

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year C

29 May 2022

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. 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

[Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

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 [Lk 24:46-53](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Safeguarding

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

SHANAGOLDEN ROSARY GROUP:

Email jane.parsons@vmch.com.au for requests.

ST. PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP: Open before and after all weekend masses or by appointment.

CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling services 1800522076

Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets in the Parish library on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm
Help Line is 1300305330.

PADDY'S KITCHEN: for more Info Contact Sue 0409202903 Dinner and dessert will be provided as take away Sunday 29th May, between 4-5pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.30 am
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am 5.00 pm

Reconciliation Every Saturday 10.00am
Exposition and Rosary Saturday at 10.00am

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope: \$ 876.00

Stewardship cash: \$ 813.06

Presbytery (2nd collection) \$ 726.65

If you would like to donate online:

St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations

Bank: National Australia Bank

BSB: 083-879

Account Number: 75 577 0740

Your contributions are greatly, appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held at our parish on 2nd and 4th Weekend of each month.

11th June Therese & Sherantha

12th June Donna & Kathy

Parish News & Events



Walking in the Spirit National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us.

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

CHURCH RENOVATION FUNDRAISING



Thank you for

Balance May 27th .	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	25	37,500.00	28,850.00
Stations of the	7	28,000.00	13,250.00
Bricks	37	9,500.00	8,906.00
Gold Sponsors	6	60,000.00	26,500.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		16,947.27	16,947.27
Community Raffle		10,412.00	10,412.00
		162,359.27	104,865.27

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the church foyer.



Parish Roster

DATE 28/29 May	READERS	SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	K Symons R Pinto	M Burhop
9am	J Hettiarachchi G Thompson	P Fernando L Petras D Rowlands
10.30	M Scanlon L O'Flynn	M Welliwatte A Tanner M Domingo
5.00pm		
Next Week 4/5th June	READERS	SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	K Mendis C George	B.Vail
9am	D Rowlands, S Tolu	C Martin C Fernando P Fernando
10.30	A.Raos Volunteers	C Faamausili C Mayer A.Stowers
5.00pm		

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Cathy McNulty, Thomas Kirsopp, Suzanne Pancino, Grace Seldon, Rex de Monte, Ann Wright, John Mitchell, Dave Francis, Chichi Sacro Stephanie Brouard

Recently Deceased: Brian Macconachie, Von Gargan Jude Rudolf Solomon, Fr John Readman

Anniversaries: Breda Kenny & Joseph Byrne

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace."*

This weekend we welcome Grace Satyal, Caitlyn Pais, Ayden Heuzinkveld & Enzo Legaspi and their parents, Avaya & Chloe, Joseph & Luija, Jason &

Hanna, & Brenn & Dianne

Parents who would like to have their child Baptised are required

to attend a Baptism preparation. The next one is Sunday, June 5th in the church, starting at 2pm. Please enrol through the parish website or call

Mary in the parish office 59417315.

baptism



Parish News & Events

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? We are planning to form a Parish collection counting team to help count the weekend collections. Counting time is at 10 am on Mondays for 30 minutes approximately and finishes with the morning tea. We need 8 volunteers and will be rostered once a month in action. If interested, please write your name and contact number on the sheet in the foyer of the church.

CHURCH ROSTERS have been sent to all volunteer's emails now and if haven't received the roster in your email, please contact Siji in the parish office. You can also view the roster on our parish website.

REST IN PEACE: Fr John Readman peacefully passed away on Wednesday 25th of May at Shanagolden. He was a resident at Shanagolden after his retirement. Funeral Mass— St Agatha 's Church, Cranbourne at 11.30 am Friday, 3 June 2022

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION: On Friday 3rd June at 7.00 pm, our parish will celebrate The Stations Of Resurrection/ Light (*Via Lucis*). In a style resembling the stations of the cross, these stations will take us through a journey with the Risen Christ reflecting upon important events that takes place from Easter to Pentecost. All are invited to come and experience this journey.

ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: May's gathering was attended by a larger group. We welcomed a couple of new parishioners which was great. In June we are meeting at the Cardinia Club in Racecourse Road on June 1st at 12 noon. Please contact Kathy 0418679616.

PENTECOSTAL SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY: Our parish will be celebrating Pentecost with a spirit-filled International Food Day, like past years on **5th June after the 10:30 am Mass**. We have coordinators from Sri Lanka (Quadri- 0423 202 570, Christeen - 0401 681 757) India (Tresa Andrews - 0 421 931 888), Philippines (Jane Estrada- 0 410 564 014), Mauritius (Jean-Claude- 410 126 415), Pacific Islanders (Gloria – 0431229905), Malaysia- Singapore (Pauline- 0406062563) and Poland. These coordinators will get in touch with you. Looking forward to more signups. Please put your name down on the sheet provided in the foyer along with the country you would like to represent, and we will get in touch with you. Please start getting your national costumes ready for the day.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Are you, or do you know, someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or would like to deepen their Catholic faith? We are commencing sessions for RCIA on Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 7.00pm. These sessions will cover the basic understanding of faith and Sacraments focussing on those wishing to become Catholic or to complete their initial Sacraments. All are welcome. We are also looking for people to help support candidates on their faith journey. If you are interested, please contact Siji at 59417315.



DIVINE
Children's Faith Formation Programme

Fun, Faith & Food

When: 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
2nd Friday of every month

Who: Year 4 to 6

Where: St Patrick's Parish, Pakenham

Starting on 10th June 2022

Contact : Donna/ Nisha @ 59417315, Email: divinechildren@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT: Sale Diocese Charismatic Groups invites us all to an extra-ordinary experience of the Current of Grace as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Pentecost). Date: Saturday, 04 June 2022. Venue: St Ita's Drouin. Time: 10.30am start to 4.00pm Mass to be celebrated at 2.30pm For queries, please contact the prayer group leaders of your parish, or speak with one of the following:

Bro Lindsay (Chair, 0432 375 391) Sis Anushka (Secretary, 0425 555 206) Fr Francis (Chaplain, 0448529712).

FREE BREAD IN THE FOYER: If you have an hour to spare on Saturday morning approx 11am, we would love your help to bag up the bread we receive from the bakery to distribute to Paddy's kitchen and People attending Mass. Please contact the office if you can help.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory*

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity. As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope? At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord. Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.