

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.

**Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

**RESPONSE:** 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.

**Response.**

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.

**Response.**

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.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:** EPHESIANS 1:17-23

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** MATTHEW 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:** LUKE 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 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

*Acts 2: 1-11;*

*Rom 8: 8-17;*

*Jn 14: 15 – 16, 23-26.*

**World Meeting of Families.**

The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. Initiatives will include a local parish celebration, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimages to sacred locations within the Archdiocese, and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'.

***Our parish will be involved in this event and more information will be available soon!***

**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office:** If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812.

**View the Archdiocese of Sydney website.**

The Archdiocese Policies, Protocols and guidelines are public documents and are available on their Archdiocese website.



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### MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.

MONDAY: No Mass.

TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment.

Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Year C) 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022



**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.**

**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

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**28 / 29 MAY 2022 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	J MCLEOD	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 2: L SEETO T DABBAH C DABBAH		
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

**4 / 5 JUNE 2022 – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A SHEEKA		NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO M GLEESON		
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died especially Ross Rocca (*father of Ross Rocca Jnr whose funeral will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10am at Holy Spirit Church, North Ryde*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



**Fr Roberto is away this weekend.**

Fr Roberto will be attending a Convivenza over the weekend for prayer and reflections. Once again we have called upon Monsignor Kerry Bayada and Fr Terry Bell to help us out during Fr Roberto's absence this weekend. We sincerely welcome them both and thank them for celebrating our Masses this weekend. So make sure you spare the time after Mass to say hello to each priest and thank them for their continued support to our parish.

**Our Solar Panel and Battery Grant Application.**

Last weekend we advised the parish that we are applying for a NSW Government grant to help us get solar panels and batteries for the presbytery. Such a project would be great for the parish by reducing our energy costs, especially when we know that electricity costs are on the rise due to inflation and troubles in the world.

Our application is progressing and we now have a solar quote which we will attach to our application to be lodged early next week.

To help gather community support we have a petition of interest from our parishioners to sign.

It's easy! Simply use the QR code here on the bulletin.

If you don't have your phone at Mass this weekend we will have a poster on all the doors of the church, so that you can use the QR code next weekend at Mass or drop past the church during the week when you are out walking or passing by.

The closing date for this petition is the 8<sup>th</sup> June, so we must be quick to get some signatues.

[rebrand.ly/St-Thereses-Solar-Panels](https://rebrand.ly/St-Thereses-Solar-Panels)



**First Holy Communion at St Therese.**

Parent & Candidate Sessions continue on WEDNESDAY'S the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am.

**Parish Council meeting.**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm in the presbytery.



**Catholic Women's Leagues next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.30am in the presbytery. New members are always welcome.

**Family Mass at 10am.**

Family Mass NEXT weekend on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. We will follow this with a parish "CUPPA".



**31<sup>st</sup> May - Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

The Visitation is one of the sources of the Hail Mary. As Elizabeth speaks those graceful words, which countless voices will go on to pray, in countless languages, many billions of times in the centuries since and in the ages to come: "Blessed are you among women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb."



Elizabeth is a prophet. We are her hearers. For a prophecy to be a prophecy, it has to become true. Elizabeth's words were true and are true. Mary is indeed blessed among women, and her fruit has indeed changed the world. Mary's humility instinctively deflects. She praises the source of all goodness, God, rather than the goodness of her own generosity. All things, save evil, can be traced back to God. Mary is at the head of the trail in clearing the tangled path overgrown since the sin of Eve. With mankind close behind, Mary leads us back to discover anew the source of all truth, goodness, and beauty.

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/may-31---visitation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

*The following words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, are good for our meditation as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord:*

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that He is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as He was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time,



close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

**OTHER NOTICES:**

**THE WALK WITH CHRIST RETURNS: SUNDAY 19 JUNE** Sydney, get set to celebrate our faith by Walking with Christ ...the first public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney since 2019.

Festivities begin at Martin Place, 1.30pm, with the procession commencing at 2:30pm.

Please join us with your family and friends as we gather for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**LAUNCH OF "THE CATHOLIC MASS" BOOKLET:** The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is delighted to present our new resource – 'The Catholic Mass' booklet.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP launched the booklet, noting this new resource "unpacks the beauty of our Mass and assists active participation in the sacred liturgy." You can now order copies through The Mustard Seed Bookshop either online or by phone 02 9307 8350

