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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension of the Lord — Year A

21st May 2023

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

SECOND READING Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

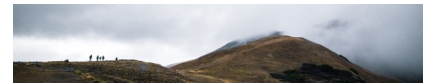
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will 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 Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



NATIONWIDE ROSARY – 27 MAY

A band of committed Catholics are asking for your assistance in the promotion of the National Holy Rosary to Our Lady Help of Christians, on Saturday the 27th May. They hope and pray that Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be able to hold this event in their Parish Churches, preferably between 2-4pm. If people are unable to attend they may pray in their home or with a group. At this very unsettled time in our world, they are sure that this call to unity in prayer with our Blessed Mother Mary will help to restore God's peace and love in our lives, especially those experiencing war, famine, abuse, sickness or homelessness. The Bishops appointed Mother Mary, under the title of Our Lady, Help of Christians as the principal Patroness of Australia in 1844. Hence, Australia became the first nation in the world to make this appointment. It was attributed to the popularity of praying the Holy Rosary to sustain the early Catholic community at a time when there were not enough Priests. See flyer for further details.

ENTRANCE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

A hymn of glory let us sing!
 New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Christ by a road before untrod,
 Ascends unto the throne of God.
 Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to you let earth accord:
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
 A blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 Go and teach all people my gospel.
 I am with you always,
 Until the end of the world.
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

OFFERTORY

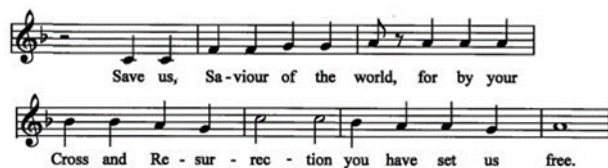
Be still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
 The Holy One, is here;
 Come bow before him now
 With reverence and fear:
 In him no sin is found
 We stand on holy ground.
 Be still for the presence of the Lord,
 The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
 Is moving in this place;
 He comes to cleanse and heal,
 To minister his grace;
 No work too hard for him
 In faith receive from him.
 Be still, for the power of the Lord
 Is moving in this place.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Acclamation 3



COMMUNION

193 One Bread, One Body

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
 One cup of blessing which we bless.
 And we, though many, throughout the earth,
 We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
 Woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,
 One in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
 Gathered to one, for all.

RECESSIONAL

Go Tell Everyone

God's spirit is in my heart

He has called me and set me apart.
 This is what I have to do,
 What I have to do.

Chorus:

He sent me to give
 The good news to the poor
 Tell prisoners
 That they are prisoners no more,
 Tell blind people that they can see,
 And set the downtrodden free.
 And go tell everyone the news
 That the Kingdom of God has come.
 And go tell everyone the news
 That God's Kingdom has come.

Just as the Father sent me
 So I'm sending you out to be
 My witness throughout the world,
 The whole of the world.

NOTICES

Priority: Implementing Integral

Ecology: Consider for a moment the following question: what is the Church's mission? On this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the Gospel reading provides us with an answer. Jesus says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." What is the Church's mission? To make disciples of Jesus. Pope Francis wrote that "in all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers" (EG 28). If the Church exists to make disciples, we must consider what is a disciple, and how do we make disciples? This is interconnected with the sixth apostolic priority: Implementing Integral Ecology.

Archbishop Mark writes:

Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

1. What is a Disciple?

The disciples new Jesus, they followed him, and allowed him to transform their lives.

Do we know Jesus? Do we follow

FEAST DAYS

Wed - Our Lady, Help of Christians
Thu - St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Jesus? Do we allow Jesus to transform our lives?

To be a disciple is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit which enables us to see God, ourselves, and the earth with a new vision.

The Spirit inspires the love of God, each other, and creation.

2. How do we make disciples?

What is the fruit of an apple tree?

Apple trees, not just apples, are the fruit of apple trees!

What is the fruit of a disciple?

The fruit of the disciple is more disciples.

Each of us, all the baptised, are called and commissioned to make more disciples.

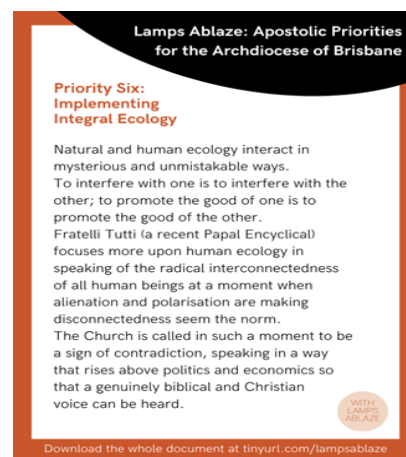
This means sharing the joy of our encounter with Jesus with others.

Today our Lord calls each of us to go on mission but let us first consider our own journey as a disciple of Jesus. Have we personally encountered Jesus, and have we allowed Jesus the freedom to move in our hearts and transform our lives? Are we walking in the grace of our baptism and the empowerment of the Spirit received in confirmation? Let us first ask Jesus to again lead us, guide us, and help us on our journey as his disciple.

Secondly let us consider the mission Jesus has given to us to make disciples of others. Who has God placed in your life whom you could share

your faith with? Who might you begin to pray for? Who might you invite back to Mass?

Finally, in light of implementing integral ecology, let us pray that as we help others encounter Jesus, that the Spirit would enlighten hearts to see the interconnectedness of all of creation in order that a conversion to Christ leads also to an ecological conversion that transforms hearts and minds toward a greater love of God, each other and creation.



ST LUKE'S PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM

Have you walked into the Columbarium area recently? Please take home a brochure and contact the parish office for further information.

AN ANOINTING MASS will be held at St Luke's on the first Friday of each month at the usual time of 9.00am. The next one will be on the **2nd June**. Any changes will be notified via the newsletter.

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THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

GLORIA (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all
bow.)*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen

SANCTUS SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

*May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended. Alleluia Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia