



THE SAVING WORD

MATTHEW

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / A

21 MAY 2023

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



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MASS INTENTIONS



The Ascension of the Lord, 21 May

Saturday 6pm Mass for Tony Pereira (RIP) + Teresa Cortese (RIP Anniversary) & Sestina Leone (RIP Recently) + Giuseppe De Borrello (RIP 45th Anniversary) + Carmelia Ouro (RIP 4th Anniversary)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Dianne De Olival & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + John Randall (RIP) + Holy Spirit Thanksgiving for Gift of Life + Geneveva Martins (RIP) + Edward Fortune (90th Birthday Intentions)

Monday 22 May – St Rita

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group

Tuesday 23 May

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory + Paul Miller (RIP Recently – Funeral in South Australia Today)

Wednesday 24 May – Our Lady, Help of Christians

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 25 May - St Bede, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

9.45am Rosary for Franca Marrollo

10.15am Funeral Mass for Franca Marrollo

Friday 26 May – St Philip Neri

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 27 May – St Augustine

NO 9am Mass

Pentecost Sunday, 28 May

Saturday 6pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory + Giovanna Sgro (RIP & Birthday) + Stephanie Moses RIP & Birthday) & Vincey Capolingua (RIP Anniversary)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Idalia Deceased Friends + Geneveva Martins (RIP 1st Month Anniversary) + Tindara Pirri & Giuseppina Valenti (RIP Anniversary) + Maria Goretti Martins (RIP) + Joe Taranto (RIP Anniversary) + John De Ceglie (RIP 9th Anniversary) & Susanna de Ceglie (RIP) & Teresa Neate (RIP)



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravincic, Beatrice Fernandez, Alex, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa, Anne & Justine Tonti, Caroline Lynch ...



2023 SACRAMENT DATES

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 11-6-23 at 9am

CONFIRMATION: Sunday 20-8-23 at 9am



RECONCILIATION

Saturday
 9.30-10am and
 5.15-5.45pm
 Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday, 28 May

1st: Acts 2:1-11

2nd: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

UNITY PRAYER: My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.





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<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER: Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. Amen.</p>
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WEEK 3 20-21 May Ascension of the Lord	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
Sun 7.30am	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Jason Rozario	Joe De Ornelas
WEEK 4 27-28 May Pentecost Sunday	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Franca Kalat	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell



<p>Through Him, with Him, in Him In the unity of the Holy Spirit, All glory and honour is Yours, Almighty Father, Forever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evenings 5.30 – 6.30pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am Come Visit Jesus For One Hour Jesus is Waiting for You</p>
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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.

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 Mt 28:16-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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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Breaking Open the Word

PRESENT IN ALL CREATION

The resurrection of Jesus was clearly a moment of healing victory and the basis of hope for the early Church. While the victory over sin and death had been won a whole new set of questions arose for the first generation of Christians. Where do we go now? What does the Risen Lord ask of us? How will the Lord continue to be present among us? The early Christians reflected on Jesus' Ascension and used this moment of transition to address these questions for themselves and to instruct future generations of Christians.

Much had already been achieved but the time had come for the Risen Lord to entrust the next stage of the mission into the hands of the disciples. Having been schooled for forty days by the Risen Lord they were now entrusted with the mission of bringing the message of Jesus to the world around them. While they would not have looked forward to the day when Jesus would pass from their midst, they were nonetheless reminded that while the quality of his presence had changed, he would never leave them.

While the letter to the Ephesians does not speak explicitly of the Ascension it does reflect on how the Pauline communities saw this change in Jesus' presence among them. Christians are encouraged to see that by being exalted to God's right-hand Jesus is now able to be present throughout all of creation, no longer limited by space and time. They are called to see that he is not absent but is now even more powerfully present.

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