



# St Mark's Parish

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## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."



The Ascension of the Lord ~ 29 May 2022

### Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory

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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### PARISHIONER INVITE

#### Second Assembly Meeting

**Bishop Terry Brady**  
invites you to attend a meeting of the  
Plenary Council  
to discuss the Agenda for the  
Second Assembly



**Plenary Council**

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**On Wednesday June 15, 2022**

**6.00 - 7.30pm**

at the Catholic Schools Building  
38 Renwick Street,  
Leichhardt.

Light refreshments served from 5.30pm

Please advise of any dietary requirement

**RSVP June 3 2022**

Sr Jo Brady RSJ at [jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org)



# The Ascension of the Lord

## Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

**(All)** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will  
return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people  
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right  
hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with  
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 1.11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that  
Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day  
when he was taken up to heaven, after giving  
instructions through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles  
whom he had chosen. After his suffering he  
presented himself alive to them by many convincing  
proofs, appearing to them during forty days and  
speaking about the kingdom of God.  
While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave  
Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the  
Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from  
me; for John baptized with water, but you will be  
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from  
now."

So when they had come together, they asked him,  
"Lord, is this the time when you will restore the  
kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to  
know the times or periods that the Father has set by  
his own authority. But you will receive power when  
the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be  
my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he  
was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.  
While he was going and they were gazing up toward  
heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.  
They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up  
toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from  
you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him  
go into heaven."

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 47.1-2,5-6,7-8(R.5a)

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

1. Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud  
songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a  
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of  
a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to  
our King, sing praises. **(R.)**

3. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a  
Psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy  
throne. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

*Christ entered into heaven itself.*

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands,  
a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven  
itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our  
behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as  
the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year  
with blood that is not his own; for then he would have  
had to suffer again and again since the foundation of  
the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at  
the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of  
himself.

And just as it is appointed for human beings to die  
once, and after that comes the judgment, so Christ,  
having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will  
appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save  
those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have  
confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of  
Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us  
through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since  
we have a great priest over the house of God, let us  
approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,  
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold  
fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for  
he who has promised is faithful.

## 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

Luke 24.44-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I  
spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything  
written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets,  
and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the  
Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that  
the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the  
third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins  
is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning  
from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

"And see, I am sending upon you what my Father  
promised; so stay here in the city until you have been  
clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up  
his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing  
them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into  
heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to  
Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in  
the temple blessing God.

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will  
come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
Amen.



## The Ascension of the Lord

### Prayers of the Faithful

**Leader:** Let us ask our risen and ascended Lord to bring our prayers before his Father.

**Reader:** We pray that the church may heed the words of Jesus and be guided by his example of tenderness and love. *(pause)*.

*Lord hear us:*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray that we may be filled with enlightenment and hope as we continue Christ's work on earth. *(pause)*.

*Lord hear us:*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray that we be guided to speak the truth, promote healing and build harmony among all the peoples of Australia. *(pause)*.

*Lord hear us:*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray for those members of our parish who are preparing for the celebration of their First Holy Communion. *(pause)*.

*Lord hear us:*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray for all who have died, that they may be raised to eternal glory with Christ. *(pause)*.

*Lord hear us:*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Loving God, hear the prayers we bring to you this day. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

### Communion Antiphon

*Mt 28:20*

**(All)** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



### Did you know this about the Pope?

- † As archbishop of Buenos Aires, he lived in an apartment, cooked his own meals and took public transit.
- † Each year during Holy Week as archbishop, he washed the feet of different social outsiders, including AIDS patients and the incarcerated, according to Bloomberg News.
- † When elected Pope, he chose not to wear the red shoes made specifically for him, but rather, chose to continue wearing his old, worn-out black shoes from Buenos Aires.
- † After his election as Supreme Pontiff, he decided to go back to the hotel where he had been staying to pay the bill himself, and chose to ride in the bus with the rest of the Cardinals, rather than in the limo provided for him.
- † He celebrated his first Holy Thursday Mass in a youth prison in Rome, and forbid any media to attend, asking that the Mass be private.
- † During his pontificate, Pope Francis lived in the Santa Marta house with the Vatican employees instead of staying in the usual Papal Apartment.

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# FIRST

# Holy Communion



## First Holy Communion

### PARENT INFORMATION

#### PRAYER & PRACTICE EVENING

All First Holy Communion candidates as part of their Sacramental program are required to attend a prayer and practice evening on either

**Thursday 9 June 2022 at 6.30pm**

(If your child is receiving the Sacrament on the 11/12 June)

or

**Thursday 16 June 2022 at 6:30pm**

(If your child is receiving the Sacrament on the 18/19 June)

Children are to bring their completed activity book to hand in and are to have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to their celebration date.

