

The Living Word

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

17 May 2026

First Reading 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.'

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

(R.) 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

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, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills *all* creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the *Church which is His Body*'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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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.

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

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 commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

17th of May 2026

Exploring the Word

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The feast of the Ascension celebrates the physical separation of Jesus from the human story, but this text promises his continual presence ‘to the end of time’. After three years of living, working and praying with the disciples, Jesus commissions them to continue his work in the world. This is a difficult challenge for some of the disciples who, although prepared to go to the appointed place, still hesitate! Despite their misgivings and fragile faith, he sends them out to all nations. Jesus has been given the authority that was once the exclusive domain of the God of Israel; Jesus has become the presence of the living God, and his presence will continue with his disciples through the Holy Spirit.

Anchored—Respectful Relationships

Thursday 11 June 2026, 7pm-8pm

Free Online Event

Open to parents and caregivers of teenagers

In this second session of the Anchored webinar series, Paul Nannes from RealTalk will offer practical tools and insights to help parents and caregivers form teenagers in a healthy and life-giving understanding of consent, respect and relationships grounded in the Catholic vision of human dignity. Use the QR code to find out further details and to register for the webinar.







Free call: 1800 257 296
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This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God’s mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.



Synod Corner: Synodality is about mission
The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today’s world.

ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION –

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026 AT 2.00PM, ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL

Parishes, communities and all of the faithful are warmly invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession as we walk through the streets of CBD Melbourne. **Beginning at 2.00pm from St Patrick’s Cathedral and concluding at Federation Square.** Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, this is a wonderful opportunity for the whole Archdiocesan community to bear witness to Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of the city.

CHURCHES

St. Patrick’s, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael’s, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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To support our Parish and Priests, scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



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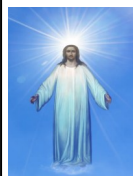
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St. Patrick’s Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 16 May : SATURDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church



Sun, 17 May: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
12 noon Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 18 May: MONDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

No morning Mass

Tue, 19 May: TUESDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
7pm Cemetery Committee Meeting,
St Patrick's Parish Office

Wed, 20 May: WEDNESDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 21 May: THURSDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 22 May: FRIDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Reconciliation 4th lesson,
St Patrick's Parish Office

Sat, 23 May : SATURDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 24 May: PENTECOST SUNDAY

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady
of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St.
Patrick's Church



National 18-24 MAY 2026
Volunteer
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER **Week**



Your Year to Volunteer

National Volunteer Week 2026 celebrates the commitment of current volunteers and invites everyone to discover how giving their time and talents can spark joy, and a deep sense of purpose. More than just a celebration, National Volunteer Week 2026 is a call to action—make this Your Year to Volunteer and help create lasting, positive change.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, you are the ones who keep our parish going.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>16/17 May</u>	<u>23/24 May</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	16 May	23 May
Reader	B. O'Dwyer	A. Leahy
EMHC	C. O'Dwyer	B. O'Dwyer
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	16 May	23 May
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	M. Fleischmann
EMHC	V. Barro	J. Jain
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	17 May	24 May
Reader	T. Cooney	N. Poulyin
EMHC	A. Moore	A. Moore
EMHC	C. Banon	M. Hoban
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	17 May	24 May
Reader	C. Edulan	C. Dodd
EMHC	C. Mathew	L. Dunlop
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	E. Ferraresi	H. Clancy
HOME EUCHARIST:	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	M. Ramsay & family	Giena Pereira & Ben Collier

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

John Riggall & Kathy Hilder

Anniversaries

James Cunningham, Cecelia Emma Skehan, Gordon Macmillan, James Harrison Scully, Tom Archer, James Leahy, Carmelito Udasco, Raymond Poulter, Thomas Hurst, Kevin Turner, Joan Minogue, Normas Charles Simmonds, Enrichetta Batisel and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Thanksgiving Envelopes: Please do not split/divide your Thanksgiving envelopes in half. Please keep them intact and write the amount on the front. Thanks

PLEASE NOTE: The Easter edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open this week from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for private prayer.

St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.