



**15 and 16 May 2021**

## **The Ascension of the Lord Year B**



**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.'

**Gospel** [Mk 16:15-20](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

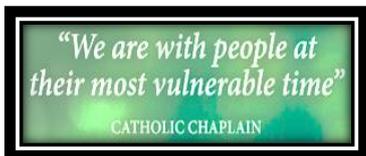
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

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.

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**MASS COUNT** Christian denominations throughout Australia collect data regarding the number of individuals who attend Sunday worship. Our collectors will be conducting our Parish Mass 'count' throughout May.



**CHAPLAINCY APPEAL** This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**PARISH PASTORAL VISITATION** Parishioner Sister Cathy Meese RSC has offered to provide pastoral care to parishioners who are unable to get to Mass regularly and also to those who have been recently bereaved. If you would like her to make a call, then please phone the parish office during office hours to let us know, so that she can be informed and follow up. Sister Cathy has been a long term primary school principal, works in prison ministry, and also has provided care for the homeless in her many years of diverse mission as Charity sister. We are fortunate to have her present and active in the parish. We all thank her on behalf of the parish community for her generous commitment to service and giving of her time. *John Hannon PP*

**A CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** is looking for expressions of interest. The group would meet twice a month most likely in the evening, or it could be during the day, for about an hour. Centring prayer is an ancient tradition in the church and our group would be part of that tradition. If you have never done silent/contemplative prayer before and you are looking for different ways of praying than this group could be for you. For further information contact John Varney on 0422 493 904.

PARISH CALENDAR		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 15 May	AWE (Awareness with Education) meeting in PACE Students present as candidates for Confirmation	11:00am 6:00pm
Sunday 16 May	Students present as candidates for Confirmation Welcoming Mass for Baptism families	Both Masses 10:30am
Friday 21 May	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass Sacrament of Confirmation Mass	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 23 May	Fr Kevin Burke celebrating Mass celebrating 51 years ordination Parish Baptisms	10:30am 12noon
Sunday 30 May	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group meeting in PACE	After 10:30 Mass

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**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am - **Weekend Masses:** Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am

**School email:** [principal@stessendon.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stessendon.catholic.edu.au)

**St Vincent de Paul helpline:** 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm

**Tiny T's Playgroup:** [stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com](mailto:stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com)

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*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and to Elders past and present.*