Saturday 10th July – *“The person and nature of Christ” by Robert Loretz. More details to come.*
- **MUSIC TALK and WORKSHOP:** Wednesday 14th July, 7:30pm-9pm – TOPIC = “Origins and History of Sacred Music” by Robert Loretz.
- **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS (14 to 19 year olds):** August 7, 14, 21, & 28, Saturdays 2pm-6pm.
- **QUIZ NIGHT:** Saturday 4th September – *Parish Quiz Night – start getting your team of 8 together.*



A mother who consecrated herself to God after becoming a widow and the son who, motivated by the example of their Christian home, entered the seminary and was ordained a priest. Both from the same congregation.

**“THE
LOVELIEST
MASTERPIECE
OF THE
HEART OF
GOD IS THE
HEART OF
A MOTHER.”**

-ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

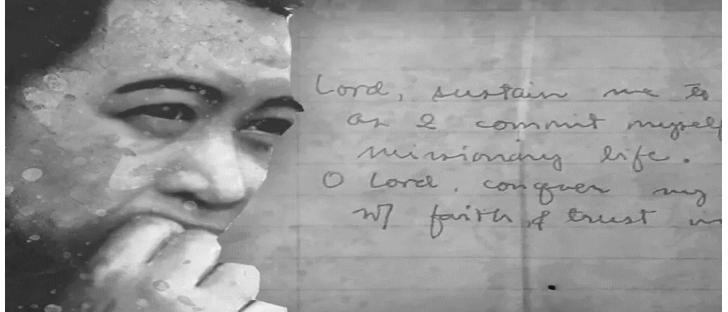


**A SINGLE
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PROSPERITY."**

**ST. JOHN OF AVILA
PRAY FOR US!**

Sainthood Cause Opened for Filipino Priest Killed by Islamists in 2000

Hannah Brockhaus/CAN News May 7, 2021



The sainthood cause opened this week of Father Rhoel Gallardo, who died on May 3, 2000, after being held for 43 days by Islamists. The Claretian missionary was killed at the age of 34, just six years after his ordination as a priest and 11 years after making his first profession as a religious. On March 20, 2000, Father Gallardo was kidnapped, together with a school administrator, five teachers and 22 students from the Claret School of Tumahubong, a village located on the island province of Basilan, in the Philippines. The majority of the population in Basilan is Muslim; the next largest religious group is Catholic. Father Gallardo, who was the school's principal, and the teachers and students were taken captive by the Islamic separatist group Abu Sayyaf, the East Asia branch of the Islamic State.

Father Gallardo died when he was shot in the head, shoulder and back at close range, after repeatedly refusing to renounce his Catholic faith. Three teachers and five children also died when they were caught in a gunfight between the terrorists and the military. When Father Gallardo's body was recovered, it was discovered that the nails on his index fingers and toes had been pulled off before he was shot. There were also other signs of torture. The Territorial Prelature of Isabela, led by Bishop Leo Dalmao, officially opened Father Gallardo's cause for beatification on May 3, 2021, the 21st anniversary of his death. The ceremony took place at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in Tumahubong, the town where Father Gallardo had volunteered to serve the year before his murder.

According to Claretian Father Angel Calvo, quoted in Asia News, "Father Gallardo was the first priest kidnapped in Basilan to be killed. Other priests and nuns had been seized, even beaten, but in the end everyone was freed." "People already think of him as a martyr, a hero. The other hostages said that he did not want to give up the cross and the rosary, as the Islamists wanted. That's why they tortured him by ripping off his nails," Father Calvo said. "He suffered a lot; yet, as school principal, even in captivity he cared first of all about the teachers and the children entrusted to him. He offered his life for the people around him." The priest said that even after Father Gallardo's death, the Claretian missionaries stayed in Basilan. In the two decades since Father Gallardo's death, Abu Sayyaf has moved its activities more to the island of Jolo.

"Father Gallardo's testimony remains an example that no one has forgotten," Father Calvo said. CBCP News, the news agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, quoted Father Elias Ayubon, the provincial superior of the Claretian Missionaries in the Philippines, who said that Father Gallardo "stood up for God who was faithful to him until the last drop of his blood." Martyrdom "could have occurred to any of us who were the young missionaries then, but it was given to Father Rhoel because, in hindsight, he was the most prepared to receive the crown," Father Ayubon said. "We join in fervent prayer that our brother and friend, Servant of God Father Rhoel Gallardo, will, one day, be counted among the martyrs and saints of our Mother Church."

Pro-Life MP Faces 6 Years in Prison Because Finland Says Her Christian Views are “Hate Speech”



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<https://www.lifenews.com/2021/05/03/pro-life-mp-faces-6-years-in-prison-because-finland-says-her-christian-views-are-hate-speech/>

A Finnish grandmother could be sent to prison for six years for expressing her Christian beliefs publicly. Päivi Räsänen is a member of parliament in Finland, a former Minister of the Interior, a medical doctor, grandmother and a strong Christian. She is widely known for defending conservative Christian views and speaking out against abortion and euthanasia. Now, however, Räsänen is facing three criminal charges for alleged “hate speech” for comments that she made during news interviews and online, Christianity Daily reports. If convicted, her lawyers said she could face up to six years in prison.

Räsänen said she will not back down or be intimidated, and she hopes her legal battle will help ensure that no one is deprived of their freedom of speech. “I cannot accept that voicing my religious beliefs could mean imprisonment,” she said in a statement. “I do not consider myself guilty of threatening, slandering or insulting anyone. My statements were all based on the Bible’s teachings on marriage and sexuality.”

