

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.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## 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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## OUR CHURCHES

**Kilmore:** St Patrick's Church, 37 Sutherland Street, Kilmore Vic 3764  
**Broadford:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Cnr The Parade & McKenzie Sts, Broadford Vic 3658  
**Wallan:** Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756  
**Wandong:** St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm  
**Sunday:** Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am  
**Weekday Masses:** Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)  
**Reconciliation:** Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Adoration:** Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Rosary:** Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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## ROSTERS:

	<u>11/12 May</u>	<u>18/19 May</u>
<b><u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u></b>	<b>11 May</b>	<b>18 May</b>
Reader	Daniel Mercovich	Amy Leahy
Eucharist Minister	Amy Leahy	Paul Fleming
<b><u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u></b>	<b>11 May</b>	<b>18 May</b>
Reader	Rianne Emmanuel	Assumption College
Eucharist Minister	Sr. Anne	Clare Clancy
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<b><u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>12 May</b>	<b>19 May</b>
Reader	Lucas Carroll	Sean Carroll
Eucharist Minister	Justine Sapiano	Margaret Chatfield
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<b><u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>12 May</b>	<b>19 May</b>
Reader	TBA	TBA
Eucharist Minister	Mary McGowan	Annette Moore
PowerPoint	Patrick Hutchinson	Vivienne Lawrence
<b><u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>12 May</b>	<b>19 May</b>
Reader	Michael Bourne	Kath Pirie
Eucharist Minister	Leonie Dunlop	Lynne Beaumont
PowerPoint	Ian Pirie	Sandra McCaughey
<b><u>FLOWERS:</u></b>	Jeannette Jain	Helen Clancy
<b><u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u></b>	Arthur Donovan	Helen Clancy
		Pauline Duff
<b><u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u></b>	TBA	Lynne Beaumont
		Carry Eid

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Vicky Katte, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster, Carol Messer & all the sick of the parish.

### Anniversaries:

Dennis Stupuras, Vin Tuohey, Edna Hughes, Sada Mancini, Terry Davern, Sheila Denham, Margot Murphy, Stephen Gerard Brook, Gordon Ryan, Joan Heffe (nee Donovan), John Clancy, James Cunningham and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

### Recently Deceased: Patricia (Pat) Wilson

**Sun 12th May:** Pray for the souls of Rustica Prieto Aragon & Estelita Delos Santos.

**Sun 12th May:** Pray for the soul of Kevin McLaughlin (by Marj Russell).

**Sun 12th May:** Pray for the intentions of Barry Breakell.

**Sun 12th May:** Pray for the soul of Bert Rennie.

**Mon 13th May:** **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

**Tue 14th May:** Pray for the good health of Rose Monfort and pray for the souls of Theresa Jorge, Frank, Henry, George & Theresa Bigeri and Grace Rooth.

**Thu 16th May:** **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

**Fri 17th May:** Pray for the good health of Pina D'agostino.

**Fri 17th May:** Pray for the soul of Mary Twohig.



## Teaching and Learning—Our Lady of the Way Primary School

It has been a privileged working at Our Lady of the Way Primary School since it's opening in 2018. In the last 3 years have been fortunate enough to take of the role of Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching. In our bustling climate we have seen the evolution of curriculum policy and practise which aligns with our Christ centred approach to education.

Beyond imparting academic knowledge we strive to nurture the spiritual, emotional and social development of every student. Our classrooms are vibrant spaces where students thrive, questions are encouraged and diversity is celebrated. Central to my role is the cultivation of a supportive and inclusive learning community where every voice is valued and every individual is seen for their unique strengths.

Working closely with the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools I have explored and implemented an Instructional Model for learning throughout the curriculum, Launch, Explore and Summarize. The school continues to focus on our Improvement Goals:

*To empower students to engage in their learning.*

*To embed an 'Our Lady of the Way' instructional model.*

*To engage parents as partners in learning.*

As schools in the Melbourne diocese move towards a Vision for Learning where high quality learning and teaching is explicitly outlined, professionally developed amongst staff and promoted as school culture, we align our practise and pedagogy to encompass and strive to make a meaning difference in the lives of our students.

At Our Lady of the Way we are grateful to our Parish Community and especially Fr. Prakash for their unwavering support of our school and it's mission. Together, we embark on a journey of learning, growth, and discovery, guided by the shared values that unite us as a community of learners and educators.

**Liz Stoward ~ Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning, Our Lady of the Way Primary School**

### Feast Day Celebrations—Our Lady of the Way



Please join us in celebrating our annual Feast Day on Friday May 24th, 2024, with Mass beginning at 11.30am in the Church, followed by a light Afternoon Tea in the Foyer for all Caregivers & Parishioners.

The students will be returning to their classrooms after the Mass, and will continue to celebrate with their teachers and friends throughout the day.

We look forward to celebrating our Feast Day with you.

### Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford—

#### Feast Day Celebration

Before Mass: Saturday 18th of May at 3:30pm

Please join our community for a cuppa and a chat

Bring a plate to share



### St Patrick's Parish Kilmore, After-School Catechism Program for First Eucharist

For parents who have children in grade four or above, wishing for their children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist.

There will be an information evening on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, at the St Patrick's Parish Centre, Kilmore.

Please phone the parish office to make your booking to attend, on 5782 1084.

**Home visits from Sr. Anne:** Sr Anne has been with us for 4 months and now that you know her, Sr Anne has offered to start visiting parish families in their homes. If you wish to have a visit from Sr. Anne, please email Yen.Phung@cam.org.au or call the parish office on 5782 1084. Thank you

**Gluten free hosts:** If you are Gluten Intolerant and would like to receive Communion with a Gluten free host, could you please make Fr. Prakash aware of your need for a Gluten free host before the Mass. Thank you

**Pray the World Mission Rosary:** Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May at 2pm, and invite friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in. Join Zoom Meeting <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer> Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280, Password: 876574

### Articles for The Shamrock Magazine:



The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles by 30th June to: [stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com)

### Prayer of Gratitude for Mothers

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honoured not just today, but every day. Amen."

(<https://www.christianity.com>)

