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ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B)

16 MAY 2021

Entrance Antiphon | Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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.'

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

*God mounts his throne to 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.

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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

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PARTS OF THE MASS

Penitential Rite

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord.
✠ For we have sinned against you.
✠ Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
✠ And grant us your salvation.

✠ Lord, have mercy. ✠ Lord, have mercy.
✠ Christ, have mercy. ✠ Christ, have mercy.
✠ Lord, have mercy. ✠ Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

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.

Credo | The 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.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Angus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You
above all things, and I desire to receive You
into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as
if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

May: Month of the Holy Rosary

Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray their Rosaries through the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The movement has the involvement of 30 Marian Shrines from across the world.

Funeral Notice | Fr Peter Liu

Tuesday 18/05 11.00am Funeral Mass St Nicholas Parish
Internment will be at the Priest section of the Tamworth Regional Council Cemetery. Please RSVP your attendance by phone 6771 8700 or email to chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au

Covid Safe Practice

At a recent Liturgy Committee meeting, relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions for Masses was discussed. It was decided that Government restrictions permitting, we will implement the following changes effective the first weekend in July 2021:

- spacing of church pews to return to normal,
- we return to 3 weekend Masses – Sat 5.30pm, Sun 9.00am & 5.30pm
- ministers will no longer be required to wear face masks during the distribution of holy communion,
- simple sign of peace to be reintroduced but with no physical contact,
- 6 months roster for Readers, Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

Wanted: Loving Married Couples

Become a Sponsor couple
SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session: Wed, 19 May - 7.30pm AEST | www.smartloving.org/webinars

BE A MAN | online course in Masculine Theology

Join Fr Paul Chandler and the Maximus Team as we delve into the depths of masculine theology using Fr Paul's book, *Esto Vir*.
The course will run over 5 Wednesday evenings: 21/04; 05/05; 19/05; 26/05 and 09/06, and will take place via Zoom from 7.30 - 9pm
Fr Paul will present a talk at each session based on the reading homework. There will also be small group and large group discussion and Q&A. Register here: www.sydneycatholic.org/beaman
or for more information <https://fb.me/e/3oQFSvDxL>

Please consider EFT in making donation:

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BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001023592
Reference: First + last name

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A/C Name: St Edwards Church Suspense Acct
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Reference: Envelope Number + last name

Planned Giving Program (PGP)

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please email: southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au so that envelopes can be organised. Direct debit or EFT are also an option, for details kindly contact the office.

In your charity, please pray for

Our sick

Shelly Howlett
Barry Winning
Peter Gooley
Sally Shrago
Fr John Willis
Harryson Ritz
Chris Fardy
Petrina (Fardy) Keys
Baby Isabelle Mathew
Ricky Lee Peachy
Jay Peachy
Addison Peachy
Narelle Albans
Julien Ryan
Angela Allan

Our Deceased

+ Fr Peter Liu
+ Ian Foote
+ Patricia Harman
+ Ann Honess
+ Herbert Makepeace
+ Myra Ferris

Death Anniversaries

17/05 + Patrick Grace
17/05 + Ted Owen

Roman Martyrology

17/5 St Pascal, *religious*
18/5 St John I, *pope & martyr*
19/5 St Celestine V, *pope*
20/5 St Bernardine of Siena, *priest*
21/5 St Christopher Magallenes and
Companions, *martyrs*
22/5 St Rita of Cascia, *religious*

Omnes sancti Mártyres, oráte pro nobis

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday & Thursday 07.00am
Tues, Wed & Fri 09.30am
Saturday 05.30pm
Sunday 8am, 9am, 05.30pm

BAPTISM

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Last Week's Collection

09/05/2021

1st Collection \$ 872.75
Envelopes PG \$ 919.00
Loose \$ 32.70

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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.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 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 | Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon | Matthew 28:20

The antiphon is only said if there is no singing or music in the Mass.

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.



St Edward’s Parish - South Tamworth
Diamond Jubilee Celebration
1961 –2021

Important dates during the Jubilee Year

- Sunday 23/05/2021
09.00 am Jubilee Year Opening Mass
- Sunday 17/10/2021
09.00 am Thanksgiving Mass - Bp. Michael Kennedy
12.00 pm Parish Lunch @ Carmen’s details TBA
A talk on the life of Saint Edward
Presenter: Steve Cunneen, PhD
- Wednesday 13/10/2021
Feast of St Edward, King & Confessor
- Wednesday 20/10/2021
60th Anniversary of the canonical
erection of St Edward’s Parish
- Tuesday 24/05/2022
11.00 am Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians
Jubilee Year Closing Mass
Concelebrated Mass with the priests
of the Diocese of Armidale

Our History, Our Story
1961-1971

Father Meehan was settled in his new parish of St Edwards, the beloved Housing Commission families which surrounded the area were in his good hands, housie was bringing in a weekly income, he had a housekeeper, Sheila, who came from Sydney with her Cocker Spaniel, Brownie, making Father’s life easier. She had been a secretary, so used these skills as needed for the parish. The problem remained of the landlocked Robert Street building stopping parish development.

A local Stock and Station Agent Jack Sweeney made an offer Father Meehan couldn’t resist. The offer was for 16 acres of land on the Hillvue Road/ One Tree Hill area, costing six thousand pounds, three thousand on the spot and three thousand at the end of three years, all free of interest. Six acres was later sold leaving ten acres for development. The Parish now had room to grow.

(Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still...Recounted and written by Kitty Thomas)

WEEKLY ROSTER

Pentecost B | 22-23 May 2021

		Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week
Saturday	5.30pm	J Milne	K Pearson	R Stortenbeker	G Tighe & F Gooley
Sunday	8.00am	H Pawsey	-----	J MacRae	
	9.00am	A Soehlakaw	P Long	R Evans	Counters next week
	5.30pm	J McKenzie	-----	L Hearne	J MacRae & J Milne