

## 7th Week of Easter

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are our letters  
from home*



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**25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020** (24<sup>th</sup> May – Feast of Ascension)

**Newsletter, Prayers & Reflections**

**► COVID-19 Pandemic: For the rest of May, under strict conditions and for no more than TEN people at a time, there can be Masses and Services in Churches. Changes for June??**

SEE BELOW for details for Masses and how to be one of a group of 10 for a Mass.

Website <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> has Mass online; TV Mass 11am Sun. C31(44).

Information about COVID-19 is found at: [www.cam.org.au/coronavirus](http://www.cam.org.au/coronavirus)

**NOTE:** The Sunday Obligation of the Faithful will not apply during this time.

● **Groups for Masses:** Groups of 10 persons are allowed for Masses.

In accordance with COVID-19 instructions, names and contact numbers of all who attend a Mass in May are to be recorded and appropriate sanitation and social distancing are to be practiced.

**Forms are available in front of the HALL**, to record your **FIRST** name for one of a group of 10 for Masses for the rest of May.

Please allow those, who cannot come on weekdays, to have preference for weekend Masses.

● **CELEBRATIONS: 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 for assigned Groups of 10 only!!**

Monday	9.00am	► Mass Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians
Tuesday	5.00pm	Mass Feast St Philip Neri
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass of Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> wk of Easter,
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	5.00pm	Mass in time of Pandemic 2

<u>Saturday</u>	6.00pm	Mass of Pentecost, yr A,
<u>Sunday</u>	8.00am & 10.00am	Mass of Pentecost, yr A.

**I hope everyone who wanted came to Mass last week with the extra Masses. Expect changed restrictions for June - Fr Joe**

● **Keep in Touch:** See our website: <http://perpetualhelp.org.au>

● **Support Your Parish:** We need to continue to support our Parish while we have minimal collections at Masses. Those who use sacrificial giving envelopes might consider dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office (in the box by the presbytery door) or at Any Mass or:

- Making a **direct deposit** payment through your bank to :

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All donations will be graciously received. **We need finance to continue to pay the bills of our Parish.**

## FAMILY PRAYER at HOME – Feast of the Ascension 2020

**Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia! The Lord has ascended into heaven !

**Leader:** My God, I thank You for this ascension Sunday and for Your divine authority. Your Word says that You alone set the dates and times for things to happen and it is through You that we receive power. I thank You for the ascension of Your son Jesus, because of Him we are given divine authority and guidance here on earth through Your Holy Spirit. I give you thanks because I know that someday You will return from heaven in the same way You ascended from earth. **All:** Amen.

➤ **FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11**

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**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: Ephesians 1:17-23**

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**

➤ **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ► Think about the readings.  
You can use Lectio Divina on p3 for reflection on the Gospel.*

**Leader:** Holy God, we praise you for your love for us, for sending us Jesus your Son, and for giving us Mary as our mother of perpetual help. We thank you for these signs of your love, and we ask you to lead us by your Spirit, so that we may continue to live as your holy people. We praise you for your unending strength and support. With the help of Mary's prayers, may we always be open to recognize your hand in the events of our life and to accept your constant gift of grace. Loving God, we ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Lord, in the love of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and always and for ever. **All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Jesus commissioned us to spread the Good News as he ascended into heaven, so let us pray the prayer that He taught us: **All:** Our Father ....

**Leader:** May God bless us and may the Holy Spirit be ever beside us as our Advocate.

**All:** In the name of the Father, ✙ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**(Ecumenical prayer from the National Council of Churches. We have been invited to pray this prayer at 7pm each day.)**

Gracious God, We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us.**

● **Fr Joe to Retire:** After extensive discussions, proposals and counsel, and in consideration of health issues, the Archbishop has accepted that I **retire on 30<sup>th</sup> June** this year. Fr John Paul Mount will then become the Administrator of Dromana Parish in addition to his appointment as Parish Priest of Rosebud Parish. I am working with Fr John Paul to work out what my continuing role might be in Dromana Parish. It has been a privilege to serve, and hopefully to continue to serve in a new way, all in the Parish of Dromana. ✍ *Fr Joe*

