



## Parish of St Mary Magdalen, Jordanville

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*The Parish of St. Mary Magdalen is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

28/29 May 2022

# The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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

Responsorial Psalm:

**GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE TO SHOUTS OF JOY: A BLARE OF TRUMPETS FOR THE LORD**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

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

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

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.

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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Tuesday:</b>	Mass 10:00am	Rosary 10.30am
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Morning Prayer and Service 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mass 12:00 noon	Rosary 12.30am
<b>Friday:</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass 12:00 noon	11.00 am
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mass 10:00am	Rosary 10.30am

### WEEKEND MASSES

<b>Saturday:</b>	Vigil Mass 6:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	Mass 9:30am

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** After Mass when a priest is available

**BAPTISM:** During Sunday Mass or at 11:00am. Email the Parish office to book.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

June 4 & 5, 2022	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Michael Bampton	Mary Boyle
Readers Pentecost Sunday	Helen Selwood	Roshini Boteju
Special Ministers	Rose Phillips	Mary Boyle
Meet & Greet	Yvonne Huggett	Gordon Cramer Christobel Cramer
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Bernard Perera
Counting – Sun, 10am	David Forrest, Jos Kulkens, Louise Kulkens	
Church Cleaning	Christobel & Gordon Cramer, Lester Rosario	

Any notices that need to be included in the weekly newsletter, email the parish [jordanville@cam.org.au](mailto:jordanville@cam.org.au) by Thursday.

### MASSES STREAMED FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Daily Mass: The 1.00pm Mass is streamed live daily (*Mon - Fri*) from St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and is then available as a recording on demand until one hour prior to the next 1.00pm Mass.

On Sundays, the 11.00am Mass is streamed and it is also available as a recording on demand via Channel 44.

### Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT

The Annual Parish Mass Count will be carried out throughout all weekend Masses during the month of May.

### ENROLMENTS FOR ST MARY MAGDALEN'S SCHOOL

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2023 at St Mary Magdalen's School. Tours are offered by appointment. Call 98070315.

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students - Mercy Connect Melbourne/Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au, Tel: 9326 1895.

### Caritas Australia – Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families through <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413.

## **SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT**

### **Luke-Acts**

*The two works of Luke and Acts, ascribed to the same writer, are both addressed to the same person, Theophilus. However, the Greek name, Theophilus, means 'Friend of God' or 'Beloved of God'. Theophilus may have been a particular person or may have been a literary device by the author – using the name to imply that the books were written to any 'Friend of God'. There is a common style employed in the writing of the two works and a common theology runs through both works and it is these commonalities that lead scholars to conclude that the two works share the same author.*