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The Ascension of the Lord: 11th/12th May, 2024 (Year B)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is a Pentecost feel to the Ascension Gospel from Mark, a sense that is matched in the passages from Ephesians and the opening text from Acts. However, Mark is not quite done with his approach to the designated Apostles! Our reading starts perhaps a verse late. In the prior sentence the risen Jesus admonishes the remaining Eleven for their hesitancy to believe that he was risen. His reproach to the leadership signals a reinvigorated fervour and passion in them for the mission of the Church. There is nothing half-hearted about Jesus' command: the followers are to go to the whole earth, and to all of creation. The good news is for every place and every aspect of creation.

The dynamic of the Ascension is the same. Jesus does not simply return to the heavens but takes his place beside God. He fills heaven and is at one with the divinity. At the same time, the Eleven go on mission, preaching everywhere. Their work is supported by Christ, who is working with them.

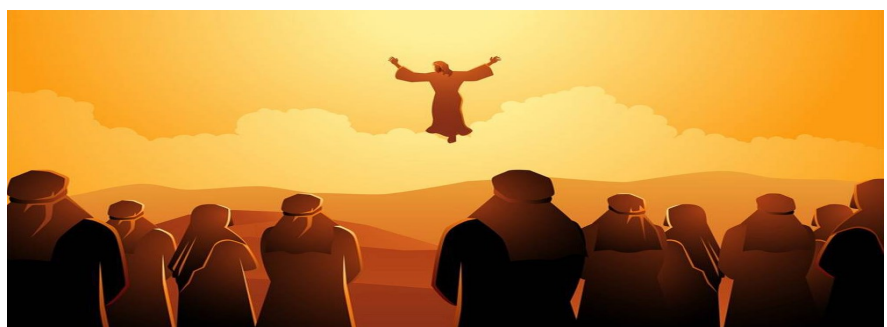
The same dynamic is in the Pauline lections. In the Ephesians 1 passage, we have a more full description of Jesus at the right hand of God. Christ is above all principalities and powers, now and forthwith. In this he remains present to his body, the Church, enabling it to be the fullness of his presence. The ascension is a way to speak of how the risen Jesus is revealed as touching all things, filling them, holding them, keeping them.

As the reading continues the emphasis falls to the Church, his body. We see this in the Ephesians 4 option, where we are reminded of the call to unity: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and below one differentiated ministry.

The earliest liturgical wisdom was that the feast of the Ascension was celebrated on the morning of the Sunday that followed the final week of Easter, and that Pentecost was celebrated that same evening. Our set of readings show how interconnected the two feasts are, both opening up our eyes to the presence of Christ and the Spirit in all creation and all history. With that is the insistence of the Church as the presence of Christ on earth, held in the power of the Spirit. This ongoing presence to all creation through the Church presages the eschatological fulfilment of all things in Christ's second coming.

In a way this feast about the risen Christ, is one about the nature of the church. Following Paul, it is the body of Christ on earth. Following Acts, it is infused by the Spirit, a gift which enables the disciples to comprehend the reign of God. Following our Gospel, and its more salutary prior verse, the ascension is a source of energy and mission, of vitality and signs.

If this is the case, then what does it mean to go to the ends of the earth, to reach to all of creation? And what does it mean to acknowledge that the Lord worked through them and with them? There is a breadth in this mission, and a confidence in Christ, that reshapes our approaches, and goes beyond our boundaries. Which of course is our connection to the upcoming feast of Pentecost. <https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1291&context=pastoral-liturg>



Readings for Mass This Week

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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: Mark 16:15-20

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

Readings for Next Week

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

The fruit of the Spirit

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Feast this Week

Tuesday 14th May– St Matthias

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters:

Michael Johns, Josie Buffalino, Lynne Hiley, Liz Murray, Michael Bown, Rylee Matheson, Brian Fechner, Jennifer Kerruish, Michael Gough, Joan Badman, Moya Mitchell, Andrew Gough, Greg Dennis, Tony Grace, Maria Malcotti, Tony Torre, Ann Nisbet, Gordon McGrath, Katrina Foster, Judith Van Kretschmar, Gizella Andrews, Jean Masen, Jay Cahill, Alexander Paterson, Brendan Ward, Lucas Johns, Peter Sorensen, Jason Bown, Debrah Sanft, Michelle & Neil Halpin, Sandra Doyle, Jim Morley, Colin McMahon, Jenny Kettle, Marie Holding, Susan Meyer, Hope Hartley, Benjamin Hartley, Lance Dodds, Christine Connolly, Gizella Laurence, and Lauraine Ward.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Eternal rest grant on to them and let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord! May they rest in peace, Amen.

