

St Therese's Parish Essendon

28 & 29 May 2022

The Ascension Year C

Sacrament of Confirmation ~ National Reconciliation Week



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: Lk 24:46-53 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

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.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri-Willam People who are the traditional people of the land on which we are gathered. It is with gratitude that we share this land today. We express our sorrow for the costs of that sharing, and hope that we can move to a place of justice and partnership together, by the establishment of a First Nations voice and a Makarrata Commission as requested in the Uluru Statement from the heart.

We honour the past, present, and emerging Aboriginal Leaders in their struggle for self-determination and the rights for all Aboriginal Peoples. We honour the Ancestors who carved their footprints in the sands of time and we thank them for the gift of their unique culture.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION This weekend we celebrate with our school and RE programme students who will be undertaking the Sacrament of Confirmation. We extend our thanks to our school leaders and teachers who have prepared the children for the Sacrament. Special thanks goes to David Rulli for preparing the Liturgy and to Tess Gardiner who gives so much of her time in preparing our RE programme candidates.

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, with Christ ascended into heaven, let us bring our prayers to the Lord.

For all members of the Church today: may we remember that our mission is to bear witness to the risen Christ.

For our sisters and brothers who are sick: may they be supported by the local community and especially by members of the local Church.

We thank you for the survival of indigenous cultures. Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation.

We pray for all the students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, may the candidates be filled with the grace to follow the example of Christ and serve others.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Dawn Ward, Sr Mary Dennett, John Stein, Ray Fogarty, Michael Daly, and Toni Lukauskas.

We pray for those who have died recently: Matteo Cursio, Briony Neill, Sister Sarah Ann Carpenter OCD, Fr John Readman and Fr Eric Hodgens and for those we remember at this time, especially Ingvild Van De Griendt, Carmelo Salpietro, Sianne Hester, Rosa Capuana and Leo Danaher.

God our Father, your Son is with you, at your right hand. Hear our prayers and help us to glorify the work of our Saviour now enthroned in glory, through prayer, word and actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK National Reconciliation Week—27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to see how we can all take action towards achieving reconciliation in Australia. Visit <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/> to learn more.

The dates for National Reconciliation Week are the same every year 27 May to 3 June and they commemorate two significant anniversaries:

27 May 1967: Australia’s most successful referendum saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.

3 June 1992: The Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo’s challenge to the legal fiction of ‘terra nullius’ (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

The 2022 theme, **Be Brave. Make Change.** asks all Australians to be brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can make change for the benefit of all. Australians.



ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART We welcome Prime Minister Anthony Albanese’s announcement that the new Federal government will commit to the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full. The voice to parliament would be a representative body giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders a say in law and policy affecting them. Enshrined in the constitution, it would become an institution of lasting significance for First Nations and all Australians. Learn more about the Uluru Statement from the Heart at <https://ulurustatement.org/> Printed copies of the Uluru Statement from the Heart are available on entry tables.



ANNUAL APPEAL It’s not too late to donate to the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Please give generously today to help kickstart life-giving programs around the world. To donate you can use the appeal envelopes on our entry tables, scan the QR code, go online <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/community#donate> or freecall: 1800 257 296.



PARISH SUPPORT Parishioners who support the parish via PSP offerings annually or are behind in their contributions are invited to get things up to date before the 29th June. The next 12 months of (physical) envelopes will be in the back of the church for collection from the weekend of 3 & 4 of June 2022.

PRAYERS FOR SR MARY DENNETT Sister Mary has asked us to express her gratitude to the parishioners of St Therese’s for their ongoing prayerful support. She sends her grateful thanks to you all. Although she is experiencing pain in her illness, she believes that the prayers are helping her to get through her days.

PARISH DATES

Sunday 29 May	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Friday 3 June	National Reconciliation week ends (30 th anniversary of Mabo decision)	
Tuesday 7 June	Parish Leadership Team Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday 8 June	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:30pm
Thursday 16 June	Mass at Arcadia	
Saturday 18 June	Winter Appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society	
Sunday 19 June	Winter Appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society Welcoming Mass for Baptism families Refugee & Asylum Seeker team meeting in Boardroom	All Masses 10:30am 11.30am
Monday 20 June	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Friday 24 June	Term 2 concludes	
Sunday 26 June	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm

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Mass Online: Follow this [link here](#)

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am **Weekend Masses** Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Therese’s Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

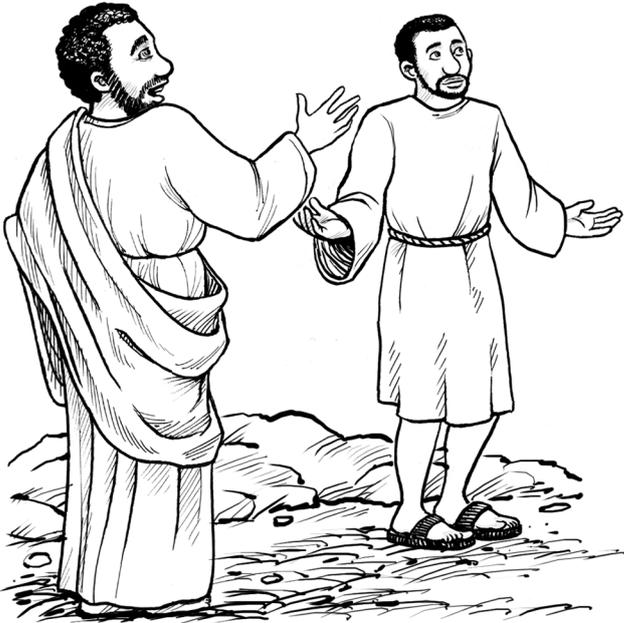


Jesus was taken up to heaven



The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

Draw Jesus ascending into heaven.



Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

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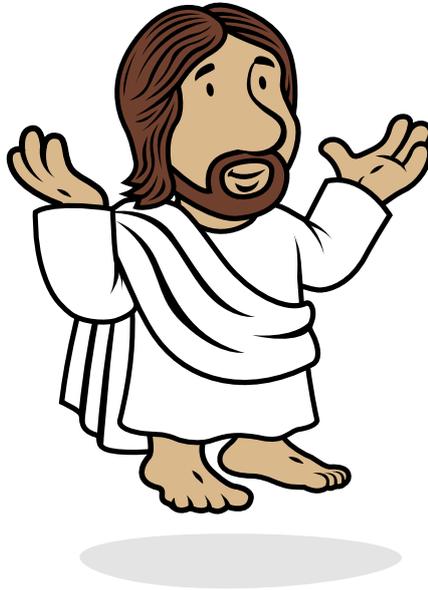


ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

Jesus was taken into heaven

Draw the disciples looking on as Jesus ascends into heaven.



Whom do you think you will meet in heaven one day? Draw what you think heaven might look like.

