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The Ascension of the Lord

16th & 17th May 2026

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Jesus is not only a moment of glory—it is a moment of **great mercy**. When Jesus rose into heaven, He did not go to a place closed off from us. Instead, He opened heaven for all humanity. In *Acts 1:1–11*, the disciples watch Him rise, but what they cannot yet see is the door He is opening behind Him—the door to eternal life. The One who became human for us now brings our humanity into the heart of God. Through His Ascension, Jesus lifts us with Him, showing us that heaven is not far away but open, waiting, and promised. This is the heart of Christian hope.

Paul, in *Ephesians 1:17–23*, helps us understand this mystery. He says that Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, far above every power. But He is not there alone—He is there **for us**. He stands before the Father as our Brother, our Savior, our High Priest. Because He has gone before us, we can follow. Heaven is no longer a distant dream; it is our true home. Paul prays that we may receive “a spirit of wisdom” to understand this hope. This is the kind of spiritual wisdom that opens our hearts to God’s love.

In *Matthew 28:16–20*, Jesus promises, “I am with you always.” This means that even though He ascends, He does not abandon us. He opens heaven, yet He remains close. He reigns above, yet He walks beside us. He prepares a place for us, yet He strengthens us here. This is the mystery of His discipleship: we follow Him on earth while He prepares our place in heaven.

So today, we remember something beautiful: **Jesus did not ascend to leave us—He ascended to lead us**. He did not rise to distance Himself—He rose to draw us closer. He did not enter heaven alone—He opened heaven for all humanity.

The Ascension tells us that our lives are not meant to end in darkness or uncertainty. We have a destiny. We have a home. We have a Savior who has gone ahead of us and waits for us with love. Heaven is open, because Jesus has carried our humanity into the very presence of God.

Readings for this week (16th & 17th May)

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: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. 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: 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 Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Readings for next week (23rd & 24th May)

Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

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

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

Gospel Acclamation: Pentecost sequence

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23 (Year A)

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Care and Concern Meeting

Saint Mary's Care and Concern will be holding a meeting Thursday 21st of May 10:30am at Margaret's. All are welcome to attend.

Confirmation—May 24th

Please keep in your prayers the children who are being confirmed at 9:30am mass on Pentecost Sunday (24th May). All are welcome to attend the confirmation mass.

Multicultural Day Postponement

Multicultural Day celebrations have been postponed from the 31st of May to the 26th of July.

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, Carol Stainkey, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Marie Harkin, Fae Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Tony Torre, Dave & Lori, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, John McCormack, Damian McCormack, Janette Escreet, David Ward, Denice Ward, Holly Anne, Nathan Craze, Heather Neeson, Bernice Mahoney, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Olwin Wendt, Caroline Gee & Janine Monteath.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rodney 'Rod' Cahill (2nd May 2026), Rodney's funeral will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, Christmas Creek, 22nd May at 11:00am

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

Mass at Christmas Creek for June

Please join us for Mass on **Sunday** 7th June at 10am for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. There will be a morning tea outside the church following Mass. Please bring a plate to share, and don't forget a chair! Tea and coffee will be provided.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you.

Invitation for New Parish Volunteers

Currently we are looking for new volunteers to help us out at all our churches. We need people to help perform many tasks to assist the existing volunteers so that no one volunteer shoulders too much of the burden.

Tasks include setting up for Mass (Sacristans), assistance with gardening, cleaning the Churches, reading at Mass, Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist, visiting the sick and disabled of the parish, membership of the Finance and Pastoral Councils, plus many other duties.

Training for all tasks will be provided if you choose to become involved.. If you are interested, we invite you to come and help our parish community. If you are interested in volunteering please inform Father Tomi or the Parish Office.

Thank you for the generous donation of your time.

Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, William Baden Randle who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith on Sunday. Please keep this child and his family in your prayers.

Guitar Donation

If anybody has a guitar that they are willing to donate could you please come and drop off the guitar at the Parish Office. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support with this.

Celebration of a Centenary.

This year marks 100 years since the O'Reilly family began welcoming visitors to Green Mountains and we would like to celebrate with those of you who have been part of the history of our business. You are warmly invited to join us on the weekend of 23/24 May to celebrate our collective journey.

Story Sharing Session – Saturday 23rd May

Pentecost Mass – Sunday 24th May

If attending either of these gatherings over the weekend, we ask that you email Catherine O'Reilly cathe-rine.oreilly4275@gmail.com to help us accommodate everyone - especially in our small church.

We hope that many of you will join in this celebration with us.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

*"There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one
hope of your calling"*

(Ephesians 4:4)

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

Join us for a prayer service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Money Counters — May

5th—Peter, 11th—Colleen, 18th—Trish, 25th—Peter



125TH ANNIVERSARY
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22 AUGUST 2026

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4127

FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

Saturday 23 May 2026

9.30am to 4.30pm

Church of the 12 Apostles,

111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee

BYO Lunch. Morning Tea Provided.

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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 email:

stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au



Mass Times: 18th—24th May

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

Reconciliation—before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068

<u>Monday 18th</u>	<u>Tuesday 19th</u>	<u>Wednesday 20th</u>	<u>Thursday 21st</u>	<u>Friday 22nd</u>	<u>Saturday 23rd</u>	<u>Sunday 24th</u>
No mass	Beaudesert	Tamborine Mt	Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Tambourine Mt
	5:00pm	9:00am	7:00am	8:50 am	6:30pm	7:30am
		Beaudesert				Beaudesert
		Adoration				Mass
		4:30pm				9:30am
		Mass				Family Mass
		5:30pm				5:30pm

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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