

Gospel #12 (24th May)

Go and make disciples of all nations

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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Hello again, I will sign for Fr. Wayne Edwards' reflection for this Sunday about Jesus ascending into Heaven.

Jesus is going to the Father, going to glory. Jesus' disciples were glad that Jesus was going to glory, but sad that He was leaving them. Yet they knew that somehow His going was necessary. Today, we are like the disciples, sharing in our love for one another. Sometimes those people are no longer there, but we can still feel their presence in our lives. For example, we may visit close relatives and friends but much of the time they are not with us, but they have an impact on our life, they have already influenced our lives. This knowledge can make us appreciate life more and love more. It can make us believe in ourselves and take on life with confidence. It also gives us courage to take on life's challenges. So even when people are not physically present, we recognise them as part of our life. Like what Jesus said to His disciples: I am still with you, you are not abandoned. He is in each of us. When we meet people in the community and work we know that He is within us, He is interested in us and loves us. He is our support. We can feel the presence of Christ Jesus, as he promised He would not abandon us. He sends us his Holy Spirit and it resides in each of us. That spirit gives us the courage to face the world.

God Bless you all. From Fr Wayne.