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May 12 – Ascension of the Lord (Year B)

ASCENSIONE DEL SIGNORE (ANNO B)

La missione della Chiesa è presieduta da Gesù Cristo risorto, salito al cielo e intronizzato Signore alla destra del Padre. L'ascensione e l'invio degli apostoli sono inseparabili. Tra gli undici (Giuda il traditore ha seguito un altro cammino), inviati da Gesù e beneficiari della sua promessa fedele e potente, si trovano anche i successori degli apostoli e la Chiesa intera. Gesù ci invia, ci accompagna e ci dà la forza. Noi non siamo dei volontari spontanei, ma degli inviati. Appoggiandoci su Gesù Cristo vincitore della morte, possiamo obbedire quotidianamente al suo ordine di missione nella serenità e nella speranza. Gli apostoli sono i messaggeri di una Parola che tocca l'uomo nel centro della sua vita. Il Vangelo, affidato alla Chiesa, ci dà una risposta definitiva: se crediamo, siamo salvati, se rifiutiamo di credere o alziamo le spalle, siamo perduti. Attraverso la fede, che è il sì dato dall'uomo a Dio, noi riceviamo la vita. Il Signore conferma la predicazione degli apostoli con molti segni; e segni accompagnano anche i credenti. Attraverso questi segni, diversi e coestesi alla missione della Chiesa, Dio vuole garantire la sua azione in coloro che egli ha inviato e invita tutti gli uomini ad abbandonare ciò che è visibile e quindi attraente per il mistero della salvezza. *(La Chiesa)*

In biblical language and imagery this mode of departure from the earth signals the truth that the One who had been crucified on the trumped-up charge of being a political Messiah, a rebel against Rome, and who God raised from the dead in vindication of his true status, has now entered messianic glory at God's right hand.

He has indeed been removed from human sight to commence a messianic reign in heaven but this does not mean an abandonment of either the disciples or his saving mission in the world. On the contrary, through the Spirit he will be present and active in a new mode of being. The disciples had felt the power of the Spirit that was on him during his earthly life. Now they are assured that, as a result of his messianic enthronement, an empowering "clothing" with the Spirit will come down upon them and accompany them as they take his Word and witness "to the ends of the earth".

Just before Jesus departs, the disciples voice a strong sense of "unfinished business": "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus does not give a direct answer. The time of the Kingdom's full arrival and the completion of the messianic program remains shrouded in the mystery of God. What the disciples must understand is that, empowered by the Spirit, they are to become instruments of its realisation in the new era – that of the Church – that lies ahead. Through their hands and feet and mouth Jesus will continue his messianic work until the end of time. *(Brendan Byrne)*

As we continue to journey through this Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites us to reflect on the great prayer of our Blessed Mother, the Hail Mary. It's especially timely in this month of May—traditionally known as the month of Mary—that, as the Archbishop says, we reflect on the words that form 'the foundation of our devotion' to our Blessed Mother.

"Dear friends, during this month of May ... traditionally a month that we take up this particular devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who comes under so many different titles: Our Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Help of Christians, and so on. But most particularly in this month, we have the opportunity to just reflect a little on the great prayer that involves our Blessed Mother, and that is the Hail Mary.

The Hail Mary, as you might know, is basically a prayer of praise and petition. The first part, 'Hail Mary full of grace', is the praise part, and the second part, the 'Holy Mary, Mother of God', is the petition part to that prayer. So it's an old, old, prayer in our tradition. Its current form as we know it, traces back to the 16th century, when particularly that petition part, 'pray for us sinners', was incorporated into the prayer.

It's the basis also of other prayers that are really treasures of our Christian and Catholic faith. Think of the Angelus, which is a reflection with the prayer of petition that is also a reflection on the incarnation of our Lord. And there is of course the Rosary, so much a favourite of families and of individuals. That devotional prayer where the story of our faith, our salvation, is incorporated into the prayer with the repeating of the petitions. But in this month of Mary, this prayer of the Hail Mary is, in a sense, the foundation of our devotion, and I encourage you to take it up within your families at home, or for those of you who might be in one of our schools, you can do it in your classroom. Anywhere ... we can take up this prayer of praise and petition to our Blessed Mother." *(Melbourne Catholic)*

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno, John Pannunzio, Donato Di Tella.

Recently deceased: Cesare Inchincoli, Tony Mallozzi (U.S.A), Caterina Cammerere, Michele Chiodo, Marjan Rozic, Anna Natoli, Marianna Schiavello, Antonio Rugeiro, Frank McDonough, Aldo Angelino.

Anniversaries: Myrtle & Herbert Eliyathamby, Hazel Weerasinghe, Dunstan and Mabel De Zilwa, Maria Attard, Carmelo Caltabiano, Nelda D'Alessandro, Giovanni Iapozzuto, Arnaldo, Orlando, and, Laura Victuelles, Rosaria Caruso, Sebastiana and Elisabetta Santisi, Nola Morelli, Filomena Di Felice, Audrey Tinker, Anna Gentile, Mary Kokula, Denis Bede Negline, Graciano Madamba

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, especially those whose names are on the Church pews and the Resurrection Chapel.

Mass times
Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass
Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)
Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times
St. Marks, Fawkner (Lee Street, Fawkner)
Weekday: Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am
Weekend: Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)
Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Rosters for weekend masses (May 18/19)
Lectors:
 Saturday 5.30 pm.: L. Psaila
 Sunday 9.00 am: C. Schiavello
 10.30 am: M. Costa
Bus driver: B. Tjahtono



Joke of the day
 A wife woke up one morning and leaned over to give her husband an affectionate kiss.
 'Don't touch me!' he barked. 'I'm dead.'
 What on earth are you talking about?' she said. 'We're both wide awake. What make you think you're dead?'
 'I must be dead,' he replied, 'because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts'.
 - The book of senior jokes

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro
 Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.
 Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.
 Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew's Prayer
 God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.
 Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.
 Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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