● **Sell Raffle Tickets:** Due to the current COVID -19 restrictions, the combined Churches raffle has been granted an extension. ☉ **Ticket Sales Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September** ☉ **Draw Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 pm** ☉ **Publication of Winners Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

We still have over 80 Books of Tickets to sell. Get books of tickets from the the Parish office during office hours. Ticket butts can & should be returned to the Parish office or the drop-off box beside the presbytery door ASAP. *We need to make this Raffle a fundraiser for our Parish !!* ✍ *Fr Joe*

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**Readings of next Sunday:  
Feast of the Pentecost, Yr A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 2: 1-11**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 103: 1.24.29-31. 34**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Corinthians 12: 3-7. 12-13**

Gospel: **John 20: 19-23**

**WORD of God – are we Listening better ?**

➔ **Use these notes** to pray through **Lectio Divina** on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

**Lectio:** Our Gospel this Sunday is the last verses of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus has died on the Cross and been buried. Three days later the women find the empty tomb. A angel had then appeared telling them to not be afraid but to go and tell the disciples that must go to Galilee to a mountain where they will see the risen Lord. Then the incident of the guards being bribed to say that the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus is told. Then our text follows where the disciples are on the way to Galilee. The disciples must have been confused, not understanding what was taking place – why Galilee?, which mountain?, had Jesus not died?. But they would remember what Jesus said. Jesus then ascends to heaven though Matthew does not mention it but it is recalled in the first verses of the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

**Read: 28 : 16 – 20**

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

**Meditatio:** Am I confused about the Resurrection or where Jesus is now? Where can I go to meet Jesus? Have I experienced the presence of God on a mountain, on Arthur's Seat? Have I ever 'fallen down', kissed the ground etc to express joy and/or relief – on getting out of my sickbed, on finishing a sea voyage, on coming to a new home or country, on getting outside after being (isolated) at home etc etc? How am I responding to the Lord's commission to 'Go and make disciples'? Can I remember the joy of presenting a child for Baptism and/or being present at a Baptism? Do I remember my Baptism when I make

the Sign of the Cross? Am I observing the commands of Jesus in my life? How have I experienced that Jesus is with me? Can I remember tough times when the Lord was with me, though, at the time, I didn't realize it?

**Oratio:** Pray for faith in, and understanding of, the Resurrection. Pray for those who have been misled about the truth of the Resurrection. Pray for those who hesitate about their faith i.e. have a fragile faith. Pray the Good News may be told in all nations. Pray for parents, that they will proudly present their children for Baptism. Pray that we will all live up to our Baptismal responsibilities. Pray that all may experience the joy at experiencing the closeness of God. Pray that the world will be renewed as the Lord brings us through this Pandemic.

**Contemplatio** – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

**After your prayer** – Make the Sign of the Cross and remember Jesus is with us till the end of time.

✍ *Fr Joe*

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**\* Please pray for those who are sick especially:**

Carl Rooney (Fr Joe's nephew), John Jose, Raelene Watt, John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available from the Parish Office.)

✚ **Please pray for those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.**

✦ **Please pray for Australia:** Pray to Our Lady Help of Christians, patron of Australia, for her help during these times of trial. Her feast is 24<sup>th</sup> May. You can pray a Scripture Rosary to OLHC on p5-8 and/or the prayers to OLHC p9

● **More Prayers etc for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:**

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► **e-mails & CENSUS:** Please send the Parish an e-mail to [dromana@cam.org.au](mailto:dromana@cam.org.au) so you can keep in touch during this changing times for Dromana Parish. Title your e-mail CENSUS with your name. Then we can contact you with parish news/updates.







