

The Ascension of the Lord C

Entrance Antiphon: Acts 1:11

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.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:1-11

***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 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 Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and

for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful

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!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon : Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Next week's readings

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-17

Gospel Jn 14:15-16. 23-26



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Our Parish Vision Statement:

We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for the Ascension of the Lord C — 29th May, 2022

The readings for the Ascension of the Lord encourage us to be witnesses for Jesus Christ, just as the early Christians were. In the first reading the ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth. In the alternate second reading we learn that Jesus Christ died for all people. And in the gospel, after Jesus ascends to heaven, the disciples can be found in the temple praising God.

•Evangelism •Going out to the world •Getting out of our comfort zones

At some point after the resurrection, Christ stopped appearing to the disciples. Now the power of Christ works through us. We must carry on the mission of proclaiming the Good News. All of the gospels tell of the ascension of our Lord. Luke gives the most detailed account. It is similar to the ascension of Elijah. Jewish tradition also points to the ascension of Abraham, Moses, and Isaiah. In these cases, these holy men are summoned to the throne of God through the power of God.

There is also the account in the Book of Daniel. As the visions during the night continued, I saw coming with the clouds of heaven. One like a son of man. When he reached the Ancient of Days and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendour, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)

The ascension of Jesus fulfils this prophecy. It is echoed in the words of St. Stephen, the first martyr:

He said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Acts of the Apostles 7:56

There is also a parallel between the final words of Jesus and the words of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary.

The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Luke 1:35 (The Annunciation)

You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you.

Acts 1:8 (The Ascension)

So the ascension is the final event of the incarnation. And through Christ, we all will take our place with God. The same power which worked on our Blessed Mother to bring the incarnation to the world now works on the disciples. They will also bring Jesus Christ to the world.

Source: <https://young-catholics.com/3567/the-ascension-of-the-lord-year-c/#homilies>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Fr. Eric John Hodgens PE. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Peter and Paul Stokie, Sr. Mary Baptist, Nancy Cromar, Abraham Schellenbach, Bernie McDonnell, Norienne Peterson.

Prayer for the deceased: Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

First Friday and First Saturday Devotions at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave

First Friday— 3rd June

Mass at 9am. After the Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary Prayed with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. There are twelve promises given to St Margaret Alacoque about the First Friday. We need to do 9 consecutive first Fridays. There are flyers in the foyer

First Saturday— 4th June

Mass at 9am. After the Mass, Rosary is prayed with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. During the holy hour of Adoration, Priest is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lady of Fatima asked for 5 consecutive Saturdays. To learn more about this request from Our Lady we need to learn more about Fatima flyers in the foyer.



PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

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<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

The Sacrament of Confirmation on 28th May

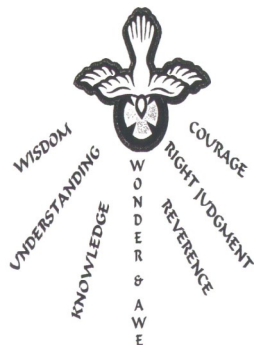
Celebrant: Very Rev. Anthony Kerin JCL

**Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region of the
Archdiocese**

St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave
at 12pm

St. Paul's Church, Monbulk at
2pm

Let's keep in our prayers all the
students receiving the Sacra-
ment of Confirmation as they
are preparing themselves for
the same.



The Guild of St. Stephen

Annual Admission mass for Alter Servers

held on Friday 20th May at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Celebrant :Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Congratulations to the boys who participated from St. Thomas More parish, Belgrave



From left to right : Nathaniel Coyne, George
Coyne, Lachlan Price, Patrick Price

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