*Please be on time and attendance is essential.*

**We welcome our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion to Mass and we ask our parishioners to keep them in your prayers.**

Jesus, Bless the children who are preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

May their day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our **First Holy Communion Celebrations** will take place within our community Masses on

**Saturday 11th & 18th June at 5:30pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 12th & 19th June at 9:00am Mass.**

We do this in the midst of our Sunday worship as it is the community they are being initiated into.

We are a community of believers and this is an important moment for all parishioners.

May St Mark's always be a place to welcome and support them in their life journey.



### Some Rituals at Mass

1. Response at the end of the readings.

**Priest:** The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

2. We stand for the Gospel - it is Jesus' story

3. We sign our foreheads, lips and heart with the † sign of the cross, saying: Jesus be in mind († forehead), on my lips († lips), and in my heart († hearts).

4. Response at the end of the Gospel.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

# St Mark's Parish Community



Jesus, Light of the world communities

## Retreat Day

# LET THE FIRE FALL

Saturday 4 June 2022 | 9am - 4.30pm  
 Guest Speakers: Marina George & Ron Maldigri

**Where:** St Joseph's Parish Hall, Parker St, Rockdale  
**Bookings essential:** [www.trybooking.com/BYXKO](http://www.trybooking.com/BYXKO)  
**Inquiries:** Phone Helen on 0433 455 114 or Ida 0424 267 500  
 \* Lunch will be served \*

# Didaskō

Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation

In His Great Commission, Our Lord commanded the Apostles to make disciples and "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20). Didaskō seeks to support parishes to respond to this by building a culture of formation in which disciples are encouraged to grow by investing time in spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation.

<b>Jun</b>	What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism Bishop Richard Umbers Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June - 7:30pm - 8:45pm	<b>Jul</b>	Simple Suggestions to Spiritual Obstacles: Rekindling our Prayer Life after 'Pandemic Procrastination' Rev. Dr Gregory M.W. Morgan Thursdays 21 and 28 July and 4 August - 7:30pm - 8:45pm
<b>Aug</b>	The Evangelising Mission of the Church Prof. Tracey Rowland Wednesdays 10, 17 and 24 August - 7:30pm - 8:45pm	<b>Sep</b>	How Catholics Can Quietly Transform the World: the Church's Unknown Treasure of Social Teaching Prof. Alinde Kübler-Ryan Wednesdays 7, 14 and 21 September - 7:30pm - 8:45pm
<b>Oct</b>	Introduction to Scripture Dr Peter Holmes Wednesdays 12, 19 and 26 October - 7:30pm - 8:45pm	<b>Nov</b>	Learning from Our Lady: Disciple and Missionary Prof. M Isabel Naumann /SSM Mondays 14, 21 and 28 November - 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Cost: \$25.00 per course (includes three evening sessions)  
 Each course will be delivered online via Zoom.  
 Register at [gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)  
 More information, contact Helen at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

**GO MAKE DISCIPLES**

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

29 May–5 June 2022

"We saw the star in the East,  
 and we came to worship him"  
 (cf Matthew 2:2)

National Council of Churches in Australia

## Bumps, Bubs & Beyond Expo

For parents, grandparents and carers from pre-birth to 5 years.

Whether you're an expecting, new or experienced parent, there is something for every family at this FREE mini expo. Babies and children are welcome.

**DATE** Friday 24 June 2022  
**TIME** 9am – 12pm  
**VENUE** Canada Bay Club  
**ADDRESS** William Street, Five Dock

**REGISTER HERE**

### School Reference from the Parish.

If you require a high school reference from Fr Denis, please submit to the parish office the following.

- † The relevant part of the School Nomination Form to be filled out by the Parish Priest with details - such as the name of your child, start year for the high school, Parish and Parish Priest;
- † A photo of your child who is being nominated, with the other members of the family, if possible (family photo);
- † One-page biography of family's major involvements and commitments in the life of the parish, past and present, include your Parish Planned Giving number and ensure your family is registered on the Parish census.
- † Other relevant information, e.g. volunteer roles at the Parish, ministry service and other financial commitments to the Parish.
- † A stamped, pre-addressed envelope addressed to the school, unless the application is to be emailed.

The Parish Priest Reference is sent directly to the high school.

Thank you

# St Mark's Parish Community

## † Tuesday 31 May - Visitation of the Virgin Mary

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your firm believing, that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled.