Sacred Heart, Christmas Creek– Annual Feast Day Celebrations

Saturday, June 1st

Kettle on the boil from 12:30pm. Come and join us for a bite to eat, and a chat before the 4:30pm mass!

Money Counting

13th May- Trish
27th May- Peter

20th May- Colleen
3rd June– Trish

St John the Baptist, Tamborine Mt

Commissioning of lay readers and Extraordinary Communion Ministers - Sunday, 12th May

Baptism and Confirmation - Sunday, 19th May

Date change

Morning tea after mass has been changed to Sunday, May 19th (previously May 15th)

Meetings

Thursday, 16th May - Care and Concern

@10:00am, Parish Centre

Wednesday, 15th May - Multi-cultural Day committee meeting

@6:00pm, Parish Office

Sunday, 30th June - Country Church Community meeting

@ 10:30am, Mercy Hall

Social events

Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's

Sunday, 26th May - Multi-cultural Day 2024

Saturday, 1st June - Annual Feast Day celebrations

@ Sacred Heart, Christmas Creek
12:30pm-4:30pm

Rite of Election

This Sunday Kiaya and Matthew Rudd, who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church will gather with their godparents, catechists, and families for the Rite of Election. At this ritual, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, who now become 'the elect', declare their commitment to enter into a period of intense spiritual preparation. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

Multi-cultural Day 2024

Save the Date: Sunday 26th May 2024
Committee Meeting- May 15th, 6pm @ Parish Office. All welcome!



Request for help – Mowing Cemetery

We are currently looking for volunteers to help mow the Gleneagle cemetery. At present, **two** volunteers are doing it by themselves, and require assistance. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you!

You're Invited! - 150th Year Celebrations

On May 17th, you are invited to attend St Stephen's Cathedral's 150 year anniversary celebrations. You join us at St Mary's, Beaudesert, during the 8:50am school mass or, attend a celebratory mass at the cathedral at 12:30pm

May Rosary Prayer Sessions

Embrace the power of prayer with the World Mission Rosary Prayers throughout May, a time to honour Mother Mary. Join the Catholic Mission online as they unite in faith and mission, offering our prayers with the global Catholic Community.

When: Monday to Friday during May

Time: 2pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8789 2280

Password: 876574

Sacrament of Confirmation

The celebration of this sacrament will be on Sunday May 19th, 9:30am, at St Mary's, Beaudesert.

Confirmation lessons

Lesson 4 Tuesday, May 14th, 4:00pm



All children preparing to receive Confirmation must attend these lessons.



Holy Baptism

A very warm welcome is extended to Oliver and Evan Buckley who will be baptised into the Catholic faith this weekend.

Bible Reflection

The Ascension of the Lord— 12th May, 2024

*"This is my commandment: love on another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
- John 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love? <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Archdiocese of Brisbane Events - Cathedral of St Stephen

This year marks two significant milestones for our Archdiocese. We will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St Stephen on May 17th, and the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Archbishop Mark Coleridge on May 18th.



FRIDAY MAY 17

Return of the Message Stick & Commemoration of 150th Anniversary
12:30pm Mass

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving
6pm

SATURDAY MAY 18

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
11:30am Mass

Pentecost Vigil Mass
"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"
6pm Mass

SUNDAY MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday
Celebrating 150 Years
10:30am Mass

Mercy Youth

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TERM 2 DATES



- Sunday 21st of April - Mercy Youth Games
- Sunday 28th of April - Called to Care
- Saturday 11th of May - Eco Retreat 
- Sunday 26th of May - Impact your community
- Sunday 9th of June - Impact your world

Request for help—Church photography

Do you have a photo/s of any significant event that has taken place in one of our nine churches, that could be used on our website? These can include wedding photos, baptisms, confirmation, etc.

If you would like to share any images you've taken please email them to the parish office on stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank you!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Established in 1908, The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for this year was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso. *"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27).*

God, you call us into community, a community for the common good, a community of oneness in our diversity, people from every nation, tribe, culture, and language. Unite us as we seek to live out your love. You call us to be loving neighbours to go where our neighbour is, to help them in their need and let them help us in ours.

We are your family, a part of your kingdom, each a beloved sibling to share in grace. Bless us with your wisdom, that we may walk and work together. United we pray. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day

Thank you Lord for all of our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on their special day.



Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the

Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 13th May - 19th May 2024

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm—3.15pm—St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Beaudesert 7.00am	No Mass	Tamborine Mtn 9.00am	Beaudesert 7.00am	School Mass 8.50am	Rathdowney 4:30am	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Beaudesert 5.30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Beaudesert 9.30am

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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