

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 ACCLAMATION Mt 28: 19, 20
Alleluia, alleluia! / Go and teach all people my gospel. / I am with you always, until the end of the world. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 16: 15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

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WHAT DOES THE ASCENSION MEAN FOR US?

The ascension of the Lord is the pivotal link between Luke's Gospel and Acts – the story of Jesus and the story of the Church. The accounts of the ascension at the end of Luke's Gospel and the beginning of Acts are not exactly the same but the message is clear: 'they' (the apostles/witnesses) are to stay in the city/Jerusalem until clothed with power from on high/receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and, then 'he' (Jesus) was carried up to heaven/lifted up, and a cloud took him out of sight (Luke 24:49-51 & Acts 1:4, 8-9).

The letter to the Ephesians contains the plea 'to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit' and to build up the body of Christ. This is essential as the one who came down is the same one who ascended, who is calling all, whatever their gift, to work together in their ministry until they become mature in Christ.

Mark's account is thought to be a later addition to the Gospel. 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News', – reminiscent of Matthew's account of the commissioning of the disciples – 'to all creation' (v. 15). This message is vital for us to hear in these times of global ecological crisis. After speaking to the apostles, Jesus was taken up and assumed his rightful place at the right hand of God. In every way the ascension affirms the resurrection, Jesus' return to God and the launch of our mission guided by the Spirit.

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 of 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 Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

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

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.**

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,

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kaurna people's cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land, waters and community.

Knights of the Southern Cross, Empty Cans /Bottle Collection
For Collection please ring Tony Schar on 0419 127 491

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9.15am

Reconciliation

5.30pm Saturday evenings before Mass or by appointment with the priest

Baptisms

are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 10.30am.
Contact the parish office to book.

Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday 12noon,
(Rosary at 11.30am)
Friday 9.30am (Rosary at 9am)

Readings for next Sunday

18th/19th May, 2024

Pentecost, Yr B

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25
Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Feast Days this week

Monday 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday 14th May

St Matthias

Saturday 18th May

St John 1

Meetings this week

Thursday 16th May

Craft Group 11am

Masses at Brighton this week

Tuesday 12 noon

Wednesday 6.30pm (Rosary at 6pm)

Friday 12noon

Saturday 10am & 6pm

Sunday 8.30am & 10am

POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

First Friday of each month

Anointing of the Sick during Mass on 1st Friday of each month

Book Exchange

We now have a book exchange – feel free to take a book or leave a book for others to share.

Children's Liturgy

All primary aged children are invited to Children's Liturgy on the First Saturday of each month and each Sunday when a leader is available.

Rosters for next weekend

18th/19th May, 2024

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

Mass 6pm 9.15am

Sacristan

Rick Grimshaw

Welcoming

Bernadette Kerr Violet Porter

Commentator

Pat Carlisle Michael McPeake

1st Reader

Astrid Rodricks Kevin McHugh

2nd Reader

Malcolm Balkwill Teresa Pascoe

Ministers of Communion

Bernadette Kerr Matt Perry

Pat McKenna Claire Pinson

Philippa Hanlon Ben Catalano

Drinks & Nibbles

Pat McKenna Helen Thompson,
Teresa Pascoe

Music Slides Preparation

Julie Staszyc

Counters

John Paul, Alex Borda

Linen

Cely Farley

Cleaners

Matt Perry, Romeo Lozada,

Krysia Podgorski, Vinod Gopu



We welcome into our community through Baptism this weekend:
Zora Stejskal

Leaving A Bequest

Have you ever considered making a bequest to the Church? You may want to contribute to your local parish. For more information, call the bequest office on P: 8210 8223 or E: bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the 1st Friday of each month at 9am.

Rosary

The Rosary Group meet to pray the Rosary each Wednesday morning at 11.30am before Mass and Friday morning at 9am before Mass. All very welcome. (After the Mass on the First Friday of each month)

New to the parish

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to take a flyer about our parish and to complete your details, so that we can add you to our records. Please contact the office if you would like any more information.

Holy Water

There is a container of Holy Water on the bench in the foyer. You are welcome to bring your container and fill it from the dispenser. Holy Easter Water is now available from the foyer too. We are also collecting empty Holy Water vials to recycle or reuse. Please leave them in the basket in the foyer.

HAPPY MOTHER'S day

Wishing all mothers a Happy and peace filled Mother's Day.
We hope that your family show you just how much you are appreciated and loved.
Please take a magnet from the basket in the foyer.