## † Wednesday 1 June - Global Day of Parents

The United Nations Appreciates all Parents Throughout the World with emphases on the critical role of parents in the rearing of children, the Global Day of Parents recognizes that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children.

## † Sunday 5 June - Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is the last day of the Easter Season.

## † Sunday 5 June - World Environment Day

World Environment Day campaign #OnlyOneEarth calls for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet.

## † Monday 6 June - Mary, Mother of the Church

The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

## † Thursday 9 June - Prayer and Practice

First Holy Communion Prayer and Practice evening

## † Sunday 12 June - The Most Holy Trinity

We celebrate the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 5:30pm Vigil and 9:00am Masses

## † Wednesday 15 June - Plenary Council

Community engage with final propositions for the second assembly.

## † Thursday 16 June - Prayer and Practice

First Holy Communion Prayer and Practice evening

## † Sunday 19 June - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 5:30pm Vigil and 9:00am Masses

## † Friday 24 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

## † Friday 24 June - St Mark's CWL Meeting

Our next CWL meeting will be held, starting with a bring your own life lunch from 11.30am before our meeting at 1:00pm. Upstairs in the Parish Centre.

## † Saturday 25 June - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

## † Wednesday 29 June - Saints Peter and Paul

Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles, these have taught us your law, O Lord.



*'Listening with the ear of the heart'*  
Pope Francis'  
Message for World  
Communications Day  
2022 on Sunday 29 May

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2022

“  
Listening corresponds to  
the humble style of God.  
It is the action that allows  
God to reveal himself as the  
One who, by speaking,  
creates man and woman in  
his image, and by listening  
recognises them as his  
partners in dialogue.

Pope Francis  
“Listening with  
the ear of the heart”

2022

WEEK of  
**PRAYER**  
for CHRISTIAN UNITY  
2022

### A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son  
in whom all are baptised,  
one giver of many gifts,  
one tree of many fruits  
one speaker of every tongue,  
renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost,  
grant that people of every race and nation  
may understand one another, and as one,  
proclaim the praises of God.  
Grant that all may be one as you,  
Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord.  
Grant unity to the Body of Christ;  
grant unity to the human family.  
Sole breath of every living thing,  
may all be one who, in you,  
live and move and have their being.

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We observe this octave from 29 May - 5 June 2022, between the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins in other parts of the world, however, let us keep in our prayers these themes, the ecumenical movement, and pray for the unity of the whole Church.

## In our prayers this Eastertide Season

In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our St Mark's community:

Lina Giannandrea, Rocco Zoccali, Meagan Ficarra, Patricia Ficarra, Heather Burbidge, Wendy Madden and Patricia Ryan.

Remembering those who have gone before us.

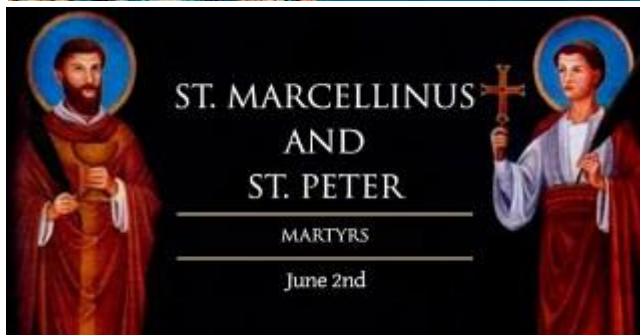
Domenico Ciampa, Lorenzo Brancato, Margaret Micheletti, Thea Betteridge, Fruto Milan, Gladys Mallqui (Snr), Antonio Scioscia, Cecilia Chye, Eileen O'Neill and Peter McGill.

Recently Deceased. Shirley Moylan, Paul Keogh (London), Mark Kennedy, David Shepherd, and Maria Paraggio.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,*

*O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

We pray for all who have anniversaries at this time and have passed recently and offer our prayers & condolences. May they rest in peace.



## St Mark's Drummoyne Masses

Monday & Friday 8:00am  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am  
Wednesday 7:30am  
Saturday 12 noon  
Saturday Reconciliation  
11:30am - 11:55am  
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am & 6:00pm



Scan the QR code to donate to support the Ministry and Mission of our Parish.

## Air Flow in the Church

With COVID still circulating, our Church doors and windows are to remain open to provide adequate ventilation when we have a congregation.

As winter is upon us, heating will be on for our weekend Masses. The heat flows from the floor vents at the side aisles. If you feel the cold we suggest you sit in the pews at the side aisle and dress appropriately.

