

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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I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

When reflecting on Jesus' Ascension, our liturgical focus has been heavily influenced by Luke's double version of the Ascension; one set on Easter Day in the concluding scene in Luke's Gospel (24:50-52) as Jesus' blesses his disciples at Bethany and departs from them; the other in the opening chapter of Acts (Acts 1:6-11) as Jesus leaves the disciples and is carried into heaven.

Our Gospel today is quite different. It is the concluding verses of Matthew's Gospel. The Risen Jesus gathers with the Eleven on 'the mountain, the place of divine encounter, already familiar from earlier in the Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Here, at the Gospel's conclusion, Jesus is with the Eleven—not the Twelve, a reminder of the failure of one of the key members of the apostolic leadership group (Judas). It is to this group of failed leaders that Jesus, God's authoritative agent, entrusts his final teaching and missionary endorsement. They are to make disciples of all nations. This is an important injunction, given that Matthew's audience which is predominantly Jewish is now encouraged to move into the gentile world.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus offers a universal vision. Baptism and Gospel ethical teaching will become key notes for incorporating members into this renewed community of Jesus. The Gospel concludes on a promise of divine companionship. Jesus, called 'Emmanuel' ('God with us') in the birth narrative (Matthew 1:23), reminds his audience that 'I am with you always ... to the end of time.' This affirmation of Jesus' eternal presence is comforting to Matthew's audience, and us, dealing with life's struggles and cultural challenges.

Fr Michael Trainor

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



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 9pm
Friday: 4pm, 8pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

National Count of Attendance - Parish Mass Count) May 2026

There will be Parish mass count in all Weekend Masses for the whole month of May during the offertory. We thank you for your cooperation

Commissioning & Recommissioning

Commissioning of new Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EOMHC), and Recommissioning of all Lectors/Readers, Commentators, and EO Ministers of HC who missed on Holy Thursday, will be on **Pentecost Sunday, 24 May during the 10AM mass.**

Parish Renewal Meeting. All weekday and weekend Lectors, Commentators and EO Ministers of Holy Communion are Invited to attend the Parish Renewal Meeting on Sunday, 31 May, 2pm-4:30pm at SPC Hall. Please check flyer in the foyer of the church.

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession Sunday, 7 June at 1:30PM. **57 Seater** Coach will be provided by the Parish. Please call the Parish office 03 93633132 or email deerpark@cam.org.au to register

NO Healing mass for the month of June

ASCENSION SUNDAY.

Ascension Day is the **40th day of Easter**. It occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, according to Christian belief. Ascension Sunday is a "great commissioning." The apostles are being sent out to make disciples of all nations, to baptise, and to teach people to obey Jesus' commandments." Ascension inaugurates the mission of the Church

Seminary Enquiry Day.

any young men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood (over the age of 18) to the Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at Corpus Christi College.



Ascension of the Lord

Next Week: 24 May 2026
Pentecost Sunday - A

A VOCATION VIEW

Through His death, resurrection and ascension, **JESUS** Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Mariastella Selvarajah, Giokim, Maria Uyen, Michael Pijaakin, Anna Svdran, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyer, Guadalupe, Erlinda, Rozanna Agius, Maria Camilleri, Carmella Mizzi, Vicente Aquino Sr, Jaime Balderrama, Juanita Aquino, Josefine, Luzana, Teodoro Sr, Armando Sr, John Rey, Lucia, Filomena, Gregoria, Erlinda, Lucia, Preciosa, Evelyn, Rosmar, Celia, Editha, Shirley, Carmela Agius, Magdalena, Nnew, Eha Ortiz, Victoria Isabel Sabellina, Janius Rosmar, Maria Cantori, Lily Spiteri, Ana, Efran Antonio, Miguel Laureano, Giuseppe Marando, Angelito M Caranto, Eve Smith, Scicluna family, Georgina, Popo Macau, Sonia Li, Fernando Li, Gung Gung Macau, Alfredo Um, David Um, Brizida Pereira, Li Asent, Fr Benedict Camilleri, Alfredo Villafior, Joseph Paul Portelli, Fernando De Araujo, Filomena Amaral, Ignatius Sujoto, Monica Suana, Maria Virginia Liliosa, Um Cam Fun, Paulo Yong, Maria Paula Fernandes Li, Henrico, Dominga Leias, Emanuel Attard, Biven Aventura, Tay Pin, Emelito & Teresa Abrogar, Barry Rhodes, Donato Sr, Manuela Uy, Rodolfo Artaga, Cuc Fo Vom, Calafati, Gracy Saldanha, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Nella Teodoro, Jolly Augustine Arackal, Jim Balmors, Telling Cabigas, Cherill Rogers family, Veronica, Joe & Rita Bajada, Glenda, Elroy & Kenrick, Annabel, Nobin Joe Joel, Neethu Varghere family, Nick Nakarons, Melina TroPiano, Jordan Lai, Monica Huynh, Vic Tor Lau, Mu T Tiung Sing, Joshua Lai, Kan Ing Sin, Sam, Janus Hermoso, Jason Attard, Martine Dominique, Stella, John Paul, Lourdes Rhodes

THANKSGIVING: Johnny Cini, Victoria Polon, Mary Magdalene Amayo, Earl Sebastian Muragianis, Monique, Lorraine Vella, Roseann McGregor, Doreen Mongus, Johnny Vella, Marlon & Marvi Barillo, Doya, Raffy & Doya, Victoria Polon, Johnny Au, Nick San Lorenzo, Pierre Abella, Jherielle & Cristina, Ava, Peter & Paul Juhasz, Belinda Brica, Dora & Janice, Donovan, Stephan family, Ann Marie

THIS WEEK: 17 May 2026 - Ascension of the Lord - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Grace S L Ryson D Manoj L	Alister R Susan C Aaron A	Perly C Kumudu M Wynna D	Julie Ann M Greazah P Jennifer G	Flora S Diana T Tami M	Frances R Rio S A Julian
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rochelle R Nick S L Charmaine R Antonietta C	Stephan P Alister R	Roland D Teo C Ronald D Shirley T	Anna C Maria Mizzi Lidia L Alvin G	Vernon A Emrian C Candida D S Marvin D	Michael D Gloria T Ric M
Altar Servers	Patrick B	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho Jude Jherielle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Emmaus	Butch Eleazar	Exxemoz

NEXT WEEK: 24 May 2026 - Pentecost Sunday - A

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Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Gloria T Gregg S Maria Miletic	Alister R J Caceres Richelle C	Dulce T Rukmal M Lorraine B	Nelssa D Nonie G Maria Sulfaro	Diana T Mel O Kirk D G R	A Tavag D Lobo C Villescas
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grace S L Paul M Charmaine R Joan S	Richelle C Stephan P	Wynna D Roland D Dulce T Ferdinand T	Roger S J Joe M Don C Cathryn D	Vernon A Jacqueline R Candida D S Emman C	Teo C Michael D Joe C Ric M
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Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	CFCA	Emmaus	Exxemoz	MWF with LIHM Sisters