

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.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

MORNING TEA

This Sunday
12 May 2024
after
Morning Mass

Please come and join us!

Happy Mother's Day 2024



MENS LUNCH - Sunday 26th May 2024
St Joseph's Parish Hall, Birkinshaw Avenue, 12:30pm

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Hectorville-Tranmere Branch invites all the Men of the Parishes to the three courses lunch. BYO wine, soft drinks will be provided. Cost: \$25 per person. All funds raised will go to the Vinnies. Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church by Sunday 19 May 2024
Thank you for your support!

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



Parish Bulletin

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

11/12 May 2024

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN.
The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognize the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

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

Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9

Response:

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

1. 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**
2. 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**
3. 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**

Annual Diocesan Count of Attendance

This year the attendance count will be conducted in May. All parishes will obtain the collective data of age groups and gender at each mass over the weekends.
We thank you for your attention.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

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

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—18/19 May 2024 Pentecost Sunday	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page
9:30am	Alan Tyson Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	4/5 May 2024
Planned Giving	\$443.00
Open Plate	\$384.20
PARISH TOTAL	\$827.20

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$541.35

Sunday 19 May 2024, 2pm
Victoria Park to Wakefield Street and into Victoria Square. All are invited.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE INVITES ALL TO CELEBRATE



THE 75TH ANNUAL
Marian Procession
ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024
ASSEMBLING AT VICTORIA PARK (WAKEFIELD ROAD)
PROCEEDING TO VICTORIA SQUARE
ASSEMBLE 1.30PM | PROCESSION 2.00PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS 8210 8220 | EVENTS@ADELAIDE.CATHOLIC.ORG.AU



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Maria Teresa Conterno

Death Anniversary:
Anna Marie
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
 Prayer, the opening of our hearts to the Most High, is essential for purifying ourselves of selfishness, falseness, and injustice. Those who pray receive peace in their hearts and must inevitably become its witness and messenger.

Pipe Organ Recital - World Class Organist Colin Andrews
Colin Andrews a worldwide known concert organist will perform on Friday May 24 at the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide at 7pm. Free entry.

Study Tour to Greece and Turkey
Fr Michael Trainor is inviting you to come with him in January to Greece and Turkey for an instructive, insightful, and spiritually uplifting engagement with the New Testament letters and sites associated with St Paul and the *Book of Revelation*. Full details of the study tour are available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17RV Mgc_oylbOj8xdM8gcHoty92Baqz_S/vie w?usp=drive_link. To follow up or register interest feel free to email Fr Michael on blstadelade@gmail.com.

PARISH NOTICES

A reminder of Emergency Evacuation Procedures
At the end of each service this weekend, we will announce a reminder of the church emergency evacuation procedures. We thank you for your attention.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Power Up 2024
Come join COYYA and young people of Adelaide at Blackfriars Priory School on Saturday May 18, 3pm to 9.30pm. The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults will host workshops on ecology and environmental care, social justice, faith formation and music formation (with special guest Melbourne based, singer-songwriter Gen Bryant) which are 100 per cent hands-on oriented with minimal sit and speak and maximum fun. The workshops will be followed by a Vigil Mass or a guided meditation and journaling workshop space. We will finish the night off with some dinner serviced by amazing local food trucks and a praise and worship concert with Gen Bryant. Registration is free via trybooking.com/CRAXX for young people 16 to 35 years of age. Follow us via our socials for all the latest information linktr.ee/coyya

Catholic Education Office - 2nd Sacramental Workshop
The Catholic Education Office invites you to their 2nd Sacramental Workshop with a focus on reconciliation and a sharing from one of the parishes (Walkerville/Greenacres) on what works and what does not work with their sacramental program. The workshop will be held on Tuesday May 14 from 12.30pm to 4.30pm at the Catholic Education Conference Centre, Thebarton.

Adult Confirmation
There will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised, but not yet confirmed, with Fr Dean Marin VG. This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 20. Candidates are to be prepared within their parish before coming to the Cathedral for the celebration of the Sacrament. For more information and to register for Adult Confirmation, contact the Community Life and Worship office on 8210 8130.

Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church, Tranmere Parish on Wednesday 8th May 2024

Parish Children's Liturgy

We have a very dedicated team of catechists who teach Children's Liturgy. If you know of any children between the ages of 3-10 who would benefit from attending our Children's Liturgy, please speak to their parents and encourage them to attend. If you have any questions about the program, please speak to me. My phone number is 0418 847 804. We would love to see more children benefit from attending this program.

Anne Dudzinski, Children's Liturgy Coordinator

The Kids' Bulletin

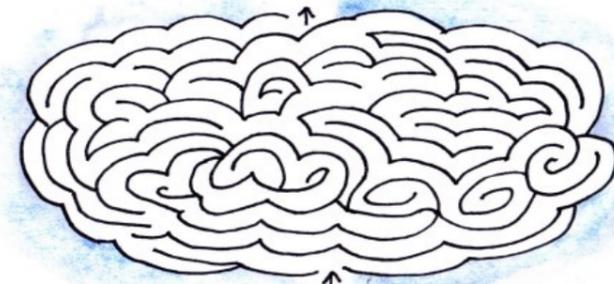
Feast of the Ascension
May 9th or Sunday May 12th, 2024

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead he went up a hill with His followers and disappeared through the clouds and went up into Heaven.



Jesus had promised to send a Comforter to them after He left them.

Can you find your way through the cloud maze?



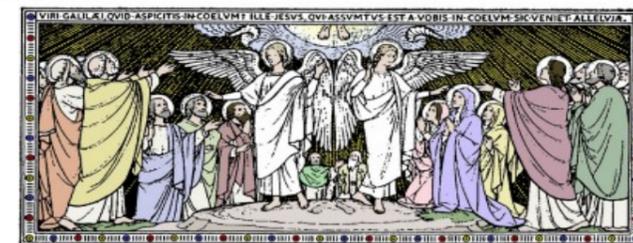
Jesus has gone back into Heaven!

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.



Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

Answers to Psalm 47 Cross-Word:
Down: 1 high, 2 awesome, 4 to, 5 trumpet, 7 earth, 9 sing.
Across: 2 all, 3 great, 6 over, 8 most, 10 praise, 11 king.