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# Scripture Rosary

## Feast of OUR LADY Help of Christians



May mercy and peace from God and Christ Jesus our Saviour be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

We come together on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. We rejoice that the Virgin Mary has offered us Jesus anew, the blessed fruit of her womb most pure, the Word made flesh, the world's redeemer. We now hear more clearly his words on the cross entrusting the apostle John and all of us to Mary, making her the mother and help of all Christians. May Our Lady Help of Christians guide our prayer.



ALL: **Mary, our Mother and our Help,  
Through you, there shines the fullness of grace;  
You are the splendour which does not dim the light of Christ,  
For you exist in him and through him.  
Christ our Saviour entrusted the apostle John to you,  
and, with him, the family of the Church and all people.  
Here are your children, the people of Australia,  
We seek refuge in your motherly help  
And trustingly beg your intercession  
As we face the challenges which lie hidden in the future.**

### THE ANNUNCIATION

Our Father

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin;

All: **And the virgin's name was Mary.**

Hail Mary

Rejoice, so highly favoured!

All: **The Lord is with you.**

Hail Mary

She was deeply disturbed by these words

All: **And asked herself what this greeting could mean.**

Hail Mary

But the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid;

All: **You have won God's favour.'**

Hail Mary

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son,

All: **And you must name him Jesus.**

Hail Mary

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High;

All: **And his reign will have no end.**

Hail Mary

Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about,

All: **Since I am a virgin?'**

Hail Mary

The Holy Spirit will come upon you

All: **And the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.**

Hail Mary

And so the child will be holy

All: **And will be called Son of God.**

Hail Mary

'I am the handmaid of the Lord', said Mary

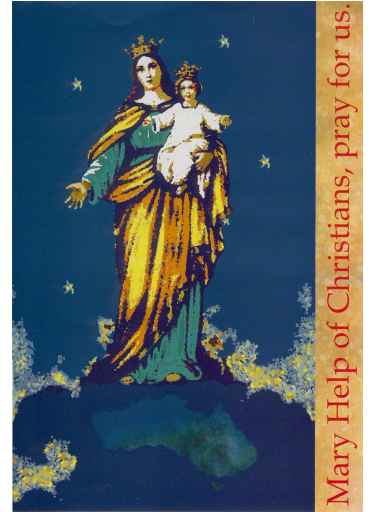
All: **'Let what you have said be done to me.'**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

We recall, again this year, the dedication of our nation to Mary Help of Christians by the first Australian provincial synod in 1844. Now we entrust to Mary the future that awaits us. Today's Australia is exhilarating, yet full of contradictions. Humanity has instruments of unprecedented power: We can turn our country into a garden, Or reduce it to a pile of rubble. Humanity has the astounding capacity to intervene in the very wellsprings of life: We can use this power with respect for every human being or succumb to the pride of a science without limits. As never before in the past, Australia stands at the crossroads during this Pandemic.

All: **O Mother, like the apostle John,  
We wish to take you into our home,  
That we may learn from you to become like your Son.  
We stand before you to entrust to your maternal care  
The Church, the Australian nation, and ourselves.  
Plead for us with Jesus your dear Son  
That he may give us in abundance the Holy Spirit,  
The Spirit of truth which is the fountain of life.  
May the Spirit open our hearts to justice and love,  
And guide the people of Australia to mutual understanding  
And a firm desire for peace and reconciliation.**



## **THE VISITATION**

Our Father

Mary set out at that time and went to the hill country.

All: **And she went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.**

Hail Mary

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb.

All: **And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary

She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed,

All: **And blest is the fruit of your womb.'**

Hail Mary

Yes blessed is she who believed

All: **That the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.**

Hail Mary

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

All: **Because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.**

Hail Mary

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed

All: **For the Almighty has done great things for me.**

Hail Mary

Holy is his name,

All: **And his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.**

Hail Mary

He has shown the power of his arm,

All: **He has routed the proud of heart.**

Hail Mary

He has pulled down princes from their thrones

All: **And exalted the lowly.**

Hail Mary

The hungry he has filled with good things,

All: **The rich sent empty away.**

Hail Mary



Glory Be

The Virgin Mary knows the sufferings and hopes of the Church and the world: She comes to the aid of all her children in the daily trials which life brings to each one, interceding on their behalf that the darkness will not prevail over the light in these times of crisis:

ALL: **Mary, Help of Christians, we entrust to you all people, beginning with the weakest:**

**The babies yet unborn, and those born into poverty and suffering, the young in search of meaning, the unemployed, and those suffering hunger and disease.**

**We entrust to you all troubled families, the elderly with no one to help them, and all who are alone and without hope. To you, Dawn of Salvation, we commit our journey through our history in Australia, so that, with your help, all people may know Christ, the Light of the world and its only Saviour, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE ASSUMPTION

Our Father

Come then, my love  
All: **My lovely one, come.**

Hail Mary

For see, winter is past,  
All: **The rains are over and gone.**

Hail Mary

Show me your face, let me hear your voice;  
All: **For your voice is sweet and your face is beautiful.**

Hail Mary

And the sanctuary of God in heaven opened.  
All: **Then came flashes of lightning and peals of thunder.**

Hail Mary

Now a great sign appeared in heaven:  
All: **A woman adorned with the sun.**

Hail Mary

She was standing on the moon,  
All: **With twelve stars on her head for a crown.**

Hail Mary

With jewels set in gold, and dressed in brocades,  
All: **The king's daughter is led to the king.**

Hail Mary

May you be blessed, my daughter, by God Most High,  
All: **Beyond all women on Earth.**

Hail Mary

The trust you have shown shall not pass from the memories of men,  
All: **But shall ever remind them of the power of God.**

Hail Mary

You are the glory of Jerusalem! You are the great pride of Israel!  
All: **You are the highest honour of our people!**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

Our Lady Help of Christians be with us as we journey through this life towards the promise of eternal life. Help us to be people of hope. May we be witnesses in Australia to the power of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus.

**ALL: Most glorious Mother of God, we rejoice in the supreme honour of your assumption. We rejoice with all the loving joy of your Son, as he welcomed you, body and soul, into heaven. We rejoice with all the angels and archangels who heralded your coming. We rejoice, above all else, because this mystery of your assumption is the sign of the coming resurrection of all who are one with Christ. The crown upon your brow is the sign of the victory of all God's people. Mary, pray that we may come to understand our destiny better, even if it surpasses the measure of our present experience. Mary, we see the redeeming power of your immaculate conception perfected and crowned in your assumption. The flesh of your immaculate body did not see corruption. Mary, pray that we may find hope in this glory, hope that our bodies, cleansed and redeemed by Baptism, may one day be raised to the same glory which you share now as the first of God's people. Pray for us, most glorious Queen !**

## THE CORONATION

Our Father

Who is this arising like the dawn,  
All: **Fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun?**

Hail Mary

Like a rainbow gleaming against brilliant clouds,  
All: **Like blossoms in the days of Spring.**

Hail Mary

I am the rose of Sharon,  
All: **I am the lily of the valleys.**

Hail Mary

My throne is in a pillar of cloud,



All: **And for all eternity I shall remain.**

Hail Mary

Approach me, you who desire me,

All: **And take your fill of my fruits.**

Hail Mary

I am the vine putting out graceful shoots,

All: **My blossoms are sweeter than honey.**

Hail Mary

And now my children listen to me;

All: **Listen to instruction and learn to be wise.**

Hail Mary

Happy are those who keep my ways,

All: **Who day after day watch at my gates.**

Hail Mary

For those who find me, find life,

All: **And win favour from the Lord.**

Hail Mary

Hail, Queen of Mercy, protect us from the enemy,

All: **And receive us at the hour of death.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

ALL:

**O Mary**, Help of Christians, in our need we turn to you with eyes of love, with empty hands  
And longing hearts. We look to you that we may see your Son, our Lord.

**We lift** our hands that we may have the Bread of Life.

We open wide our hearts to receive the Prince of Peace.

**Mother** of the Church, your sons and daughters thank you for your trusting word that echoes  
through the ages, rising from an empty soul made full of grace, prepared by God to welcome  
the Word into the world that the world itself might be reborn.

**In you**, the reign of God has dawned, a reign of grace and peace, love and justice, born from the depths of the  
Word made flesh. The Church throughout the world joins you in praising him whose mercy is from age to age.

**O Stella Maris**, light of every ocean and mistress of the deep, guide the people of Australia across all dark and  
stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in him who calmed the sea.

**Keep** all your children safe from harm for the waves are high and we are far from home. As we set forth upon the  
oceans of the world, and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your  
Son we are lost.

**Pray** that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, in word and deed, in days of turmoil and in  
days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?" Our Lady of  
Peace, in whom all storms grow still, pray that the Church in Australia will not cease to show forth the glorious  
face of your Son, full of grace and truth, so that God will reign in the hearts of the Australian people and they will  
find peace in the world's true Saviour.

**Plead** for the Church in Australia that she may have strength to follow faithfully the way of Jesus Christ, to tell  
courageously the truth of Jesus Christ, to live joyfully the life of Jesus Christ.

**O Help of Christians**, protect us! Bright Star of the Sea, guide us! Our Lady of Peace, pray for us! AMEN.





# Prayers to Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian,  
how sweet it is to come to your feet  
imploping your perpetual help.

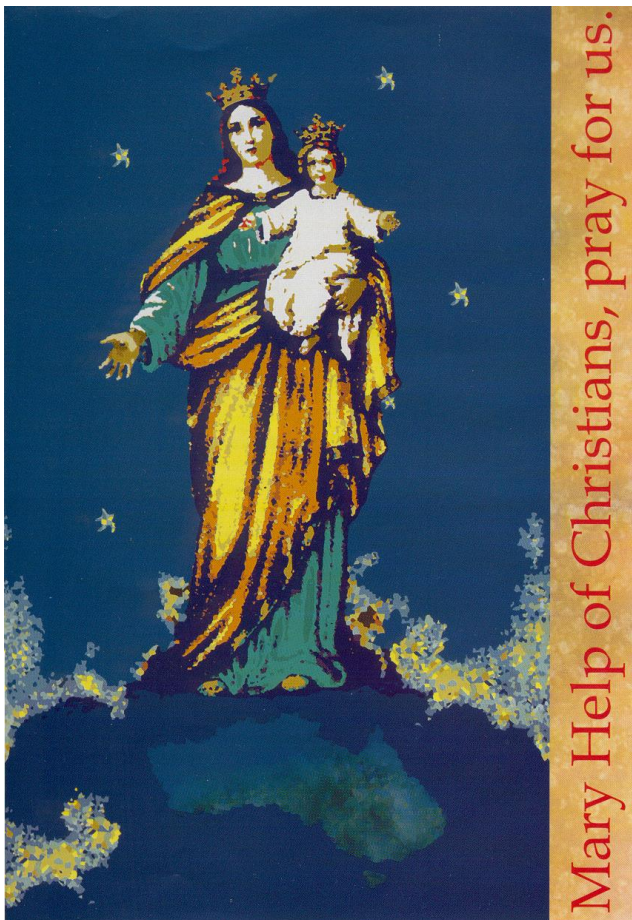
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,  
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?

Grant then to me, I implore you,  
your perpetual help in all my necessities,  
in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.  
I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.

Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.

Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.

Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,  
that having invoked you on earth  
may we love and eternally thank you in heaven



Mary, our Mother and our Help,  
Through you, there shines the fullness  
of grace;  
You are the splendour which does not  
dim the light of Christ,  
For you exist in him and through him.  
Christ our Saviour entrusted the  
apostle John to you,  
and, with him, the family of the Church  
and all people.  
Here, today, are your children,  
gathered before you.  
We seek refuge in your motherly help  
And trustingly beg your intercession  
As we face the challenges which lie  
hidden in the future.