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The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

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Entrance Procession

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.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

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 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

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 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.

Communion Antiphon

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

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Parish Office Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm
Tues, Wed & Fri

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 10.00am
Live-streamed Masses [directly via YouTube \(Friars of St Francis\)](#)

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 7.30am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.
Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Night Adoration: First Friday of each month, from 8.30pm throughout until Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction at about 7am & Mass at 7.30am.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11.30am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Matrimony and Weddings:

Please give at least 6 months' notice.
Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sunday School: Years K-12 at 11am in St Bernadette's Primary School.

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

Mon: 7.55am
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am
Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass
Sun: After 9.30am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Youth Groups:

Younger Teens: Years 6-8
Older Teens: Years: 9-12
Young Adults: 18-35
Catholic Central: 18+

Please contact Father Benedict for Youth Group enquires: brbenedictsf@bigpond.com or visit www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **Sunday School:** Every Sunday 11.00am – 12noon in the school. All school children are welcome (K-12).
- ❖ **Scam:** Sadly, Fr Christopher's email has been used by "scam artists" to deceive and to try to steal from people. Never accept an email from Father that comes out of the blue like that. Please always check with the Parish Office before responding to them.
- ❖ **Altar Boys:** Any boys who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to serve at the Altar, please contact the parish and leave your contact details, including your age, email and phone number.
- ❖ **Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal Weekend for our Holy Spirit Seminarians in Harris Park:** Please support these faithful men to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ by donating by the envelopes placed in one of the foyers or via:
<https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-shepherd-appeal/>
- ❖ **Postage Stamps:** If you have any used postage stamps, please place them in the box that is in placed the front foyer, which will be used for charity.
- ❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 3rd June starting at with Exposition at 8.30pm and concluding with Benediction at 7am the following morning, followed by Mass at 7.30am.
- ❖ **St Bernadette's Piety Store in the Church Foyer, is re-stocked.** Statues, missals, rosary beads, crucifix, religious plaques, holy water bottles, medals, Easter cards and more. Fair prices while still providing support to the needy in our community. Stop in anytime the Church is open, visit Our Lord and then go into the foyer and see if we have anything that interests you. See contact information and payment instructions on the sign in the store, cash or EFT.

Youth Notices

- ❖ **Friday 3rd June 6.30pm-9.00pm:** The Youth Group will be hosting a youth group formation night in the school hall (for youth in years 6-12). Please bring a friend.

Saints of the Week:

31st May - THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st June - St Justin

2nd June - Sts Marcellinus & Peter

3rd June - St Charles Lwanga & Companions

From the Padre:



The Lord Ascended into heaven after 40 days to raise human flesh to the Father (in Himself), to intercede for humanity and to send us the great gift of the Holy Spirit. Yet He remains with and in His Church till the end of the world, in the Sacred Priesthood and in the Sacraments,

most especially the Blessed Eucharist, and in His faithful people.

His presence is hidden yet utterly real and true. He has

promised to return again in the flesh and His coming will bring

about the consummation of the world. Now, we must live by

faith. We accept all the evidence He has given us of the truth.

We live in faith because the choices and efforts that we make in

faith enable our souls to grow and deepen, so that the

relationship we have with Our Lord is not just one of us being

spectators. It becomes an intimate relationship of love and dare we say mutual love, as we

respond in love to His great love. Faith also requires that we trust Him. He is utterly true to His

Word. We never have reason to doubt Him. Faith should set us free from fear knowing that He

is with us, that He is mercy and salvation and that He makes ready for us the many rooms in

His Father's Kingdom. Everything about our faith is about our journey to His Kingdom in

Heaven.



Sadly, though there is a madness in our world. It is driven by fear. When I see people for example, driving in a car alone with a mask on or walking outside alone in the fresh air with a mask on, I am mystified. What do they think those masks can do for them? I see people living in untold fear. Of course, we must do all that is reasonable and intelligent to look after our health and the health of one another. But at the end of the day our life is really in God's hands. Whether we like it or not, a day is going to come when we will die. Rather than running from that day in terror, it is a day we ought to prepare for by a life of faith and virtue. On this beautiful feast, let us renew our Faith in the Living God, our trust in Him and our love of Him.

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Stephanie van der Kolff; Joan Hemmens; Antoine Elazzi; Isaac James Chew; Tony Doyle; and all our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Mother Christina OSB; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

***Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil.
May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the
divine power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.***

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)
Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us***



I THINK IN THIS CASE WE CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION, MR. SCHULZ

HONEY RAW and NATURAL

3 KG bucket \$36 free delivery if within metropolitan area.

Glass jars 350gr \$6

Glass jars 500gr \$8

Twist jars 540gr \$9 (Children love them)

Glass jars 700gr \$10

Clean bee wax available on request \$18 Kg

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Roster for Ministries 4-5 June 2022

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am
Readers:	B Heath	D Tudehope	R Cabela
Acolytes:	B Hanson	JP Abi-Khattar	F Orji
Altar Servers:	Fernandes Family N Chehade D Mierzanowski M Mierzanowski I Baron	S Flitcroft T Flitcroft N Higgins R Atie	J Locke S Cliff L Boudib R Cabela JP Cabela
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Floral Arrangers:	Sylvana, Dominica, Mary G (Pentecost)		
Altar Society:	G4: Thurs 02/06/22 @ 9.30am V Standfort, C Y Cheung, J Bonner		
Cleaners:	G3: Sat 04/06/22 @ 8am S Laoulach, C Harb, M Gray, C Koong, M Elias, A Kasalo, M Laoulach		