ADF International, which represents her, said authorities accused her of “hate speech” for publicly voicing her opinion on marriage and human sexuality in a 2004 pamphlet, her comments on a 2018 TV show and a 2019 tweet criticizing her church leaders’ decision to support a “Pride” celebration. She is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. “Despite the police previously concluding that no crime had been committed, the Prosecutor General re-opened the file,” ADF International responded.

Her lawyers said she attended several lengthy interviews with police about her views in 2019, and then waited more than a year before the General Prosecutor decided to continue prosecution. On March 5, 2020, she learned that the Prosecutor General had launched two more investigations against her, her lawyers said. One is about her comments discussing her faith and religious issues on a TV show in 2018 called, “Yökylässä Maria Veitola.” The other involves a December 2019 radio interview that she participated in; the topic was “What would Jesus think about homosexuals?”

Paul Coleman, executive director of ADF International, said cases like Räsänen’s are becoming all too common throughout Europe. “If committed civil servants like Päivi Räsänen are criminally charged for voicing their deeply held beliefs, it creates a chilling effect for everyone’s right to speak freely,” Coleman said. Räsänen said she will not remain silent or allow the government to censor her. “I will not be intimidated into hiding my faith,” she said. “The more Christians keep silent on controversial themes, the narrower the space for freedom of speech gets.”

TODAY'S

SOCIETY DOES

NOT PRAY.

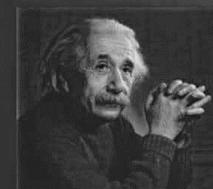
THAT IS WHY IT

IS FALLING

APART.

ST. PADRE PIO

Albert Einstein on the Catholic Church



"Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced thus to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly."

-- Albert Einstein, *Time* magazine, 23rd December, 1940 p. 38

“*Politics has become so primary in modern life, that the masses are more moved by promises than by fulfillments.*”



+JMJ+

Fulton J. Sheen
“Way to Inner Peace”

“*Holiness* consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be.”

-Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

43% increase in late-term abortions coincides with NZ PM introducing extreme abortion law to New Zealand

“New Zealand has seen a huge 43% increase in late-term abortions, which has coincided with NZ PM Jacinda Ardern introducing the most extreme abortion law in the world to New Zealand. One of these abortions was performed on a baby that was between 35 & 39 weeks gestation. Pregnancy is generally considered full term at 37 weeks.”

<https://righttolife.org.uk/news/43-increase-in-late-term-abortions-coincides-with-nz-pm-introducing-extreme-abortion-law-to-new-zealand>

PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory
alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed
us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes,
nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er shall our
hearts forget his promise, "I am with you
evermore"?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,
here on earth our food and stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee
to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep
across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in
the Eucharistic Feast.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes
aquarum ita desiderat, anima mea
ad te Deus.*

*O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quocum Christo, in quo, in quo cum
Christo gaudent,
omnes Sancti, omnes Sancti, amicti stolis
albis, amicti stolis albis sequuntur
Agnum, quocumque erit.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Jesu, rex admirabilis et triumphator
nobilis, dulcedo ineffabilis,
totus desiderabilis,

Nec lingua potest dicere, nec littera
exprimere: experto potes credere,
quid sit Jesum diligere.

Jesu, dulcedo cordium, fons vivus,
lumen mentium
Excedens omne gaudium
Et omne desiderium.

Rex virtutum, Rex gloriae, Rex insignis
victoriae, Jesu, largitor gratiae,
honor caelestis curiae

Godhead here in hiding,
whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows,
shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a
heart. Lost, all lost in wonder at the
God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee
deceived: How says trusty hearing?
that shall be believed; What God's Son
has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's
nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign
to men, Here thy very manhood steals
from human ken: Both are my
confession, both are my belief, And I
pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot
see, But can plainly call thee Lord
and God as he; This faith each day
deeper be my holding of, daily make me
harder hope and dearer love.

O thou reminder of Christ crucified,
Living bread, the life of us for whom he
died, Lend this life to me then;
feed and feast my mind, There be thou
the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here
below, I beseech thee send me what I
long for so, Some day to gaze on thee
face to face in light and be blessed for
ever with thy glory's sight.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.

NEXT SUNDAY:

23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25;

Jn 15:26-27, 16: 12-15;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: J. Bright, R. Cardoza

Prayers of the Faithful: B. Molloy

Offertory: Tagilima Family

Special Ministers: P. Tagilima

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Fakava Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Pentecost Food Festival

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

16 May: Tom Darling

18 May: Stella Fitzgerald

19 May: Joseph McCormick, Yvette McIntyre, John Barry

20 May:

Eileen Brown, Patrick Hogan

21 May: Nicolaas Janssen, George Bocirnea

22 May: Frank Vernon, Suzanne Niu

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,937.47
Priests	\$ 968.73
Total AP's and Cash	\$2,906.20

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Cultural Food Festival

Next Sunday

After the 9:30 am Mass

tables that have been booked are

Filipino, Indian, Malaysian,

Myanmar, Samoan, Tongan and

Rest of the World incl

New Zealand

If you would like to bring a dish to share and to be added to a table.

Please contact

Ellen on 834 6677

Don't forget your \$2 donation

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Go to Joseph: Our Protector and Guide In this 'Year of St. Joseph' declared by Pope Francis. What do we know about our patron and companion? A day to reflect on the life of St Joseph and what he calls each of us to. This retreat will be held at Mary MacKillop Centre on Saturday May 29th led by Sisters Lyndall Brown and Jill McLoughlin. Cost: \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged – please register with Sr Julian by May 24th (marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au or 09 528 1801)