

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.**

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 Mk 16: 15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
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 will be 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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

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WHAT DOES THE ASCENSION MEAN FOR US?

The ascension of the Lord is the pivotal link between Luke's Gospel and Acts – the story of Jesus and the story of the Church. The accounts of the ascension at the end of Luke's Gospel and the beginning of Acts are not exactly the same but the message is clear: 'they' (the apostles/witnesses) are to stay in the city/Jerusalem until clothed with power from on high/receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and, then 'he' (Jesus) was carried up to heaven/lifted up, and a cloud took him out of sight (Luke 24:49-51 & Acts 1:4, 8-9).

The letter to the Ephesians contains the plea 'to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit' and to build up the body of Christ. This is essential as the one who came down is the same one who ascended, who is calling all, whatever their gift, to work together in their ministry until they become mature in Christ.

Mark's account is thought to be a later addition to the Gospel. 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News', – reminiscent of Matthew's account of the commissioning of the disciples – 'to all creation' (v. 15). This message is vital for us to hear in these times of global ecological crisis. After speaking to the apostles, Jesus was taken up and assumed his rightful place at the right hand of God. In every way the ascension affirms the resurrection, Jesus' return to God and the launch of our mission guided by the Spirit.

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 of 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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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. (or 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

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,

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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The Ascension of The Lord

Reflection:

Jesus has gifted us with the same powerful Spirit that animated and sustained him, not only through his preaching and healing ministry, but through his long suffering and death. Thanks to the Spirit, we are called and empowered to be modern witnesses to the living Christ, who is reaching out in a new age to do through us, what he did in his lifetime – preach the gospel, heal the sick and bring people back to God.

So, we ask ourselves:

- What gifts has God given me to use in the service of Jesus’ gospel?
- How am I exercising these gifts now?

Adsumus

The opening verses of today’s first reading from Acts says it all when it speaks of Jesus’ final instructions; be ready to receive the Holy Spirit which will allow you to be Christ’s witness to the whole world.

Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Macie Lillie Barker, daughter of Jerome and Monique. Macie will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Barker family.

Safeguarding Officers

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MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 11 May 6pm St Dom
 Sun 12 May 8am OLGC
 Sun 12 May 9.30am St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 14 May 7pm St Dom
 Wed 15 May 9am St Dom
 Thurs 16 May 9am OLGC **Communion Service**
 Fri 17 May 9am St Dom **Communion Service**
 Sat 18 May 9am OLGC

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 18 May 6pm St Dom
 Sun 19 May 8am OLGC
 Sun 19 May 9.30am St Dom

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

Come walk in the Footsteps of St Francis, on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 3-13 Nov 2024. Visit St Mary of the Angel in Assisi, Church of San Francesco, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle church). Visit the Shrine of San Padre Pio and his incorruptible body plus Rome, the Vatican and St Peter’s Basilica. Flights and accommodation cost: \$6518 for 25 paying persons. For itinerary/booking form, call Sheila 0433 771 979, Veronica 0402 290 827 or info@anawimjourneys.com

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated at 8am Mass next Sunday 19 May. We ask our parish community to keep these children and families in their prayers. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea afterwards.

Happy Mother’s Day

This Sunday we wish all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers & women mentors a very happy Mother’s Day. We pray for those who have been a mother figure to us and have passed on. The care and support given have not been forgotten.

Rosters this weekend	11 May 6pm St Dom	12 May 8am OLGC	12 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	Youth Group	K Creasy	L Marciano
Acolyte	P Wall		L Commins
Offertory Procession		B Croxford M Tester	
Altar Society		I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	
EMHC	Isabel, Karen		Ignatius, Donald

Rosters next weekend	18 May 6pm St Dom	19 May 8am OLGC	19 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	R Maugeri	B Webb	A Rodriguez
Acolyte	W Italiano		O Pilot
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society		K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		L Howell D D’Souza	
EMHC	Pat, Dermott		Ben, Darry

Saturday Winter Soup Nights

Starting Saturday 1st June & throughout winter, soup & bread are being shared after the Saturday Vigil Mass in St Dominic’s Parish Centre. If you are able to help with making soup, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of either church.
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Senior’s Group

Tuesday 14th May, 10 to 12 noon at St Dom's hall for a *pot luck* session.