

Glorify Your Son

On Thursday last was the feast of The Ascension

The point at which we recognise that Jesus went back to the Father, leaving us with the gift of participation in the life of faith.

This is both wonderful and daunting.

The parents who give life to a child recognise that it is both a blessing and a challenge.

The Glory is in the taking up of the challenge and raising the child to its own independence

The child at some point will be obliged to take responsibility for its own life. Caring for self. Making decisions that might even be foolish.

The Glory is in the taking up of the challenge and participating in life.

The adult may become a part of the community. In the area of earning a living. In social activities, such as sport or public interest. Even in the confusion of politics.

The Glory is in the taking up of the challenge and serving others.

The Apostles just like you and me were not very keen on the gift they had been given.

Much easier to have the instructions from the risen Christ

Thus avoiding the need to make personal judgements and difficult decisions.

But the love of God

The presence of the Holy Spirit

Is not content with blind submission

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The wonder of watching your child demonstrate a talent or an act of kindness which is beyond you personally

The thrill of realising that you have taken an initiative and thus brought into existence a goodness that otherwise might have been neglected.

The joy of seeing health and happiness in the lives of the people you share your days with.

The Father will give you the strength

Christ calls you even from the cross

The Holy Spirit breaths life into what is done

For you the task is simple

And the Glory is in the participation

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The real beauty is in the participation