

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16 TH MAY 2021

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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:

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

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.

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.

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: Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*To the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia

### Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

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.



# Welcome

## Parish of Cororooke

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

### ST BRENDAN'S: Mass 23rd May @ 5.00pm

Commentator: Speirs Family  
Reader: Grist Family  
Communion: L Darcy

### ST JOSEPH'S: 23rd May @10:30

Family: Sherman  
Communion: J Sherman  
Lay-leaders: P & K Roache

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May  
D Sutherland & K Speirs

St. Joseph's: A Convery & A Osborne

Counters: 23<sup>rd</sup> May- J Finlay

### RECENT DEATHS: Marie McKay

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty O'Brien, Janice McDonald, Maureen Martin, Mary Lloyd, Mick Nash & Rita O'Brien

### Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,  
Goldie Elsum

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY 16: St Brendan's Feast Day  
MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>: Celebration of First Reconciliation  
All Welcome 7.00pm  
MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>: Mass to celebrate St Brendan's  
Feast Day at 11.30am. Mass with commence on  
the verandah of Thomas Carr (weather  
permitting!)  
JUNE 3: Parish L'ship meeting

## PRAYER OF ST. BRENDAN

*"Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.*

*Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You. Christ of the mysteries, I trust You to be stronger than each storm within me.*

*I will trust in the darkness and know that my times, even now, are in Your hand. Tune my spirit to the music of heaven, and somehow, make my obedience count for You." AMEN.*



### Vinnies launches 2021 Winter Appeal to support homelessness

As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of JobKeeper and cuts to Job Seeker, the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including children, which have all been exacerbated by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Society provides vital services and support for individuals and families facing financial hardship. With generous support from the public, Vinnies aims to maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

### Supporting the homeless in Geelong...

Looking for donations of items such as jackets, beanies, scarves, socks. Blankets, toothbrushes & paste, soap, shampoo, deodorants, sunscreen, hair brushes, sanitiser, wet wipes, tissues, bedding linen, feminine hygiene products.  
There will a box in the back of the Church and Ann Maree will collect

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAT- thank you for all you do around the church and community*

