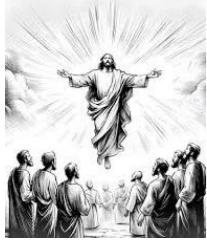


The Ascension of the Lord – Year A

16th / 17th May 2026



Acts 1:1-11

Luke's account of the Ascension, in Acts, marks a major transition in the New Testament. Luke's Gospel has told the story of Jesus. Acts would tell the story of the apostles being empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry forward Jesus' work.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul reminds us that Jesus' ascension not only represented the end of His human presence in the world but was His eternal glorification. At the right hand of God, He was given authority and power over all things, and would serve as head of His Church on earth.

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus' disappearance from sight does not mark an absence but marks a new kind of presence. In the "absence" left by His ascension, we, His followers are commissioned to "preach in His name to all the nations".

Next Week
Pentecost Sunday
Year A

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Universal Prayers

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

1. For the Church: that, empowered by the Spirit, we may faithfully give witness to the Gospel and continue Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to those in need. We pray to the Lord.
2. For the grace to forgive: that we may forgive and be freed from the desire for vengeance toward all who have hurt us. We pray to the Lord.
3. For all who face the future with apprehension: that God will give them courage and peace as they recognise that Jesus is with them always, even to the end of the world. We pray to the Lord.
4. For the healing of racism: that all nations and peoples may recognise the value and dignity that God has given each person, and that we may work together to bring forth God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.
5. For peace throughout the world: that God will turn hearts from violence and give all parties the desire to dialogue and find peaceful resolutions to conflicts. We pray to the Lord.
6. 6 For the spirit of consolation: that all who are saddened by the departure of a loved one or the end of a relationship may experience peace through Christ's abiding presence. We pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8:00am
Wednesday	Mass	8:00am
Thursday	Mass	8:00am
Friday	Mass	8:00am

Confessions

Tuesday 19th May 12noon

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16 th	Jean Beaumont
Sunday 17 th	Special Intention
	Michael Flynn
Tuesday 19 th	Special Intention
Wednesday 20 th	Special Intention
Thursday 21 st	Special Intention
Friday 22 nd	Allen McRae (ill)

Diary Dates

CWL Meeting	Monday 18 th May	10:30am	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	Tuesday 19 th May	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Choir Practice	Tuesday 19 th May	7:00pm	STA Church
Woman's Faith Circle	Wednesday 20 th May	9:30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary & Reading)	Thursday 21 st May	5:00pm	Chapel
Solemn Vespers & Benedictions	Sunday 24 th May	4:00pm	STA Church
Conversations	Thursday 28 th May	10:30am	Parish Hall
Crafternoon	Friday 29 th May	4:00pm	Parish Hall
Corpus Christi Feast Day	Sunday 7 th June	Noon	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 10 th June	7:00pm	Parish Hall
Morning Tea	Thursday 11 th June	10:15am	Parish Hall

Feast Day Celebrations

The weekend 6th /7th June we celebrate the solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please join other parishioners – 9:30am Mass on the 7th June, then from 12noon lunch in the parish hall.

A catered 2 course meal including drinks \$25 per adult, \$15 children (under 15 years old). Especially invited are new parishioners and those who have not attended before. Bookings are essential for catering. Drop into the parish office or place an envelope into one of the collection plates at Mass



Ageing with Confidence - What's age got to do with it?

Tuesday 9 June 9am-1pm The Fraternity Club

Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well.

Morning tea and info stalls included. Register via the QR code, call 1800 967 894 or www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au



Pilgrimage Holy Shrines of Spain, Portugal & Lourdes Departing 3 September 2026 (20 days)

Visit Barcelona, (Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia), Zaragoza (Our Lady of the Pilar), Lourdes, San Sebastian de Garabandal, Santiago de Compostela, (St James), Fatima, Santarem (Miracle of the Eucharist), Lisbon (St Anthony) and so many more beautiful sites - please come and join us! Only a few places left departing from Sydney.

Contact: Kathryn O'Connor, O'Connor Travel World Inc Pilgrimages Australia & New Zealand (03) 9830 5489 or Louise McRobbie 0424100706

Scripture Study

This Tuesday (19th, our study of scripture will look at the Book of Hosea. All welcome. Parish Hall 6pm- 7pm

Conversations

28th May: Guest speaker Dame Catherine McGrath, Catherine will share national & international experience of the role of women in the Church.

Conversations are held in the parish hall beginning at 10:30am, All welcome.

Walk for Life 22nd/ 23rd May

Join walkers in raising prayers for all life issues – the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family breakdown, and to pray for our government. Day 1: Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km) Day 2: Gerringong to Shoalhaven heads (16km) For more information contact Sue Hill – 0435336195 or Gabriella De Battista - 0414205404

Catholic Women's League

The next Catholic Women's League Meeting will be held on Monday, 18th May in the Parish Hall at 10.30am.

We extend a warm welcome to the ladies of the parish who are interested in CWL and its purpose to join us for the meeting followed by morning tea.



Crafternoon

Friday 29th May
4pm to 6pm, Parish Hall

All welcome!

*** Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult**