



When I was a boy, Sir Edmund Hillary came to speak at my school. I can remember the fuss surrounding the visit of the first person to scale Mt Everest. And though there is now a school of thought that holds that he was beaten to the summit by Tenzing Norgay, his Tibetan colleague, there was an aura around this New Zealander who had been to the top of the world.

Some of my usually dour teachers were in awe of Sir Edmund. There was more than a little hero worship going on that day. Rather surprisingly in his address Sir Edmund did not say very much about his adventure to the peak. He was much more interested in what we do to each other on the plains than what he did on the mountain top. He spoke about justice,

peace and the dignity of humanity. I can vividly remember him sending us out at the end of his speech to create a better world for all people everywhere. When questions came, there were several about whether he felt closer to God at the top of Mt Everest, and although he said he did, he mentioned there were life and death moments on the way up and down, where God's presence and companionship were much more real to him.

Hillary's visit to my school is not far from what happened to the disciples in today's Gospel. Matthew tells us that the eleven men who worshipped Jesus were commissioned by him to go out to the world and they were promised that he would stay with them until the end of time.

Worship is a word Catholics don't use all that often. While other denominations describe their liturgy as 'worship', we tend to use it only in a more secular way like in 'hero worship' or 'not an altar at which I worship'. The concept behind this word, however, is an important one. To worship God is to admit that we are not God. We are creatures and our worship is directed toward our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer.

Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. We are not here just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish.

Finally, we continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't be here. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

In this Mass, then, let's thank God for the mountain top of Christ's Ascension that lifts us up out of our everyday life to celebrate that we are creatures, not the Creator. Let us hear again Christ's call to each of us to move away from the complacency of a spiritual cafeteria to a church moving out to change the world. And let's rejoice in Christ's presence which abides before us, behind us, over and in us, within and without, now and forever.

Amen.

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**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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

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**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

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..

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel: Mt 28:16-20**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

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.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

My sisters and brothers, awaiting the return of Jesus let us pray to the God of all life for the needs of world.

That preachers, catechists and parents teach and act in the spirit of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray to the Lord

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

That the sick in our parish and those affected by the covid 19 will find healing and strength in our Lord.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

That those who have died will live with God in eternal love, especially, the victims of the Coronavirus.

We pray to the Lord

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

God of all creation, Christ moved beyond our sight, leaving us the power of his Spirit. Through the prayers we offer, guide our deeds and words so that all may be drawn into the embrace of your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Conclusion**

**Loving Father,**

**Your Son came to lead us to you.**

**Hear the prayers we make in his name, confident of your care for us at all times,**

**but especially now. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

*Laudato Si (2015)*

Only in **silence** can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence.

*Verbum Domini (2010)*

The Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving.

*Evangelii Gaudium (2013)*

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER** will be free for readers to access at the Leader's website - [catholicleader.com.au](http://catholicleader.com.au) until Parishes return to normal.

**WALKING GROUP** at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador** at **6:30am**. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772**.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2**

**1st Reading - Genesis 11:1-9 - 2nd Reading - Romans 8:22-27, - Gospel - John 7:37-39**

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*Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.  
We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers  
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who have died,  
who are sick, lonely or hurting.  
Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

**Recently Deceased:** Bill Milne, Phylomena Hall

**Anniversary:** Gunter Fraude, Bessie & James Hally, Madeline Morgan

**Sick and in Need:** Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Tony Davey, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad), Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Catherine Dwyer, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Steve Feeney, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Karen George, Ron Gledhill, Faith Green, Marcelle Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Elvie Hayes, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Trish Hookey, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Cheryl Kirkbride, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Ann Marie Loder, Maria Malate, Richard McCarthy, Angelina Mandarin, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Elvira Devera Pertudo, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Sam Ryder, Trish Seaby, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

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## COVID-19 Safe Plan for Parish Communities

We are taking a careful and conservative approach to managing the easing of restrictions on the celebration of Mass and the sacraments. Guidelines for gatherings, social distancing and cleaning and hygiene will apply across all stages to protect the safety, health and wellbeing of parishioners, employees, volunteers and clergy. Please review the COVID-19 Safe Plan for Parish Communities for full details

Timing and requirements are subject to change according to State and Federal Government requirements - Issued 20 May, 2020

