

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. 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 4:1-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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. It was said that he would: *When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.* When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? 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.

The word of the Lord
ALL: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

ALL: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

CATECHISM REFLECTION

2795 The symbol of the heavens refers us back to the mystery of the covenant we are living when we pray to our Father. He is in heaven, his dwelling place; the Father's house is our homeland. Sin has exiled us from the land of the covenant, but conversion of heart enables us to return to the Father, to heaven. In Christ, then, heaven and earth are reconciled, for the Son alone "descended from heaven" and causes us to ascend there with him, by his Cross, Resurrection, and Ascension.



St Michael's Cathedral

Bishop of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga
Most Rev Mark Edwards OMI

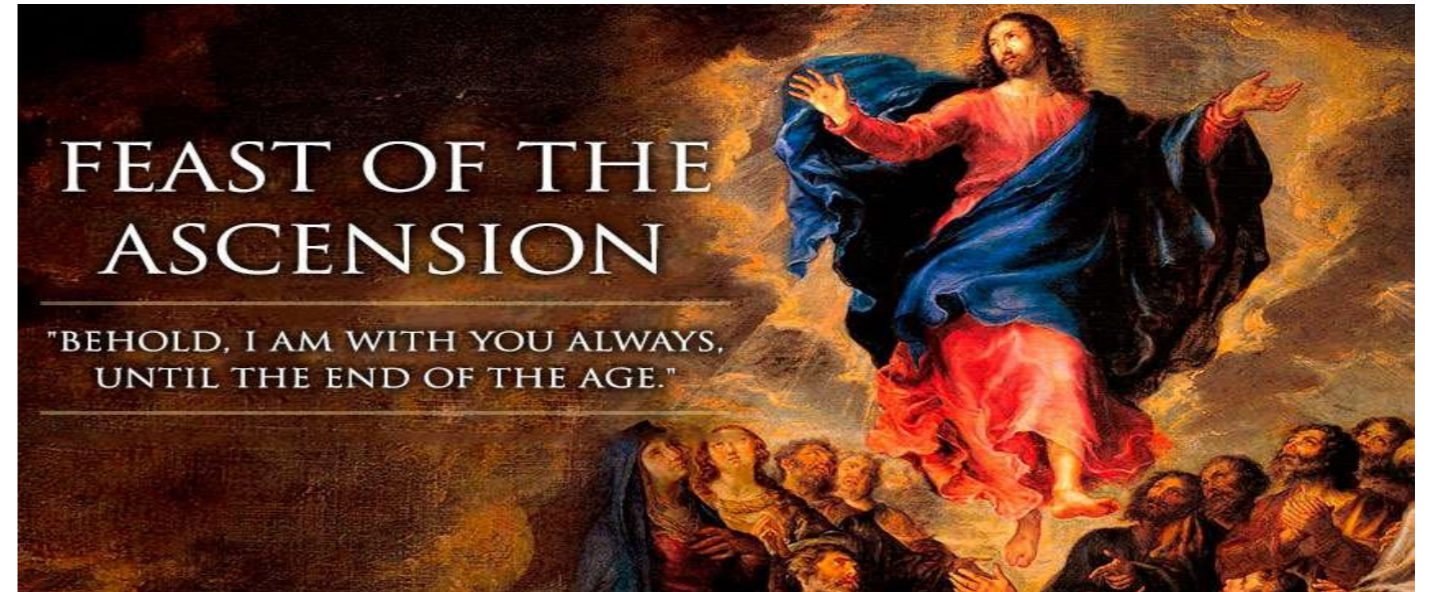
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B, 12 MAY 2024



FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

The word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 7am & 12:45pm
Saturday: 12:15pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5.30pm

ADORATION

Friday: 11:40am—12:40pm
6:00-7:00pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Thursday: 12:00pm - 12:40pm
Friday: 12:00pm—12:40pm
6:15pm -7:00pm
Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00pm
4:00pm - 4:45pm
Sunday: 7:30am and 9:30am

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

If you have any complaints or concerns regarding the safety of children or vulnerable adults, please contact <http://safeguarding.wagga.catholic.org.au/>

PARISH GROUPS

- ⇒ Chosen Youth (high school children)
- ⇒ Community of the Risen Lord - weekly prayer meetings. Contact Dilhani 0425 607 144
- ⇒ Monthly Recollection Evenings for men & women. For more information email: stjosephscatholicmensgroup@gmail.com or riverinawomensactivities@gmail.com
- ⇒ St Monica's Catholic Mothers' Group—4th Thursdays, contact Sophie 0421 237 651
- ⇒ St Vincent De Paul
- ⇒ Senior Legion of Mary—Thursdays 7:30pm Presbytery meeting room. Contact Caronne 0413 801 616
- ⇒ Junior Legion of Mary—Wednesdays 3:30pm Mary McKillop College 20 Hely Ave Turvey Park. Contact Caronne 0413 801 616

Prayer intentions:

- ◆ We pray for an increase in holiness in each and every one of our lives and that our parish may become an evangelising parish.
- ◆ We pray for healing, full recovery and good health for Fr Reece Beltrame.
- ◆ We pray for all the souls of our departed loved ones and for all those who have died, including:

