

## 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'.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23**

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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

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

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.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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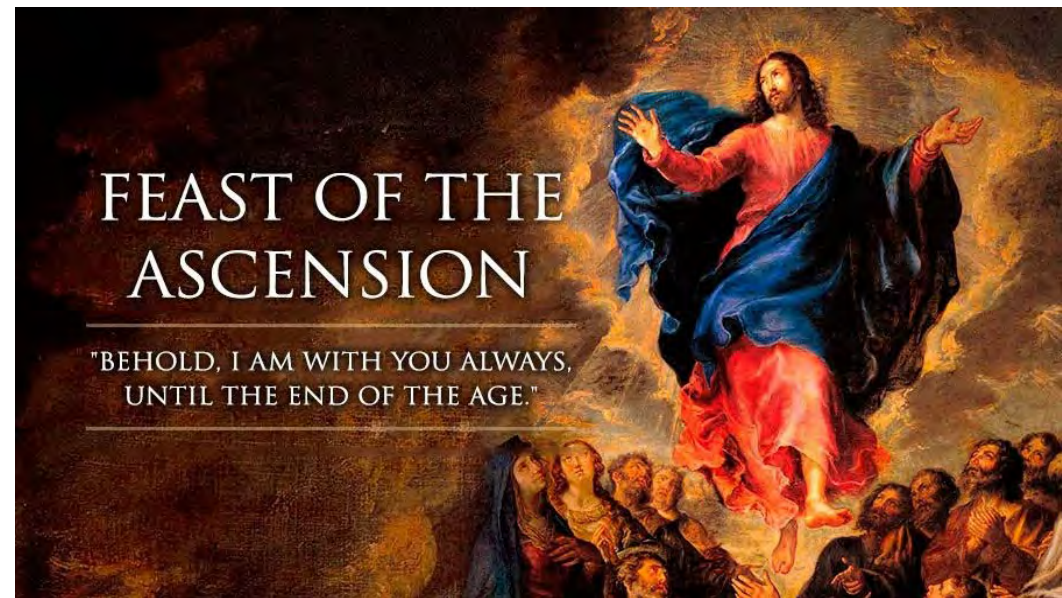
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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C - 31<sup>st</sup> MAY / 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE, 2025



## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

The Feast of the Ascension celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 9583 6161  
Monday - Friday 9am – 3pm  
Secretary: Vino Krishnan  
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#### OUR SCHOOLS:

**Our Lady of the Assumption PS** 9584 9488  
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#### MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

##### SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday	[St Agnes Church]	6:00 pm
Sunday	[OLA]	9:00 am, 11:00 am

##### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Tuesday	[OLA Church]	6.00 pm
Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Thursday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Friday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.00 am

**COMMUNION SERVICE** (except Public Holidays)  
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

##### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9:45 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.30 am

**BAPTISMS:** Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C – 31<sup>st</sup> MAY / 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE, 2025

##### PRAYING FOR:

Yushinko, Jason Azzilla, Pat McGurn,  
*and all those who died recently.*

##### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Teu Bukasongo, Vjekoslav Madarevic,  
Adam Madarevic, Slavica Madarevic,  
Greg Lannan, Julian Bracchi,  
Margaret Giffney, Rosalia Lomacchio,  
Antonino Gullo,

*...and all who we remember at this time.*

*...additionally, we keep in our prayers all  
who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent  
2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from  
Year C in the Lectionary cycle.**

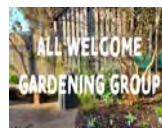
Should you wish to view the Scripture  
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical  
Calendar) please visit:  
[universalis.com/australia.melbourneP/1000/Mass](http://universalis.com/australia.melbourneP/1000/Mass)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please make sure that your  
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are  
current, that is, have not expired, and copies  
made available to the Parish Office.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** Thank you to all  
parishioners who continue to generously support our  
parish i.e. through their contributions to both our  
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections. With the  
assistance of the Archdiocese we are currently working  
on refining the facility for parishioners to contribute to  
Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.



**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** With  
great joy the Church of God formally  
welcomes **Sophia** and **Sienna**, who  
will be Baptised this weekend.



**COL GARDENING  
GROUP** There will be a  
'Working Bee' on Saturday,  
7<sup>th</sup> June from 10am. Anyone  
able to assist, either casually or more  
regularly, would be most welcome. For  
further information contact John Tetteroo on  
0432 649 659. Thank you in anticipation of  
your presence.



**This Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, you're  
invited to stay and join fellow  
parishioners for a cuppa **after the  
9am & 11am Masses**, in the Meeting Room.



#### HEART OF LIFE - FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

You are warmly invited by Heart of  
Life & the Missionaries of the Sacred  
Heart to our Feast of the Sacred Heart.

- Friday 6th June 2025, 11am - 2pm.
- Liturgy followed by light lunch (provided)
- 69 Alto Avenue, Croydon

For catering purposes, please register via email,  
at: [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF  
VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA** are  
conducting a Pray and Paint event on **Saturday  
14<sup>th</sup> June, from 9am – 12.15pm**. Venue: **Our  
Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church & Hall, 631  
High Street, East Prahran.**

Program: Commencing with Mass at 9am,  
followed by morning tea, a short talk by Fr Dean  
Mathieson, and a painting session.

- No painting experience necessary!
- All materials will be provided.
- Tickets: \$30 (\$20 for CWLVWW members)
- RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> June (or unless sold out)

Register at [www.trybooking.com/DATEX](http://www.trybooking.com/DATEX) or via  
email at: [info@cwlvicw.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicw.org.au)

**RCIA – Curious about the Catholic Faith? Do  
you know someone interested in becoming a  
Catholic? Are you interested in supporting  
those on their journey of Faith?** The **Rite of  
Christian Initiation of Adults** is an established  
'Journey of Faith' that has parishioners  
accompany discerning adults, i.e. those seeking  
to become Catholic, on their path to Sacramental  
initiation into the life of the Church, at Easter. The  
RCIA gives those preparing for the Sacraments  
an opportunity to explore many facets of the  
Christian life. An invitation is extended to anyone  
seeking Baptism, as well as to those Baptised in  
another denomination who may desire full  
communion with the Catholic Church, to get in  
touch. If you know of someone who'd be  
interested in taking up this journey, or you'd like  
to be a part of their accompaniment, or would like  
any more information, please contact the Parish  
Office on: 9583 6161.



#### DO YOU KNOW OF ANY AVAILABLE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION IN THE AREA?

**Nepean Welcoming Immigrants and  
Newcomers with Dignity (Nepean Wind)** is a  
group made up of parishioners from our  
parish of Christ Our Light and the parish of St  
Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc/Aspendale.  
We are supporting a Syrian refugee family (2  
parents, 3 young daughters) who will arrive in  
Australia at the end of this month.  
**Unfortunately, we have had to reconsider  
the suitability of the house we were going  
to rent and so are continuing our search for  
a rental home.** If you or anyone you know  
can assist with accommodation, please get in  
touch. Contact: Theresa Thomas (0400 126 010)  
or Joan Kenny (0428 584 327).

#### COL MASS COUNT - MAY 2025

Weekend of 3/4 May -	417
Weekend of 10/11 May -	368
Weekend of 17/18 May -	382
Weekend of 24/25 May -	410