STAGE ONE	STAGE TWO	STAGE THREE
<p><b>From 23 May</b></p> <p><b>Masses</b> Up to 10 people can attend including the celebrant, sacristan and videographer (where applicable) Masses live-streamed from the Cathedral and some local parishes</p> <p><b>Private prayer</b> Churches open for private prayer with a limit of 10 at one time</p> <p><b>Funerals</b> Up to 20 people to attend indoors, or 30 outdoors (in addition to three people to conduct the funeral)</p> <p><b>Weddings</b> Up to 10 people to attend (in addition to the couple and the celebrant)</p> <p><b>Baptism</b> Up to 10 people to attend</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> By appointment with the parish priest. Parishes may offer set times, with attendance to be managed as per private prayer Contact between priest and penitent must be less than 15 minutes</p> <p><b>Parish offices</b> Offices are open with meetings restricted to four who must be clergy or employees of the parish</p>	<p><b>From 12 June</b></p> <p><b>Masses</b> Up to 20 people can attend including the celebrant, sacristan and videographer (where applicable) Parishes to manage Mass bookings Masses live-streamed from the Cathedral and some local parishes</p> <p><b>Private prayer</b> Churches open for private prayer with a limit of 20 at one time</p> <p><b>Funerals</b> Up to 50 people to attend indoors, or outdoors</p> <p><b>Weddings</b> Up to 20 people to attend (in addition to the couple and the celebrant)</p> <p><b>Baptism</b> Up to 20 people to attend</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> By appointment with the parish priest. Parishes may offer set times, with attendance to be managed as per private prayer Contact between priest and penitent must be less than 15 minutes</p> <p><b>Parish offices</b> Offices are open with meetings restricted to 10 and may include volunteers and other members of the community</p>	<p><b>From 10 July</b></p> <p><b>Masses</b> Up to 100 people can attend (for Churches which can accommodate that number considering while complying with the four square metre rule and social distancing requirements) Parishes to manage Mass bookings Masses live-streamed from the Cathedral and some local parishes</p> <p><b>Funerals, weddings, baptisms and private prayer</b> Churches will be open for up to 100 people at one time, with guidelines for gatherings including social distancing, cleaning and hygiene remaining in place. Preparation for and celebration of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation may resume.</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> By appointment with the parish priest. Parishes may offer set times, with attendance to be managed as per private prayer Contact between priest and penitent must be less than 15 minutes</p> <p><b>Parish offices</b> Offices are open and operating as normal, with social distancing, cleaning and hygiene requirements in place. Gatherings restricted to 100</p>

For information about Communion to the Sick, visitation of hospitals and school visits and liturgies please refer to the COVID-19 Safe Plan for Parish Communities

**GATHERINGS**

Gatherings include any occasion when three or more people come together. This includes masses and other liturgies, and both administrative and social meetings with parish staff, volunteers and other members of the community.  
Government legislation requires us to record the name, address and phone number for everyone attending a gathering, and to keep these records for 28 days. Every parish gathering needs to comply with COVID-19 legislative requirements.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS**

The square metre rules comes first  
One person per 4 square metres indoors - the way you apply easing of restrictions on numbers will depend on the space you have available. The WHS team will help you work this out.  
1.5 metres between people always

**CLEANING & HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS**

Hand sanitizer or hand-washing facilities to be made available in churches, parish offices and gathering spaces  
Follow the WHS cleaning protocols for all gatherings and private prayer

For advice and assistance call the Workplace Health and Safety team  
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#### **Alleluia! Sing To Jesus**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood"

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud  
from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you ever more?"

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### **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.

### **GIFTS PROCESSION**

#### **Strong and Constant**

I will be your God  
who walks with you.  
you will be always within My hand.  
Take your heart  
and give it all to Me.  
Strong and constant is My love.  
Strong and constant is My love.

Should you wander  
far away from Me  
I will search for you in every land.  
Should you call,  
then you will truly know,  
Strong and constant is My love.  
Strong and constant is My love.

When you know sorrow  
within your life, I will come  
I will embrace your heart.  
Through your pain  
you will discover Me.  
Strong and constant is My love.  
Strong and constant is My love.  
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### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**<sup>(ICEL)</sup>

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

### **COMMUNION PROCESSION**

#### **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. **R**

Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. **R**  
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### **REFLECTION HYMN**

#### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us your humble dwelling,  
all your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, source of all compassion,  
love unbounded, love all pure,  
visit us with your salvation  
let your love in us endure.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all your life receive.  
Suddenly return and never,  
never more your temples leave.  
Lord, we would be always blessing,  
serve you as your hosts above,  
pray, and praise you  
without ceasing,  
glory in your precious love.

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### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

#### **A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

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!

The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
and with the Virgin Mother see  
their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible  
and invisible.**

**I believe in one  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father  
and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**