

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 Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

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REFLECTING ON OUR CALL

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension the words of the angels to the disciples can serve as a useful reminder of the meaning of this feast: 'Why are you standing here looking up at the sky?' The disciples had just witnessed the departure of their Lord and while their immediate reaction was natural there was work to be done; a mission had been entrusted to them. It was no time for standing still but getting down to the work at hand.

Firstly, the Lord had given them the mission of preaching the salvation that Jesus offered to the whole world. Secondly, they had to prepare for the gift of the Spirit which would enable and empower them to undertake their task. As the Gospel of Luke concludes we find the disciples in prayer in the temple waiting for the gift of the Spirit, joyfully pondering on what they had experienced.

The reading from the letter to the Ephesians calls us to share in that journey of reflection into the meaning of not only the life of Jesus but our own life as Christians. As Paul reflected on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, he came to see that it was truly a cosmic event. Jesus was not just Lord of death but all creation. The Ephesians are invited to reflect on the richness of the gift they have all received as Christians. Today's feast of the Ascension calls us to rejoice in, and reflect on, our call and mission.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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

29 May 2022
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WEEKEND MASSES	Sat: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am and 5.30pm	CONFESSIONS Sat: 4.30-5.15pm <i>*Or by appointment</i>
	WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon: No Mass	
	Wed: 12pm St Justin	Thurs: 9am	
	Fri: 9am	Sat: 9am Charles Lwanga & Companians	

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

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Roy Carpenter, Warwick McKeon, Laurence McDonnell.

Anniversaries: Peg MacRae (4/5), Hugh O'Brien (18/5), Sandy Murray (22/5), John Varga (1/6).

Deceased: Eva May McLean, David Owens, Kathleen Griffin (Lismore), Ivan Abra, Annette Hardy, Maria Mood, John Steer, Terry Burke.

Sick: Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.



Today our Lord
Jesus Christ
ascended into heaven;
let our hearts
ascend with him.
St. Augustine

COMING EVENTS:

5 June Pentecost 12 June Solemnity of The Holy Trinity 13 June Queens Birthday Holiday

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

God wants us to take fresh courage.

Sr Mary MacKillop 1877



NSW STATE COVID RULES: * FACE MASKS ARE NOT COMPULSORY BUT RECOMMENDED
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

THANKS AND WELCOME: We thank Father McHugh for so kindly supplying to us for Fr Anthony. We truly appreciate his pastoral care.

****READERS REQUIRED:** We are in great need of volunteers for reading and other tasks which occur in the Parish such as counting, cleaning and laundering of altar linen. If you are able to assist with any of these, especially reading, please drop the parish an email, visit the website and leave feedback, or give us a ring. Training will be provided. We would be truly grateful to receive your offers of help.

THANKYOU: On behalf of Caritas we thank our wonderfully generous parishioners who gave the amount of \$1,351.90 in their Project Compassion donations. These funds will make the world of difference to those who are much less fortunate than we are.

PLENARY COUNCIL IN PRAYER: Catholics across the country are being invited to participate in a new prayer pilgrimage as the Church journeys towards the second assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The "Walking in the Spirit" pilgrimage has been prepared to encourage individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries to keep the Plenary Council in their prayers. The prayer pilgrimage will lead up to the opening of the second—and final—assembly on Sunday 3 July. You may access resources at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/>

PILGRIMAGE: In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For information - national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 8912481

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY: A program for individuals to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary. This follows the recent consecration by Pope Francis and the bishops, of all of humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Bishop Kennedy has prepared a Diocesan leadership of this event by Chris De Silva, Director of Mission and Evangelisation Team from 23 May - 25 June. A guaranteed way to grow closer to Jesus and Mary with only 5-10 minutes of prayer/day.

More details at [Bishop Kennedy's video](#) and [Chris De Silva's video](#). You can [register here](#).

INVITATION: All parishioners are invited to attend the priestly Ordination Mass of Rev Mr Peterpaul Chikezie on Wednesday 29th June 11am at Saints Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Torreggiani Room. Please RSVP to the Chancery Office for catering purposes chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au or 6771 8700 by Friday 17th June.

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 29/5/22

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn D Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team P Sheils; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 4/6 J Hutt & J Moran
Altar Linen: B Flood

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 5/6/22

Vigil: R D Gowing Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team S Brown A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 11/6 M Vella & R Pace
Altar Linen E Smyth

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

