



# The Ascension of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN The Ascension of the Lord, Year C 29 May 2022**



*"Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve." Parish Vision Statement, 2004*



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



### Popes Intention

**We pray** for all young people, called to live life to the fullest: may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.  
**We pray** for peace in our world; for all the countries with unrest and especially for the people of Ukraine.  
**We pray** for all in our community of Bombala-Delegate who are ill or lonely or suffering with the cold weather: may their carer's assist them in any possible way.  
**We pray** for the children of our Parish who are now preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.  
**We pray** for our deceased relatives and friends that they are in the place which Jesus prepared for them.  
**For the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:**

John Elliott (Eilie's son),  
John Reardon (Alice's brother),  
Jack Ventry, Audrey Day,  
Therese Rumph, Judy Periera,  
Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale,  
Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell,  
Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield,  
Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

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*Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.*



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:**

**Tue: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Wed: Mass 9.30am Bombala**

**Thu:**

**Fri:**

**Sat: Vigil Mass Delegate 4.30pm  
Vigil Mass Bombala 6pm**



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Joyce Cootes, Flo Paynter,  
Heather Haylock, Edna Reed

### May Anniversaries

Sr Dominica Bampton,  
Kay Bedingfield, Brian Cootes,  
Kitch Cottrell, Ena Crawford,  
Ted Crawford, Mae Elliott,  
Harold Farrell, Sr Bede Hintz,  
Winnie Ingram, Don Knight,  
Betty Lomas, Paul Peisley,  
Peter Perkins, Kay Reed,  
Mary Smith, Lesley Smith,  
Don Stewart, Melrose Thornton,  
Daryl White, Errol Wilson.

**"We have loved them in Life:  
Let us not forget them in death."**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**If I am confused, he is a light to see by.  
If I am lost, he is a path to follow.  
If I am weak, he is an arm to lean on.  
If I am hungry, he is bread for the heart.**



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Ascension Day falls on the 6th Thursday of Easter. This solemnity is now celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully remembering whom you are trying to follow. 12.1.1909

Do all you can to work on in unity. 6.4.1882 Refuse nothing to God's love. 18.9.1906

Let St Joseph's true children remember their mission and seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard. 6.3.1900

  
**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**





The May devotion in its present form originated in Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome, the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite. The tradition of honoring Mary in a month-long May devotion spread eventually around the Roman Catholic world in the 19th century together with the Rosary in October.



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### Jesus with Us

An association with the Jewish feast of God's giving the Law through Moses makes it clear that the Ascension of Jesus is about presence, not absence.

### Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all engaged in preparing the Synod on Synodality, that they will attend carefully to the many voices of the Holy Spirit.

### Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for women and girls denied freedom and education by oppressive regimes, that they will stay strong in their struggle for human rights.

### Prayer of the Faithful

**LEADER:** Lord, Jesus Christ, you have promised to be with us till the end of time. Hear the prayers we bring before you for ourselves, our Church and our world.

**READER:** For the Church, that its leaders and people may proclaim the Good News joyfully in a world where there is much sadness, cynicism and despair. **We pray to the Lord**

For our new government coming to power and the future fairly uncertain both nationally and internationally. **We pray to the Lord**

For young people who have no one to guide them to maturity. **We pray to the Lord**

For peace among nations, especially Ukraine, and within our cities, communities and families. **We pray to the Lord**

For the sick and those in our communities who are undergoing or recovering from serious surgery; may they be restored to health and wholeness. **We pray to the Lord**

For those who have died especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time; may they be for ever one with God. **We pray to the Lord**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs:  
**We pray...Hail Mary...**

**LEADER:** Jesus Christ ascended and glorified, unite Christians everywhere in the bond of your love and fill us with your power that we may be your witnesses to the world. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. **Amen**

### Official Prayer Of The Synod



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

The campaign runs until the Second Assembly opens on **Sunday 3 July.**

Please use this prayer as we make the prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer pilgrimage.

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL 2022

Giving to the Good Shepherd Sunday appeal will enable the Archdiocese to provide seminary formation, academic training, and pastoral work expenses.