## The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Did you know that St Mark's offers a preparation for active catholic adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite all baptised catholic adults who have received Eucharist but not the sacrament of confirmation to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Adult Confirmation will be administered at St Mary's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, 5 June at 10.30am.

If you are a baptised adult catholic wishing to make your Confirmation contact the Parish office for preparation and registration.



We welcome into our faith community this  
Sunday through the  
Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mark's  
*Aston Joseph Gaudiosi*  
and we congratulate his parents.  
God bless you.



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Parish Bulletin: we ask that you take home your bulletin, do not put it back for others or leave it on the pew for others to pick up.

Administrator: Fr Denis Minns OP

Parish Priest: Fr Michael McLean PP

Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR

Chair Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng

School Principal: Ms Rachel Bourke

Masks are recommended, thank you for social distancing, please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your phone during the Mass.

St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne acknowledges the Wangal people, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



# The Living Word

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

29 May 2022

**Gospel Reflection:** The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work – the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus – attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

**Scriptural context – Luke-Acts:** The two works of Luke and Acts, ascribed to the same writer, are both addressed to the same person, Theophilus. However, the Greek name, Theophilus, means 'Friend of God' or 'Beloved of God'. Theophilus may have been a particular person or may have been a literary device by the author – using the name to imply that the books were written to any 'Friend of God'. There is a common style employed in the writing of the two works and a common theology runs through both works and it is these commonalities that lead scholars to conclude that the two works share the same author.

**Gospel Focus – A message for all people:** One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to all nations – even to the ends of the earth!

**Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses:** Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.' The choice of this theme for a worldwide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

## Questions?

- Q. Why was the Ascension a 'necessary' event?
- Q. In what ways are you able to be 'a witness' of Jesus?
- Q. What hope does Jesus' Ascension give all Christian people?

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## Celebrating Differences in our Community



The Safeguarding Office needs your help in designing characters that celebrates differences **for our new children's activity book**. The best and most creative designs will be featured throughout the activity book which will be available to all children within the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Design applications forms are available from the Church Foyer.



**This Sunday's Liturgical colour is White** the colour of heaven. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints. Not that you will always see white in Church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating. In the earliest centuries all vestments were white - the white of baptismal purity and of the robes worn by the armies of the redeemed in the Apocalypse, washed white in the blood of the Lamb. As the Church grew secure enough to be able to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out, and it is only as late as the 19th century that they were harmonized into their present form.

**Catholic Weekly**



- \* Election 2022: Times toughen for Christians.
- \* North Korea: A church of silence.
- \* Book reviews.
- \* Heavenly hymns - Richard Connolly.
- \* How euthanasia will affect Palliative Care.

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# Jesus was taken up to heaven



The Ascension of the Lord, Year C



## Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

Jesus was taken up to heaven

Q E R X W U M S C S E R D K O D  
N P S F J A H I I X Y I I X M M  
W W P D H E W N M L O H A P P Y  
A R X W G S R Y Q L Q Y C U F D  
K S H A V H A U J E S U S Z M X  
A E D T E W O R S H I P P E D B  
Y L L H C Y W P B A O L S V M C  
F P T I M E G R R C L M P K L I  
T I Y M A O D B Z A A E A H D R  
Q C F P D G N C W C I D M E V A  
Z S Z T Y N A H T E B S S F U I  
V I L B Y N H A N D S S I Z M S  
H D H O X S R G V A E Q W N Y E  
H E H X U S P Q L L F R N B G D  
M L R T N W C E B E L P M E T K

Bethany      happy      raised  
blessed      Jerusalem      temple  
disciples      Jesus      time  
hands      praising      worshipped

## THE OUR FATHER PRAYER

Our Father who art in \_\_\_\_\_,  
Hallowed be Thy \_\_\_\_\_,  
Thy \_\_\_\_\_  
come, Thy Will be done,  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_\_;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we \_\_\_\_\_ those  
who \_\_\_\_\_ against us; and lead us not into \_\_\_\_\_,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



## ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.  
Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



X	W	V	D	J	Q	R	I	B	S	O	A	E	U	C	P	K	N	H	L	G	M	Y	Z	F	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 25-14-20-25-8-20-20-13-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-16-13-18-13-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 22-8-18-4-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-15-7-8-16-26-14-7-13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-8-10-13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-13-16-13-18-26 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-20-13-10-10-8-18-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-12-17-13-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-13-12-3-13-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-11-7-10-19-8-16-13-4 \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE MINDS	RISE TAKEN	REPENT OPENED	HEAVEN WORSHIPED	BLESSING FULFILLED
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**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.