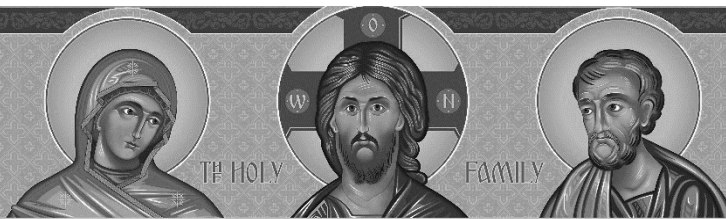


*Holy  
Family*



*Catholic  
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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2023

### 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.*

*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 1:17-23

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.

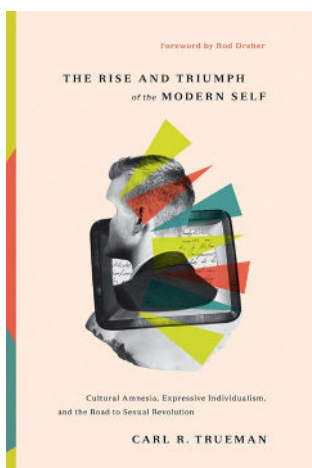
### GOSPEL : Matthew 28:16-20

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 Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self

*by Carl Trueman*

Ever wondered how, in the West, we culturally arrived at the point of our current excessive individualism?... with each person making up their own morals?... mainly based on their feelings?... and where they think that personal identity can be entirely fabricated according to their chosen sexual inclination or gender?... and this must be approved and promoted by everyone else in the political body? How did we arrive here? Carl Trueman's book is a tour de force, mapping out the path to this critical point in human history. He masterfully ties together, in a very readable way, the various key philosophies, philosophers, ideologies, psychoanalysts, sociologists, and writers, of the last 250 years, who have shaped the thinking, and the societal institutions, into the lunacy we see today. This is a must read if you are interested in understanding the current chaos.





# PARISH *Conference*

Guest speaker

**DR PETER HOLMES**

Lecturer in Theology & Scripture at Notre Dame University



Thursday	<b>29</b> June 2023	7pm - 9pm in the Parish Hall	<b>Healthy Sexuality in a Pornified World</b> Living a life of sexual integrity: being the lover God calls us to be.
Friday	<b>30</b> June 2023	7pm - 9pm in the Parish Hall	<b>Life Hacks for a Happy Marriage</b> Practical skills and daily habits that bring couples together in more enjoyable marriages
Saturday	<b>1</b> July 2023	10am - 5pm in the Parish Hall	<b>The Mission of Masculinity</b> Authentic masculinity in a time of crisis (4 Talks)

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# CONFERENCE TALKS

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## Healthy Sexuality in a Pornified world

*Living a life of sexual integrity : being the lover God calls us to be.*

**Thursday Evening, June 29, Parish Hall, 7pm-9pm**

God created us as incarnate beings with a sexual drive and resulting passionate desires. He intended us to put these at the service of a healthy faithful and fruitful love, and thereby find real happiness. Meanwhile, today, we are bombarded by unhealthy stereotypes of sexuality, and unreal promises of sexual freedom. Far from being 'liberating', the modern approaches and uses of sexuality are, and have become, a new form of slavery. Sadly, many of us are enslaved to expectations about beauty and appearance, sex appeal and fulfilment, or even clothing, that are unreal and unattainable, and leave us desperate. Some perhaps are even enslaved by the seduction of pornography and its shallow promises of sexual thrills, leaving us empty, unfulfilled, wanting more, and ultimately sad. Sometimes Christians make the mistake of not talking about anything sexual out of a fear of sinning. But a healthy ethics, the Lord Himself, the Bible, and the Catholic faith, are very positive about our sexual dimension - properly understood, and properly presented. We are all called to live a joyful and fulfilling spousal love.

Join Dr Peter Holmes as he helps us discover God's plan for a healthy, exciting and Godly sexuality, as well as some practical tips in dealing with unhealthy habits and moving towards a joyful sexuality.

## Life hacks for a happy marriage

*Practical skills and daily habits that bring couples together in more enjoyable marriages*

**Friday Evening, June 30, Parish Hall, 7pm-9pm**

True love looks easy in Hollywood, but not always so easy in daily life of marriage. Anyone who is married knows that dealing with the busyness of daily life, the kids, tiredness, and all the little annoyances of life, make it hard to keep your marriage alive, joyful, and fulfilling. Sometimes the flame of love seems little more than a smoulder.

