



St Patrick's Parish Cooma
St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

1 June 2025

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.

1. 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.)

2. 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.)
3. 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.



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WEEKEND MASS & LW&HC TIMES

Adaminaby
 No Mass until further notice

Berridale
 2nd & 4th Sunday
 Vigil Mass Saturday 3.30pm
 All other Sundays
 LW&HC 10am Sunday

Cooma
 Mass Sunday 10am
 Hour of Adoration Fri 5pm
 Mass Tue, Thu & Fri 10am
 Except 3rd Friday
 Mass Yallambee Lodge 9.30am
 Mass Hudson House Respect 11am

Jindabyne
 2nd & 4th Sunday
 Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm
 All other Sundays
 LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Nimmitabel
 5th Sunday
 Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm
 All other Sundays
 LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Numeralla
 2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm
 4th Sunday Mass 5pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CHILDREN



*May the Holy Spirit
Light Your Way*

**Abby, Atticus
 Bella, Charisma
 Dian, Ella
 Ellie, Emilio
 Joseph, Keeta
 Leo, Lilyana
 Lirin, Lucia
 Luna, Peter
 Riley, Rizzani
 Tahlia & Thomas**



PARISH CALENDAR

MON *Saints Marcellinus & Peter*
TUE **Mass Cooma 10am**
Saint Charles Lwanga
WED **Mass Bombala 12.30pm**
THU **Mass Cooma 10am**
Saint Boniface
FRI **Mass Cooma 10am**
Adoration Cooma 5pm
*Saints Norbert &
 Marcellin Champagnat*
SAT **Mass Berridale 3.30pm**
Mass Jindabyne 5pm
LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm
SUN **Mass Cooma 10am**
St Patrick's Men's Group
will meet after Mass
LW&HC Numeralla 5pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

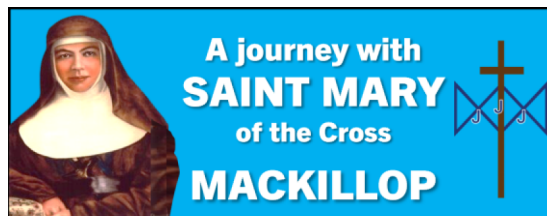
Lee Friend, Janet Gardiner,
 Giulio DiAmico, Geoff Miners
 Ian Schofield, Dorothy Whiting
 Peter Ward, David Barron

Anniversaries

Mary Boller



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



**A journey with
 SAINT MARY
 of the Cross
 MACKILLOP**

**I must only trust in the mercies of God.
 (2.6.1867)**

**My gratitude to God for all that is done
 for those I love. (2.6.1867)**



JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, Fountain of every blessing,
 I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my
 sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble,
 patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good
 Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me
 in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;
 give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,
 Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.
Amen



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



Priest: The Ascension of our Lord is the culmination of Jesus' earthly life. This event fills us with hope and courage. It gives us the promise of the Holy Spirit who will empower us to be true witnesses to the Risen and Ascended Lord. Let us now present all our petitions before the Lord, saying,

1. For the Pope, bishops, clergy and religious that the Ascension of the Lord instil in them the gift to hope, and that enlightened by the presence of the Spirit, they may become fervent in their mission, Lord hear us. **(R)**

2. That the Ascension of our Lord may instil in the missionaries all over the world the spirit of courage and hope and be more committed and faithful in their mission following the example of Jesus, Lord hear us. **(R)**

3. For those who suffer the loss and separation from the loved ones that the good Lord may enable them to accept the reality and be strengthened by the presence of the Spirit, Lord hear us. **(R)**

4. That we may begin to appreciate the presence of persons and things in our lives and maintain a genuine and healthy relationship with God, others and the whole universe, Lord hear us. **(R)**

5. For this faith-community gathered around the Eucharistic table that the Ascension of the Lord be an occasion to strengthen our faith and live it to the full. Let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

6. We pray for the recently deceased from our parish and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, may they be granted eternal life in Christ, Lord hear us. **(R)**

7. For our own intentions we pray to our Blessed Mother Hail Mary.....

Priest: Thank you, Lord, for sending us your only begotten Son who by his life, death and resurrection showed us the perfect way of life. We pray that strengthened by the Spirit, we may follow him in spirit and truth. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The building fund



There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Jesus into our lives

We need to invite Jesus into our lives.
He needs to be let in as our Lord and Saviour.
This is when true life happens
and He lives with us.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for Pope Leo, that he will tirelessly proclaim Jesus' word and never cease to call for peace on earth and care of the poor.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for dioceses, parishes and all communities of believers, that they will be havens of hospitality for all in search of healing and hope.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

PENTECOST SUNDAY/C

First: Acts 2:1-11

Second: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



ROSTER

	1/6	8/6
Acolyte	Darren Steinke	Kaitlyn Bosco
Usher	Joan Simpson	Terri Rick
Reader/ Commentator	Jo-Anne Brown Joan Simpson	Kathleen Bashford Paul Mackay
Mass Servers	Volunteers Requested	
Special Minister	Mike Introna	Joan Simpson
Children's Liturgy	Belinda Wilkins	Kellie Summerville
Linen	Michele Atkins	Jan McLean
Church Care	7th J-A Brown J Kelly G Mooney	13th Bilish Family
Hospital	Marg Quodling	Leah Baker

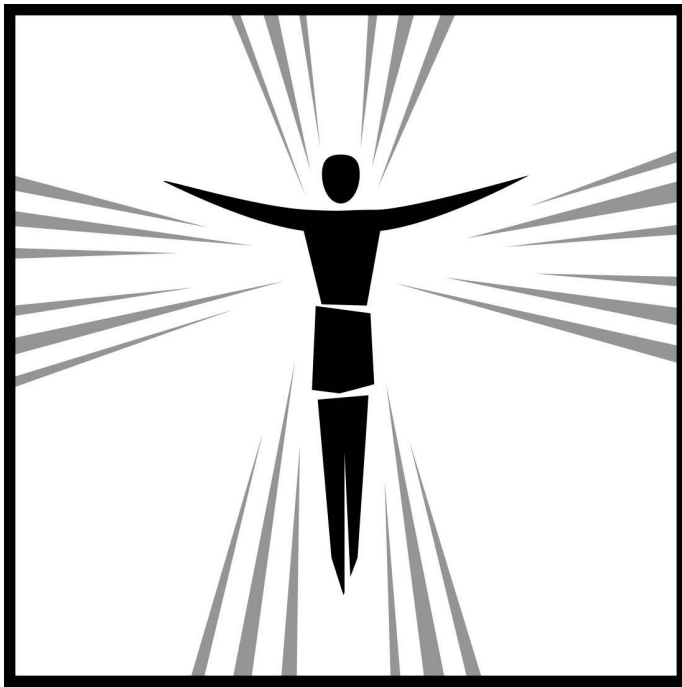


St Patrick's Men's Group -

will meet after the 10am Mass today, 1 June. All men of the parish are invited to come to the group. There is a morning tea followed by a sharing usually based on the Sunday gospel for that day. Shane Bilish and Kevin Dunne will be available after Mass each Sunday for further information including the location of the meeting.

*Thank
You!*

The Berridale parishioners would like to sincerely thank **Fr Paul** for celebrating Mass with us throughout May. We are truly grateful for his presence, his prayers and the spiritual grace he brought to our community.



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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