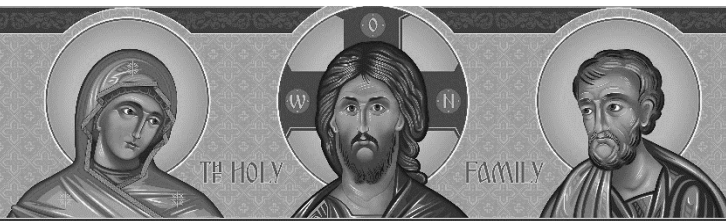


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ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B – 12th MAY 2024

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 with shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
All people, 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.* ℟

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.

Thursday Evenings, 7-9pm...

THE MASS EXPLAINED

A new Thursday-Evening Formation-Series on the Mass. Join us as we walk through the parts of the Mass and study their biblical foundations. Give your cell-number to Office (Ellen) to be added to the notification list.

A.

P A-ter nos-ter, qui es in cæ-lis: sancti-fi-cé-tur
no-men tu-um; advé-ni-at regnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lún-
tas tu-a, sic-ut in cæ-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum
co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di-e; et dimítte no-bis
dé-bi-ta nostra, sic-ut et nos di-mít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus
nostris; et ne nos indú-cas in tenta-ti-ó-nem; sed
lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.

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:

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
All else be nought to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father;
thine own may I be:
Thou in me dwelling,
and I one with thee.

High King of heaven,
when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

COMMUNION HYMN:

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus dearest treasure, hail!
I love Thee and adoring kneel:
Each loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thy Own Self in form of Bread.

O Food of life Thou Who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live,
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways
And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of Love, that dost unite
The servant to his Loving Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite
Such love, then death
were meet reward:
I cannot live, unless to prove,
Some love for such unmeasured Love.

Beloved Lord in Heaven above
There Jesus Thou awaitest me,
To gaze on Thee with endless love,
Yes thus I hope Thus it shall be.
For how can He deny me Heaven,
Who here on earth Himself hath given?

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is Thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing;
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of
Love on Calvary."*

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings,
With thy praises King of kings!

*Angels, saints and nations sing;
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of
Love on Calvary."*

King most holy, King of Truth,
Guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ, the King of Glory bright,
Be to us eternal light.

*Angels, saints and nations sing;
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of
Love on Calvary."*

Church Carpark – Please do not park
on the grass or the driveway at the
front of the Church. There is plenty of
parking behind the Church. **PLEASE do
not block access to the parking behind
the hall.**

NEXT SUNDAY:**19th May 2024****Pentecost Sunday (Yr B)***Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25;**Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15***LITURGY ROSTER****Readers:** S. Shaw, G. Lao**Prayers of the Faithful:** L. Ahio**Offertory:** P. Tagiilima Family**Special Ministers:** P. Tagiilima**CHURCH CLEANING***Adoration***SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER***Samoa Community***ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK****11 May:** *Maryann Eccleshall***12 May:** *Ghislaine O'Brien***13 May:** *Gerald O'Reilly***14 May:** *Puroku Tunui, Ellen Williams,
Alan Collinson***16 May:** *Tom Darling***18 May:** *Stella Fitzgerald***PARISH FINANCES**

<i>Parish</i>	\$1,810.00
<i>Priests</i>	\$ 905.00
Total APs and Cash	\$2,715.00

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Self-taught Art- Everyone can be an artist- Free classes in the Parish Hall on Saturdays once a month – starts 18th May (May to October) 2pm to 3pm suits anyone interested in Art, no age limitation for adults, children above 5 ideally. To register see Ellen in the Parish Office, hfparish@xtra.co.nz

Our Lady of Fatima Celebration: - Monday, May 13, Holy Cross Parish: Confessions 11am, Mass 11:30am, and Refreshments at 12pm,

Catholic Spiritual Retreat – Walking by faith: Trusting God's way, 53 Turner Road Ararimu from 24th May to 26th May – early bird \$130 and standard rego \$150. Early bird till 5th May. Price includes food and accommodation. To register contact bml.auckland@gmail.com

St Joseph's Men's Group – meeting this Wednesday 15th May at 7pm in the Marian Centre, the topic this month: Our Lady of Lourdes – Bishop Barron. **Upcoming activities** – **27th May** - Target shooting and **22nd June** – Mid-winter swim/BBQ – Mairangi Bay. For more information contact Paul Yong on 021704181

Dear Parents, please do remember that we have a Crying Room if your child begins to cry loudly during Mass.