

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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#### Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



The passage from Ephesians 1:17-23 is a prayer for wisdom and revelation, gifts that are necessary for insight and understanding. It acclaims the power of God that raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ in the place of honour in heaven; it made all things subject to Christ and exalted Christ as head of the church. It is this same power that is now called upon. The image of Christ is quite exalted. Having been raised from the dead, Christ now sits at God's right hand, high above all of the other heavenly creatures. Exalted by God, Christ is made the head of the church, which is the body of Christ. As members of this exalted body, believers share in Christ's fullness.

The Ascension was a turning point in the life of the church. It brought closure to the earthly activity of Jesus and launched the apostles on their own ministry. Jesus tells them that the time of fulfilment is approaching. They question him about the restoration of Israel. Since such restoration was considered a sign of the end time, their question shows that they believed that the end time had indeed come. Jesus informs them that though he will leave them, they will experience him through the presence of the Spirit. The actual account of the ascension is brief. Jesus is lifted up and concealed by a cloud. The church is now in a liminal state. Jesus has left, but the Spirit has not yet come.

The liturgical celebration described in the psalm is the enthronement of God. This enthronement appears to establish God's sovereign reign. The claim that the Lord rules over all the earth either points to the pre-eminence of the God of Israel over all other gods or it is an assertion of monotheistic faith. The title 'Most High', was the name given to 'the creator of heaven and earth' (Gen 14:19). Israel applied both the title and all of the attributes associated with it to its own God. In their minds, their God was not only king over all the earth and all the peoples that dwelt there, but was also king over all of the powers of heaven.

The overarching theme of Ephesians 4:1-13 is the unity within the church. It opens with a catalogue of social virtues that foster community harmony and preserve the unity that comes from the Spirit. The body with its many, diverse and interdependent members is an apt image of this living church. Its unity, grounded in membership in the one body of Christ, is expressed in the Christians' allegiance to one Lord, their commitment to one faith, and their practice of one baptism. The diversity within the church need not be threatened by this unity.

The account of the ascension of Jesus marks a turning point in his relationship with his closest followers. It reports the commission to preach the gospel to all. The salvific nature of this gospel is clear: Those who believe will be saved; those who do not believe will be condemned. Faith in the message of the gospel is crowned by baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Taken from their sight, as exalted Lord, Jesus then takes his rightful place of privilege next to God. The concluding verse succinctly summarises the entire apostolic age: the apostles went into the entire world and preached the gospel; the Lord was with them, confirming their ministry through wondrous signs.

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#### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm  
Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass  
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass  
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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	J Molony	J Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Edwin Carvalho	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Mitchelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Volunteer required
Counters		Kas Luczak & G Shankar	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

St Pius X Church Masses		
May Mon 13	8.00am	Communion Service (7th week of Easter)
Tue 14	8.00am	Mass (St Matthias)
Wed 15	8.00am	Mass (7th week of Easter)
Thu 16	8.00am	Mass (7th week of Easter)
Fri 17	8.00am	Mass (7th week of Easter)
	5.00pm	Confirmation Mass
Sat 18	8.00am	Mass (7th week of Easter)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Pentecost Sunday)
Sun 19	7.30am	Mass (Pentecost Sunday)
	9.00am	Mass (Pentecost Sunday)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Pentecost Sunday)



## 2024 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

### Confirmation

5.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024

Parent/Child Workshop completed on Tuesday 30 April 2024

### First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 25 August 2024

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 6 August 2024

### First Reconciliation

5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 8 October 2024

**If you have not been to Commitment Mass for the Sacraments please see Fr Patrick asap**



## Line Dancing Classes

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## Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
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All parishioners are most welcome  
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## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm.

**Please join us next Sunday**



## Old Lectern Resurrected!

Thanks to these two young men, Wong Jie & He Ping from our Chinese Community, who helped to furnish with tiles on the old lectern. Thanks to Bill Henshall who helped to provide the lectern top for me to finish it.

**WELL DONE!  
TEAM EFFORT**

My sincere thanks - Fr Pat

## Important Notice for Church workers and Volunteers

All Church workers paid and unpaid and all Church volunteers must complete a Personal Declaration Form and attend a Safeguarding Level 1 - Induction.

A face-to-face Safeguarding Level 1 – Induction session will take place for all those Church workers, paid and unpaid all volunteers who have not yet attended:

### Sunday 19 May 2024 from 10:00am – 11:00am

You are asked to kindly attend this 60-minute session which will guide you through the need to protect the children and vulnerable adults in our Manning Parish Community.

Please complete the registration sheet in the Church foyer. The Safeguarding team look forward to seeing you all.

N.B. If you are unable to attend you are requested to complete the Induction either online or at another Parish.

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>



## First Reading

*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

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

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

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

*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

*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

*Mark 16:15-20*

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

### Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both 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 God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

### Next Sunday Readings

**Feast of Pentecost - 19 May 2024**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### Month of May - Rosary



Every Friday during the month of May, the Holy Rosary will be recited at Church at 7.00pm.

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