



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## The Ascension of the Lord - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### A new lesson....

Today's feast the Ascension of the Lord is a celebration of Jesus' glory after His suffering and death. It's a glory in which we also hope to share. At the same time, we celebrate the ongoing presence of the Risen Jesus among us, a presence which calls every one of us to be living witnesses to that presence here in our own community and to the ends of the earth.

We find Jesus in every circumstance - in our Christian community, in those we mix with every day of our lives. As we receive the love of a brother or sister, it is the presence of Jesus. Every time we share our love with someone, we are making Jesus present to that person. All of us are to be Jesus in this world. We are the visible presence of Jesus. It is really a great challenge and a rather exciting responsibility.

Here are some questions to ponder. When people see me, do they see Jesus? Do they desire to know Jesus in a deeper way? Are they inspired to join our community, share our life, and take the Gospel as the foundation of their life? That is the meaning of the Ascension.

Today we gather here not only to remember something that happened a long time ago; we are also here to remind ourselves that when Jesus left us He gave us a very important mission. That mission was and is to continue His loving and redemptive presence in the world. Let us ask Him today to help us, through his grace and mercy, to carry out that loving responsibility in the way we are called.

### A walk through the mass: a step-by-step explanation by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Mass is the centre of our faith and the source of Divine life. If we understand the value of the Mass, we would certainly participate in it actively and regularly. I feel that a simple explanation on each part of the Mass may help you to recognize the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Beginning the weekend of 22/23 May, the homily at weekend masses will include a short video which will explain in detail, the parts of the Holy mass.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11** – Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

**Psalm Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O sing your praises to the Lord.

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading: Eph 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: Mark 16:15-20** – The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Having a sharp memory is a good quality of the brain.**

**But, the ability to forget**

**the unwanted things is a far better quality of the Heart...!!**

**Live in peace...**

**Not in pieces.**

Next week's Readings

First: Acts 2:1-11

Second: Gal 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Roster	6:15pm	8:00am	Counting	Group 4
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	(1st) Matty M (2nd and POF) Martin M	(1st) Hilda A (2nd and POF) Peter L	Music	6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
			PowerPoint	6:15pm Emma M 8:00am David C

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 5:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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### A VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation'. There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News.

Answer the call to

'Go and teach all people my Gospel', "I am with you".

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Peter Hapuarachchi, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** Chris Talty.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances May:** Josephine Romero, Babs Gilhooley, Amber Rose (birthday) daughter of Celina and David McGovern, Michael Czapkowski (birthday), Anastacia Wieland, Bill Cluck, Matha Cluck, Flo Conway, Aristeo Avenia, Denis Glanville, Edward Bartlett, Barbara McGhee, Denise Hodgson, Alma Maclean, Jessie Maclean, Kerry Powell, Norma Cowsell, Simon Bromley, Giovanni Ragagnin, Betty Avenia, Sr Anne Pulling RSH, Dr Salolatore Vitali, Laureen Smith, Maureen McNab, Nell Elliott, Bede Ryan, Aldo Bandiera, James Harrison, Ann Hockings, Nellie Modral, Saul David, Alberto Bandiera, Patricia Watson, Noel & Role Gablonski, Luigi Basso, Irma Moroney, Moira Peterson, Margaret Knights, Jessie Maclean, James King.

**Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk**

**Mass Celebrations** Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

**Saturdays** at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

**Sundays** at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

**Small Coins for East Timor** The NEW collection box for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$16,627.95**.

**Columbarium** We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

**Australian National Census** – Every 5 years the ACBC asks for data on Mass attendances. These numbers provide the Archdiocese locally, and the Bishops Conference nationally, with a sense of the trends in the Church in 2021. For the first 4 weeks of May our Parish will be recording the number of attendees at our weekend Masses and reporting the information to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. **On week 4 (22/23 May), the survey requests the age of attendees. There will be a separate sheet for all attendees to record this information.**

**CARITAS APPEAL** Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.

#### **Parish Diary:**

##### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer  
2:00pm Activities Group

##### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

##### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

7:30am HEARTfit  
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

##### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass

##### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

9:30am Mass

##### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

3:00pm Baptism Celebration  
6:15pm Mass

##### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

*Pentecost Sunday*  
8:00am Mass followed by Sacramental Workshop

**Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential**

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

##### **First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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.'

##### **Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

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.

##### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.