Margo & Kevin **BAKER**, Mary **BARNES**, Romana **BERAN**, Martina & John **BLESSING**, Patricia & Una **BLISSET**, Norma **BRIGGS**, Susan **BROWN**, Emma **BUAN**, Don & Brian **BUCHHORN**, Nicole **BURGESS**, Catherine **BURKE**, Teresa **BUTLER**, Margaret **CASEY**, Sid **CLARKE**, Pauline **CLEARY**, Bernadette **CLEGG**, Mary **CLEGG**, William (Bill) **CLEMENTS**, David **CONNELL**, Barbara **COOPER**, Henry Sabal **CORDOVA**, Maria Cristina **CRUZ**, Jack & Marie **CUMMINS**, Doris **DAVIS**, Margo **DOHERTY**, Adelaide, George & Brad **DOMANSKI**, Peter **DOMINGUEZ**, Marie **DOMINGUEZ (Lawler)**, Fr Ronald **DONOGHUE**, Percy **DONNELLY**, Judy **DOVER**, Robert **DUNCAN**, Helen Alice **EVANS**, Michael **FARRELL**, Mary **FLANNERY**, Andrew **FOO**, Brigit **GEORGE**, William James "Bill" **GEORGE**, Ivan **GEORGE**, Pat & Frank **GERHARD**, Doreen **GESTIER**, Ernesto **GIDARO**, Sr Margaret **GLEESON RSM**, Anna **GORAJ**, Lin **GORDON**, Merle **GORDON**, Elizabeth **HOLDER**, Barry **JONES**, Vera **JONES**, Don **KENDELL**, Brian **KENNEDY**, Delma **KENNEDY**, John **KENNEDY**, Marion **KENNEDY**, Terry **KENNEDY**, Peter **KENNEDY**, Liane **KENNING**, Tony **KEOGH**, Henry **KEOUGH**, Eric **KOETZ**, Vince **KING**, Tom **LAWLOR**, John **MACK**, **MAGRO** family, Fr Terrence **MAHEDY**, Brian and Maureen **MARTIN**, Patrick **MASON**, Neita **MASON**, William & Victoria **MASON**, Jack & Alice **MASON**, John **McCOY**, Marie **McCOY**, Robert **McMEEKIN**, Pat **MEAKER** Alessandrina **MERLINO**, Arrigo **MERLINO**, Lino **MERLINO**, Jessie **MICALLEF**, Mary **MORROW**, Anthony **MORTON**, Jane **MULLINS**, Marie **MULLINS**, Jim **PARNELL**, Jeanette **PASSLOW**, Ted **POWER**, Gladys **REARDON**, Ken **RODD**, Margaret **RODD**, Lance & Bell **ROOTES**, Porferia & Nicasio **RUIZO**, Terry **RYAN**, Bill **SALTER**, Mae **SCHILLER**, Ken **SCULLY**, Doug **SHIELDS**, Merle **SIMPSON**, David **SIMPSON**, George & Tess **SKEERS**, Irene **SWAN**, Sylvester **SYKES**, Ceferino **TANUCO**, Ruth **TODD**, Les **TOWNSEND**, Angelo **TRENTINI**, Beth **TUDEHOPE**, Michael & Mark **VINEBURG**, Reynaldo & Anita **VINUYA**, Lawrence **VOUT**, Joan **VOUT**, Bruce **VOUT**, Doris **WILLCOCKSON**, Noel James **WILLERS**, Gregory **WILLIAMS**, Peter **WILLIAMS**, Dorothy **YARRINGTON**, Laszlo **ZURBO** and all the departed. May they

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For online contributions to the Church:

FIRST COLLECTION:

(For the support of priests)

Name of account: Cathedral Presbytery
BSB: 066 789 A/c 100004171

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(For the Parish expenses)

Name of account: Cathedral Church
BSB: 066 789 A/c 100004170

Ref: Your name. Thank you!

Your support is appreciated.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

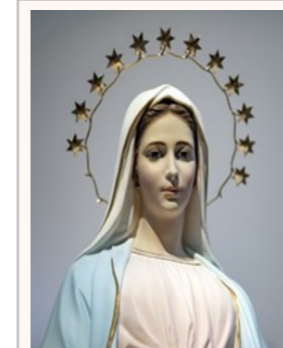
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

New RCIA group beginning on May 8th at 7pm. Will run every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month until Easter 2025. If you know anyone who would like to become Catholic, or simply investigate what it would mean to become Catholic, please invite them to consider this course. There is no monetary cost. Beginning the course does not impose any obligation to become Catholic.



Eucharistic Adoration

We currently have an hour with no-one attending on the roster. Why not spend an hour with Our Lord on Friday evenings, 6-7pm. If you are interested please ring John Evans 0410 026 796.



MAY IS MARY'S MONTH!

The pilgrim statue of Mother Mary is available for a home visit to each family who would love to welcome her. Let's continue praying the rosary. Interested parties, contact 0421 807 212.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

Anyone who is interested to join the cathedral choir is welcome to come on Wednesdays at 5:30pm at the Parish Centre. Contact Fr Byrnes 6921 2164.

LITURGY ROSTERS

12 May

5pm Sr Barbara Webber
8am Daniel Perry
10am Needs a reader
5:30pm Annabelle Borja

19 May

Molly Kahulugan
Megan Masterson
Paul Kennedy
Sharon Townsend



Bishop Richard Umbers will visit Wagga on **Sunday, 12 May** to promote the 2025 Eucharistic Congress. Lunch at 12PM, Talk at 12:30PM at the Parish Centre and 2pm Holy Hour in the Cathedral. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

ANNOUNCEMENT

A **draft of a new bulletin policy** is available at the foyer for your review. We appreciate any feedback and suggestions you may have. Contact us at 6921 2164.



CONFIRMATION

Year 6 Children from St Joseph's School and several state schools will receive Confirmation on **Saturday, 18 May, 5pm Vigil Mass**. There will be singing at this Mass and reserved seating for the candidates and their families.

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