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**Ascension of
the Lord
Year A**

Entrance Antiphon: 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: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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: (Ps. 46)

R. 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. (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: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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 Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: *A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew (28:16-20)*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, for 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.'

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

All the Masses that our Priests are celebrating in private are being offered "pro populo" - for the intentions of the people of God.

Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.

Live stream of Masses

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PASTORAL CORNER

Has someone you cared about ever gone away and left you? How did it feel? Jesus was returning to his Father and he knew that his friends would be feeling really lost when he went. But he had finished the work that he was to do. Now it was time to leave the disciples with a mission and work to do. What was that work and who does this work today? How do you respond to Jesus' command to be a witness to him? Jesus tells his disciples that he will be with them until the end of the world. Reflect on how you experience God's presence in your life today?

Be aware this week of the practical ways that you can witness to Christ in your life – by your hospitality, your treatment of others, your response to their needs, the way you share your faith or your joy.

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition

We would like to congratulate the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition who this year celebrate a significant milestone in their history- the 165th Anniversary of their arrival in Western Australia. We would like to express our gratitude for their ministry and devoted service to our community and assure them of our prayers.

Today in history: The Arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition 165 years ago

On this day, 24th May, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition would like to especially remember and commemorate the arrivals of our Four Pioneer Sisters belonging to a French Religious Institute started by St. Emilie de Vialar, to the Colony of Western Australia in 1855 on board the ship "**Lady Amherst**". The four sisters were Mother Julie Cabagniol, age 25 years old, Sister Lucie Fieuzet, (44), Sister Zoe de Chamouin (19) and Sister Emilie Petit (19). They were accompanied by Bishop Serra, the bishop of Perth then.



Lady Amherst

The Inquirer

30th May 1855

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Parish Finances

At every weekend mass two collections take place to meet the functional needs of the church and community.

The **First Collection** provides our Priests a monthly stipend covering household food, cleaning and other presbytery expenses.

The **Second Collection** provides income pertaining to the running expenses of the parish, these include: all utilities, maintaining and operating the Parish Office, liturgical supplies, insurance, maintenance, water, electricity, Council rates, waste collection, etc.

Our Parish relies on the support of its parishioners to financially contribute to its ongoing community mission.

Ways to contribute:

There are three ways by which to make your contribution:

- a) An authorised periodical direct debit from your bank account,
- b) Setting up a periodic electronic fund transfer from your account or credit card
- c) Offering a cash donation during Mass collections, as explained above.

During these troubled times you may wish to deposit your donations into the following accounts:

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A/c: 547223267

A/c Name: Canning Vale Parish Presbytery Account

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A/c: 528184530

A/c Name: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth-Canning Vale Parish

Mary Help of Christians

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, including their worship, the Catholic bishops will entrust the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians on her feast day next week ... Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on May 24, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. The entrustment of Australia to Mary Help of Christians can therefore take place on the 24th or the 25th, the bishops agreed.



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

Liturgical Services at St Emilie's Church

Our church is currently open **Tuesday to Friday from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm for private prayer and Confessions.** At this stage unfortunately, the current protocols and legal constraints prevent us from celebrating public Masses at St Emilie's in a manner that is equitable and fair for all.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's Pastoral Letter (18 May 2020)

Please find below the Link to Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's Pastoral Letter concerning the McGowan Government's *Children and Community Services Amendment Bill (2019)* and the proposed introduction of mandatory reporting for ministers of religion in Western Australia and the issue of the Seal of Confession. The Letter can also be accessed via the Archdiocesan Website.

[http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest News-2020-Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB.htm](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest_News-2020-Pastoral_Letter_from_the_Most_Rev_Timothy_Costelloe_SDB.htm)

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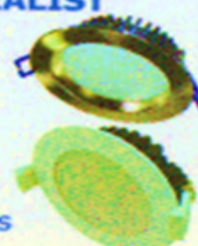


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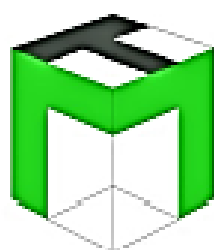
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