

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

12 MAY 2024

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 Mk 16: 15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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WHAT DOES THE ASCENSION MEAN FOR US?

The ascension of the Lord is the pivotal link between Luke's Gospel and Acts – the story of Jesus and the story of the Church. The accounts of the ascension at the end of Luke's Gospel and the beginning of Acts are not exactly the same but the message is clear: 'they' (the apostles/witnesses) are to stay in the city/Jerusalem until clothed with power from on high/receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and, then 'he' (Jesus) was carried up to heaven/lifted up, and a cloud took him out of sight (Luke 24:49-51 & Acts 1:4, 8-9).

The letter to the Ephesians contains the plea 'to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit' and to build up the body of Christ. This is essential as the one who came down is the same one who ascended, who is calling all, whatever their gift, to work together in their ministry until they become mature in Christ.

Mark's account is thought to be a later addition to the Gospel. 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News', – reminiscent of Matthew's account of the commissioning of the disciples – 'to all creation' (v. 15). This message is vital for us to hear in these times of global ecological crisis. After speaking to the apostles, Jesus was taken up and assumed his rightful place at the right hand of God. In every way the ascension affirms the resurrection, Jesus' return to God and the launch of our mission guided by the Spirit.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

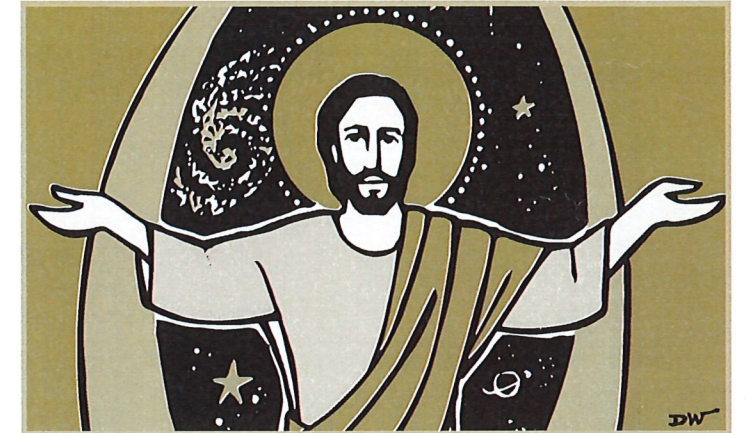
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

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 Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven,



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

7th week of Easter YR B

- 12 Sun:** Ascension of the Lord
- 13 Mon:** No Mass
- 14 Tues:** St Matthias
- 15 Wed:** 7th week of Easter
- 16 Thu:** 7th week of Easter
- 17 Fri:** 7th week of Easter
- 18 Sat:** 7th Week of Easter/Vigil Pentecost Sunday

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
 - Rosary: Sat 8am
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
 - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm
- *For Baptisms & Weddings*
Please call the Parish Office*

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- **Notre Dame Catholic Primary**
360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105
6272 7100 | www.nds.wa.edu.au
- **St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
6279 2000 | www.smg.wa.edu.au

WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN. The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery BSB: 086 006 Account #: 140 608 771 Reference: Name	Second Collection EFT Details A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish BSB: 086 006 Account #: 667 172 433 Reference: Name
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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 18 th May 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		T Khoo R Bennett	Sr Margaret T Khoo	S Lopera F & B Kareng J Olaso
Sunday 19 th May 8.00am	George Sekulla	S Robinson	M Piliae C Neville	D Rodrigues L Millington	P Sekulla
Sunday 19 th May 10.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	Ranjit Ratnayake	V Conier S Bradshaw	J Jong T Seputro	M & M Fernandes - Dodsley
Sunday 19 th May 6.00pm	Jerome Can Truong		S Fernandez J Fernandez	J & R Fernandez	A P Leo J Mai

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **May 11th, 2024:** C & I Madden 29 Belvidere St Belmont & M Ratnayake 27 Goodall St, Cloverdale.

Holy Water - Now Available

Holy Water will be available from the church over the next few weeks. Please bring a small bottle or jar and it will be filled for you.

Parish Youth Group

Will meet on the 4th Friday of every month commencing on **24th May @ 7pm in the Parish Centre**. More details as the date gets closer. Expressions of Interest list has been placed at both sides of the church.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 8

54pts: R Harrison **52pts:** K McLean, Fr Ian, **51pts:** M Iannantuoni **50pts:** 7 entrants. See Notice board for top tipsters.

Annual Mass Count – May 2024

During the month of 'MAY' we are required to record how many people attend our weekend celebrations. We are looking for volunteers to help with Mass count. There is a sign up sheet school side entrance of the church for you to place your name at which Mass or Masses you can assist at. Thank you in advance.

Catholic Mission Appeal 2024

Thankyou for your prayers and generous response to this years Catholic Mission Appeal. Your donations are helping our missionaries in Mongolia provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia Donation envelopes can be placed in the Second Collection basket.

Funeral details for the late Mr Wilton Ottaway

A Requiem Mass will be held in Notre Dame Church on **Monday 20th May @ 10am** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Wilton was an Acolyte of Belmont/Redcliffe/Cloverdale parish for many years. Deepest sympathy to the Ottaway Family. May he RIP.

Meetings for the Week

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Thursday 16th May @ 6.15pm in the Parish Centre.
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Friday 17th May @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Happy Mother's Day
to Mums of all ages, have a lovely day!

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762
E: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.
Next online Sessions for 'MAY': Tuesday 14th May @ 2pm, Thursday 23rd @ 7pm, Thursday 30th @ 10am or Attend Manning Parish Sunday 19th May @ 10am,

40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration 30th May – 1st June

St Anne's Belmont – Latin Community, 11 Hehir St, Belmont. Expressions of Interest or Register your Timeslot E: stannes40@gmail.com See notice board for all information.

Employment Opportunities Archdiocese of Perth

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitable qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details refer to our parish office or www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm

Notre Dame Community

First of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

Thanks again to all that assisted with the morning tea last Sunday & to those that made curries, spring rolls, etc. \$432.20 was raised for the PBF.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Augusta Clark Kessler, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Molly McGrath, Don McGrath, Lawrence & Rosy Crasto, Edward Saldanha, Robert D'Silva, Judith Saldanha, James Crowley, Joseph Thai Spn Nguyen, recently deceased Wilton Ottaway and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Allan Jones & Honey Heldt.

Baptism:

Welcome to our Catholic Faith Community;
Jasmine Mary Singhe