Join Dr Peter Holmes, married with eight children, with experience in marriage counselling, for an evening of laughter and light-hearted insights that will help build happy and fulfilling marriages. He will offer a range of practical tips and skills for forming daily loving habits that help couples to grow closer together and make marriages that are more enjoyable, fulfilling and fruitful.

## The Mission of Masculinity

*Authentic masculinity in a time of crisis*

**Saturday, July 1, Parish Hall, 10am-5pm (4 talks)**

As Christians we believe that God made us male and female in His image and our identity is rooted in Him. But what does that mean? What does it mean to be a man? Or even a Godly man? And how do we practically live this out - especially in today's world? Today the world sends confusing messages about men: often mocking men as unreliable fools and clumsy idiots; or outright saying that masculinity is toxic. The patriarchy is apparently evil, and gender differences don't matter anymore. From this, men can be forgiven for feeling a bit confused or wondering about their place in our society. Who am I? Who should I be? How do I fit in? How do I relate to women? Women also could be forgiven for not understanding what real masculinity is. Dr Peter Holmes believes that we need genuine masculinity more than ever today, and that every man can live his masculinity powerfully and passionately, with God's help, for the good of us all! Join us for a series of talks which will lay out the answers that lay out God's intentions for a Masculinity that is an *image of God*. These talks include:

1. The modern problem with men (the patriarchy, toxic masculinity, a biased workplace etc.)
2. Masculinity in the image of God the Father
3. Masculinity in the image of God the Son
4. Masculinity in the image of God the Bridegroom
5. Masculinity in the image of God the Lord
6. Man in the image of God as Prophet, Priest and King.

### 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:

*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*

### COMMUNION HYMN:

*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 ierit.*

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.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below;  
Thrown on life's surge,  
we claim thy care:  
Save us from peril and from woe  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea.  
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through  
thee; Remind thy son that he has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
Prayer for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
To thee, blest advocate, we cry:  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
And soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

### DIOCESAN NOTICES

**The NZ Catholic Medical Association** provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at [www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz](http://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz) For general inquiries email: [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com) (NZCMA formation committee).

**Free Books:** from the Diocesan library available for collection see [aucklandcatholic.org.nz/books/](http://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/books/)

**G.I.F.T. Pentecost Mass Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** at the G.I.F.T. Centre, 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. Intellectually disabled people, families, and support workers **welcome**. Supper afterwards.

### NEXT SUNDAY:

28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Pentecost Sunday (Yr A)**

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23;*

### LITURGY ROSTER

**Readers:** J. Brodie, R. Cardoza

**Prayers of the Faithful:** T. Molloy

**Offertory:** Murrell Family

**Special Ministers:** F. Ulugia

### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

S. Spemann and E. Auva'a

### SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Mothers Prayer Group

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**21 May:** Nicolaas Janssen, George Bocirnea

**22 May:** Frank Vernon, Suzanne Niu

**23 May:** Kay Povinell, Jack Moody

**24 May:** Eileen Hunter

**25 May:** Ernest Henty

**26 May:** John Keating, Conrad Scanlan

**27 May:** Kathleen Dilmott, Venus Tomlinson

### PARISH FINANCES

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| <b>Parish</b>              | \$2,304.27 |
| <b>Priests</b>             | \$1,152.13 |
| <b>Total AP's and Cash</b> | \$3,456.40 |

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

**24 Hour Adoration - June - Please note:** that for June only there will be no adoration on Friday night instead adoration will start on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June after the 9am Mass to 6pm.



**Pentecost Cultural Food Festival  
Cultural Food Festival**

**Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
After the 9:30 am Mass**

**tables that have been booked are  
Indian, Malaysian, Myanmar,  
Samoan, Tongan and Rest of the  
World incl New Zealand, South  
America and China**

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

*Please contact*

*Ellen on 834 6677 or email  
hfparish@xtra.co.nz*

*Please check the noticeboard  
for more Diocesan Notices.*



Look after them the way  
they looked after you.

There are certain people in life who shape who you are.  
Special people who were always there to give you advice,  
support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid  
them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly.  
Talk to us, we'll help you do just that.

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