Exposition and Adoration

Come Spend some time with Jesus.

After the 9.30am Mass on Friday 7th June, the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until 9.30am Mass on Saturday 8th June. Jesus must never be left alone. We invite you to spend an hour with Jesus, sometime during these 24 hours. For safety reasons we need at least 2 people with Jesus at any time. Please write your name and a contact number on the sheet in the foyer to nominate a time.



Pentecost Sunday 18th/19th May – next weekend

Wear something red!

We are looking for people to pray part of the Lord's Prayer in another language – if you are able to do this, please write your name and language on the sheets in the foyer – separate sheet for Saturday and Sunday Masses

May 25th/26th – Feast of the Holy Trinity & Laudato Si Sunday celebrations.

We are asked to look at what we can do to protect our environment and planet. We will have a garden exchange over the weekend.

The idea is to bring in plants/ garden supplies/garden produce, that others may take if they can use.
Reduce, re use, recycle

Please pray for

Sick:

Linda Barker, Glenn Mead, Denise Davis, Anne Boots, David Healey, Bernadette Berry, Helen Hehir

Recently Deceased

Sr Catherine Clark

Anniversaries

Melville Ambrose Fernandez, Jim Levett, Francis Arozoo, Ann Keany, John N Pereira, William Francisco

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Synod on Synodality

As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, our local Churches are invited to contribute to the thoughts and ideas for this upcoming Assembly. The church is a church for all Catholics and informed respected discussion is now required to let Synod members know how lay people think and feel about these matters.

There are copies of important chapters of the Synthesis report in the church foyer. These chapters are available for you to take home and reflect upon.

Chapter 8: Church is Mission.

Chapter 9: Women in the Life and Mission of the Church.

Chapter 11: Deacons and Priest in a Synodal Church.

Chapter 16: Towards a Listening & Accompanying Church

You are invited to reflect upon the following questions

What consoled me or struck me as I read the chapter?

What did I think? What did I feel?

What was the Spirit saying to me?

What are important key points you would like to add about the readings?

Can you please return your thoughts, reflections, opinions and ideas and place them in a box in the foyer?

By the 30th May.

This information will be very important and useful for our church, the community and the upcoming second session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome later this year.

Laudato Si

The Pope has asked us to think about the world we live in and about how we can help save the environment and care for creation. Each week we will have a suggestion for you to consider. This week:

Consider a home made gift or card made with love. Wrap your gift in a tea towel or recycled paper or reuse a gift bag

Marian Procession

The 75th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. **The change of location this year is due to road closures on King William St for a Port Adelaide football club home game. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1:30pm. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au



You Count! Be Counted.

May Mass Counts

During May we have to count everyone who attends our weekend Masses, and the number of hosts taken for sick visits.

As per last year, when you come into Mass can you please place a token in the bucket that best represents your gender and age bracket, and also let the sacristan or myself know if you are taking communion to the sick.

Deacon Tim

As announced last weekend Deacon Tim has been asked to take on the role as Parish Director in Le Fevre Parish (Semaphore & Ottoway) from 25th May for 9 – 12 months, till a parish priest can be found. We will miss him at Hallett Cove, and wish him all the very best till he returns to be with us again.

Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour

The Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour to celebrate Indigenous native flora for Laudato Si' Week on Sat May 18 from 12pm to 1.30pm. The meeting spot is at the Visitor Information Centre (North Terrace, Adelaide). Places are limited so register early at trybooking.com/CQVLG

Seeking a Treasurer for HCMA

If you're a retired accountant, or someone with basic financial management skills willing to volunteer a couple of hours each month, please be aware that the Hallett Cove Ministers Association Inc (HCMA) is seeking a Treasurer. This very part-time volunteer role would liaise from time to time with the HCMA Chair (Hallett Cove Baptist pastor) and Secretary (Hallett Cove Lutheran pastor). This could be a great way to serve the community and foster local ecumenism. Express your interest via hal.cove.ministers.association@gmail.com

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 12-19 May is an opportunity for Catholics to take up Pope Francis' challenge to go out to the edges of the Catholic Church and engage with all to whom Christ came.

Teach us to Pray

The Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation has made some useful resources available to help people to better understand and rediscover the value of prayer. These are aimed at inviting the faithful to "intensify prayer as a personal dialogue with God" and to reflect on our faith and the "absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church and of the world." The new guidebook, entitled Teach Us to Pray is available from our parish website. www.hcparish.com.au