The *Good Shepherd Appeal* is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity.

Please join many others in our Archdiocese, praying:

*O God, pour out in your Church a spirit of reverence and courage, to raise up worthy ministers for your people and make them ardent, yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.*

Please be generous in your donations – envelopes on the Church seats and in the foyers.



**THANK YOU to parishioners for their generous donations towards this very worthwhile collection. At this stage, we have banked \$1,218.70 for which we must all be grateful.**

**1. BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM** *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God! **R**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **R**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! **R**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! **R**

**2. CITY OF GOD** *Dan Schutte*

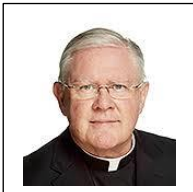
1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night. **R**

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!**

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free. **R**

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.  
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.  
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth. **R**

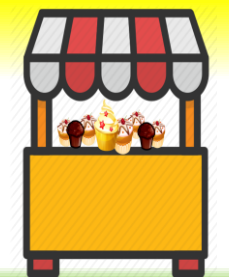
4. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!  
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice! **R**



**ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE** has used the feast day of Our Lady, Help of Christians to call for prayers for the Church in Australia. Archbishop Coleridge said the Church found itself in troubled times” and needed ‘new life’.

“It’s not a bad moment to pray – for a new government coming to power, and the future fairly uncertain both nationally and internationally’ he said, delivering a feast day homily to Church employees from agencies across Brisbane. Archbishop Coleridge said Mary “is not just the physical mother of Jesus, she is the woman who is the word of God”.

We turn to her (Mary) as Christians and say help us, because left to our own devices we look very, very unpromising” he said. We find ourselves in the Church in this country troubled....because of self-inflicted pressure, I think particularly of the sexual abuse crisis, which is the most monumental self-inflicted wound that I have ever known”. (Cath News) 25/2/22



**CLAIM THE DATE  
Parish Street Stall  
Friday 11 June.**

We will need help with produce and stall Assistance. Rosters will be available next week



In a moment of creative inspiration, the entrepreneur who owned the coin-op laundry beside the church commissioned this sign for his window: “Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!”



**DELEGATE LWHC**  
Note that Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion will be at 5pm in Delegate for the Winter months of June, July & August. 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays - schedule below.

**TEMPORARY MASS/LWHC SCHEDULE - JUNE 2022**

	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Bombala</b>	<b>Delegate</b>	<b>Cooma</b>	<b>Nimmitabel</b>
1	<b>6/06/2022</b>	Vigil Mass Sat 6pm	Vigil Mass Sat 4.30pm	Mass Sun 10am & 5pm	LWHC Sat 5pm
2	<b>13/06/2022</b>	LWHC Sun 9am	LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 10am LWHC 5pm	LWHC Sat 5pm
3	<b>20/06/2022</b>	Mass Sun 10am	Mass Sun 8am	Mass Sun 10am & 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm
4	<b>27/06/2022</b>	LWHC Sun 9am	LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 10am LWHC 5pm	LWHC Sat 5pm



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## First Reading Acts 1:1-11

*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.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6**

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

or:

**(R.) Alleluia.**

- 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 Eph 1:17-23

*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.

or **Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23**

*Christ has entered heaven.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Go and teach all people my gospel.**

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

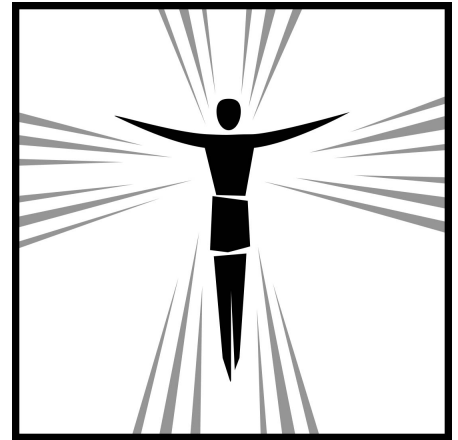
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 24:46-53

*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.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.

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