

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 21

The Ascension of the Lord

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## Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

## MASS TIMES:

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm  
Sunday 8.30am  
Sunday 5.30pm

### Weekday Eucharist

Monday 7.00am  
Tuesday 7.00am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am  
Public Holiday 9.00am

## Reconciliation

Saturday evenings 5.00-5.20pm

## Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

## Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 16th June @ 10.30am

## PARISH TEAM:

### Parish Priest

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## Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.



*The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians - individuals, families, communities, organisations and government - to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians. This year we are asking everyone to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise.*

*National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.*

*For more information go to: <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>*

***Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

St Thomas' acknowledge the Yuggera people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to elders - past, present and emerging, who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years.

## We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch, Judith Angela, Jayne and Devan, Eileen MacDermott, Kui Liu



**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Blue Smith, Peter Ryan, Margaret Murray, Benjamino Giacomodonato, Anthony Volmer, Beryl Robinson, Justin Cosgrove, Gordon Bissett, Les Bertini, Savatore Vitale, John Leahy, Aileen Cokayne, Fr Bob Mitchell, Rita Leslie, James O'Connor, Darcy Dickson, Dorothy Vaughan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Mary Rafferty, Suzanne Ballinger, Geraldine Simento, Irene Matthews, Michael O'Connor, Des O'Toole, Sid O'Toole, Joseph 'Gerry' Cremin, Mona Costa, Margaret Simson, Bill Collins, Russell Lea, Tom Killian, Edie Coughlan, Bernadette Moy.



## SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2022

The school fete is now only 2 weeks away! Come and enjoy great food, arts & crafts, perseveres, cakes, sweets, plants and more!

The Fete will kick off **directly after 8.30am Mass**  
on **Sunday 12th June**.

*Please note, the carpark will be unavailable for all Masses  
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June as it is in use for the fete.  
We apologise for any inconvenience.*

## CAN YOU HELP WITH PRESERVES?

We're after both savour and sweet preserves:

- ♥ Jams and marmalade
- ♥ Lemon or citrus butters
- ♥ Relishes or Kasundi
- ♥ Honey
- ♥ Chutneys
- ♥ Quince or Fruit Paste

Contact:

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## CAN YOU MAKE ITEMS FOR THE ARTS & CRAFT STALL?



All items are welcome but here are some popular ideas from previous fetes:

- \* Bookmarks
- \* Tea towels
- \* Hair clips
- \* Jewellery
- \* Knitted blankets
- \* Key rings
- \* Pet rocks
- \* Bag tags
- \* Butterfly/star wands
- \* Beanies and scarves
- \* Greeting cards for all occasions
- \* Super hero capes and masks

**Contact Carmen on 0409 836 616**

## DATE CLAIMERS...

### Care & Concern Healing Mass & Winter Lunch

Care & Concern will host their Healing Mass and annual Winter Lunch on **Thursday 16th June** from 10.30am.

Initiations will be sent out next week. Please contact the office if you, or someone you know, would like to be included on the invitation list.

### Music Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting for our Music Ministry on **Saturday June 11th** at 3.30pm at St Thomas' Parish Office.

This includes, organists, singers and anyone who would like to be involved with this ministry. All are welcome!

### The Week Ahead

Sun - May 29th	The Ascension of the Lord Mass @ 8.30am and 5.30pm
Mon - May 30th	Mass @ 7am
Tues - May 31st	Mass @ 7am
Wed - June 1st	Mass @ 9am
Thur - June 2nd	Mass @ 9am
Fri - June 3rd	Mass @ 9am Confirmation @ 5pm & 7pm
Sat - June 4th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - June 5th	Mass @ 8.30am and 5.30pm Baptisms @ 10am

## Quote of the Week

Walk with your feet  
on earth,  
but in your heart  
be in heaven.

~ St John Bosco ~



## Readings

### The Ascension of the Lord

#### First Reading: (Acts 1:1--11)

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

#### Second Reading: (Ephesians 1:17-23)

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 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 Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: (Luke 24:46-53)

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.

## For the Children...

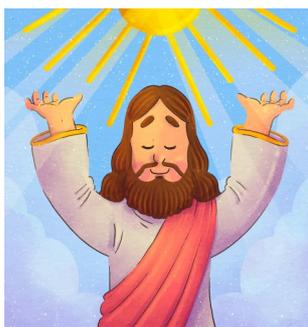
### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

#### **Proclaim the Good News**

Before Jesus ascended into heaven to be with God the Father, he gave the disciples important instructions. They were to joyfully tell people all over the world about Jesus' life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

#### **LET US PRAY**

Dear Jesus,  
Help us to spread God's love with great joy through our words and actions, as You taught us to do. Amen.



### Readings for Next Sunday

#### Pentecost Sunday

##### First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

*The Spirit comes to the Apostles  
as tongues of fire.*

##### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

*The Spirit of God dwells in us.*

##### Gospel:

John 20: 19-23

*Jesus promises the disciples the Paraclete.*