



Parish of Timboon

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Dear Friends;

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Lord's Ascension. This feast reminds us of our final glory in the heavenly kingdom. Jesus ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus came down in an obedience to his Father and has lived with us in this world. He has fulfilled his mission successfully and went back to his Father. Our goal is to be one with Jesus and with the Father. But before we go to heaven we must fulfil our mission like Jesus. Our mission is to live our baptismal commitment and carry out the teaching of the gospel. To join Jesus in his ascension to heaven is to go all the way with him in his life and continue his ministry. We have to carry our own cross and follow the footsteps of Jesus. So this feast of the Ascension reminds us also our mission. Jesus just before he ascends to his Father, he commissions his disciples to continue his mission until he returns. Hence by our baptismal commitment we share the same mission of the Apostles. We are being sent out into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. We proclaim how much God loves us. We bear witness to what God does for us. We go in the name of Jesus to the poor, the lonely and the downtrodden, show our love and care for them like Jesus. We have to go to those in need of God's mercy, love and forgiveness so that they may be able to see God's providential care through our words and deeds. During our celebration, let's ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to continue his mission in our life. -Neville

From 28 May 2021, venues and facilities currently using a Victorian Government Application Programming Interface (API) linked digital record keeping system must use the Victorian Government QR Service. For instructions on how to switch, please go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au/grcode. "Venues" must make reasonable efforts to ensure that visitors can use a compliant recordkeeping system even where a visitor cannot access the system on their own device for some reason (e.g. they do not have a mobile phone). This could include making a terminal (e.g. an iPad) available for customers to sign in, or staff assisting the customer to sign in. In exceptional circumstances where such an approach is not practicable, an alternative record keeping approach (including a non-electronic approach) can be used as a back-up.

Womans League - Ballarat Diocesan Executive

EXPLORATION & REFLECTION DAY AT ST ARNAUD

WHERE: Parish Centre & Immaculate Conception Church
37 Queen Street, St Arnaud.

WHEN: 10am to 3.30 pm Wednesday 26th May, 2021

Please join us for a day of prayer, exploration, community and reflection as we gather at the historic Wimmera parish of St Arnaud.

For more information about the program and for booking:

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Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Patrick Giblin, Bernadette Moloney

Recent Death: Christopher Arnold

Anniversaries occurring in May: Elsie O'Donnell, John Conheady, William Delahenty, John Evans, Carolina Gagel, John Gaut, Shirley Freeman, Merle Ludeman, Harry Gatens, Peter Vu, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Father Barry Stickland, Betty Delaney.



PRAYER REQUESTS

A copy of the **COVIDSafe Plan** St Joseph's Parish Timboon is available for viewing in the office, generally open Tuesday afternoons.

Covid Update

- All venues must apply the two square metre rule and use electronic record keeping through the free Victorian Government QR Code Service or Victorian Government Application Programming Interface (API) linked digital system
- Wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in churches or chapels. However, the government recommends that we wear a face mask when we cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people
- You must carry a [face mask](#) with you at all times when you leave home, unless you have a lawful reason not to.

Votive candle stand: In accordance with general practice and guidelines regarding safety hazards, in this case fire, the stand has been removed from the body of the church and matches stored separately. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

	May 16th Mass 9:00 a.m.	May 23rd Assembly of Word and Communion 9:00am	May 30th Mass 9:00am
Timboon			
Welcome	L Tregea	A McMeel	N McKinnon
Leaders		C Bullen J McInerney	
Statue	A&G Vogels	G Townsend	M van Nieuwkerk
Reader	C Martin	C Marr	R Hoffmann
POF	J McInerney	P Nicholson	E O'Connor
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	May 16th Closed	May 23rd Assembly of Word and Communion 9:00am	May 30th Closed

The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year – B, 16/05/2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 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.

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, 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 (Please stand for the 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 is 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.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

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 in our journey, 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 itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They 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 both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.