



The Ascension of the Lord - Yr C

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CHILD PROTECTION - is everyone's responsibility

Check the Parish Website for:

Child Safety & Code of Conduct Policy
Parish Privacy Act / Professional Standards

A parent must accompany any child leaving the church during Mass.

Parish Email: gisborne@cam.org.au
Parish Website melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne
Parish Facebook Page www.facebook.com/stbrigidsparishgisborne

Secretary Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

**Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, Shane R, George T,
Diane M, Marg P, Zoe F, & Pat P.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Jim Stephens**
and for those who have an anniversary at this time,
especially **Giuseppe Menta**.
May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Fri 30/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
Sat 31/05/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 01/06/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Mon 02/06/25 5:30pm Sacramental classes – Gisborne
Tue 03/06/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 04/06/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 04/06/25 6:30pm – Baptism info night – Gisborne
Thu 05/06/25 **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
Thu 05/06/25 Holy Cross Yr 2&3 class Mass
Fri 06/06/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 07/06/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 08/06/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Mon 09/06/25 5:30pm Sacramental classes – Gisborne
Tue 10/06/25 **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
Tue 10/06/25 The Oaks Mass
Wed 11/06/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 12/06/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 12/06/25 7pm – PPC Meeting – Parish office

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

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'.

mtate@bigpond.com**Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession****Sunday 22 June 2025 - 11.00am–3.00pm**

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), all are invited to this special Corpus Christi Procession as our Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully bears witness to Christ—the hope who does not disappoint—in this Year of Jubilee.

Following the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, a Eucharistic procession will commence from the Cathedral, making a pilgrimage through Melbourne CBD in prayer and song before concluding with Benediction at Federation Square.

'My dear friends in Christ, I ask you to join me for this extraordinary Eucharistic Procession, bringing along your parishes, schools, and communities to bear witness to Christ in our midst. In this grace-filled Jubilee Year, may we share the living hope of Christ with every step we take.' – Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

We encourage parishes, schools, communities and movements to begin preparing for this pilgrimage.

Communities are invited to bring their banners! Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5761

'Did not our hearts burn within us while he walked with us ...' (Luke 24:32).



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Pentecoste Sunday – Year C

7th & 8th June, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Scott Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall	Flowers: K. Page & L De Bono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Eucharist: D. Egan	

Mary Glowrey Museum Open Day Wednesday 11 June 2025

10.00am–3.00pm

Mary Glowrey Museum
Level 2, Cathedral Hall
20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy
Please note: currently stair access only - Free entry

Visit the Mary Glowrey Museum in Fitzroy to learn more about the life and legacy of Australian-born medical missionary in India and Servant of God

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ.

Mary Glowrey is one of two Australians currently being officially considered for sainthood. She was the first president of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga (cwlvicww.org.au), which was founded in 1916 in Cathedral Hall. For more information about Mary Glowrey, visit the new website documenting her life and cause for canonisation.

THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving Program, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

St. Brigid's Church Account
NAB

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 6742 95773

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

PRIEST & PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT

If you would like to contribute to the Priest & Presbytery expenses, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

St. Brigid's Presbytery Account
NAB

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 6672 72303

Please use your surname as the reference.

AN INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Week 4 – Step by step..... (continued)

To recap, last week we looked at the first 3 steps, viz. *Greet God*, *Honesty* and *Worship*. This week, we'll look at the first of the last 2 steps....

Step 4: Scripture – So, you've had your say with the first 3 steps – by saying 'hello', telling God how you're feeling and then looking at ways that acknowledges God's greatness. This next step is where we listen to what God has to say to us. How do we do this? Through the Scriptures. The Scriptures are where God speaks to us. Yes, they were written a long time ago but you should realise that there will be something in there that is relevant to you, today. With that in mind, look at the daily mass readings – as previously mentioned in Week 2, you can find these in several places, but one of the easiest places to go is through the 'Laudate' app – <https://laudate-1-catholic-app.en.softonic.com/iphone>.

As you go through the readings, when a specific verse or even a word stands out for you, you should ask, "Lord, how does this relate to me, today?" and expect an answer. Not with an external audible voice (at least, not usually) but with something occurring to you in the passage which is relevant to you, in your situation. If you feel that nothing is actually speaking directly to you, then it's time to appeal to the Holy Spirit for help. Perhaps one way might be to picture yourself in the gospel scene, where Jesus is speaking directly to you and helping you to look at certain aspects of your life with a view to changing or improving them.

Still nothing 'clicking' for you? You may want to try the "Lectio Divina" method. This is a method of reading scripture which originated in the 3rd century. From the dynamic Catholic website it says, *Lectio Divina* means sacred reading, and it's a powerful way to pray with the Bible. Instead of just Scripture, *Lectio Divina* helps you really dive into the story and understand God's message for your life." If you would like to know more, you may want to go to this website <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/about-lectio-divina.html#what-lectio>

Whatever you decide to do, **don't** be discouraged but keep at it – it will eventually become easier and more meaningful.

The final step will be in next week's bulletin.

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am
For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Should you have a loved one gravely ill and in need of anointing or the services of a priest, please call the Parish Landline on 5428 2591.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$558
Thanksgiving \$1020

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Each of us shares in the power of the Risen Christ through the Spirit. Freed from all that holds us back our task is to be living witnesses to his love. In Him the weakness of our human nature has been raised up to share in his divinity.

1st Reading: Acts 1-1-11

We hear the opening words of Luke's second book, the Acts of the Apostles. He connects his Gospel writing with the story of the Church from the day Jesus ascended to heaven.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

We hear St. Paul's prayer for his converts, that they be worthy of their vocation through baptism. All we have to do is open ourselves to his new life.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

We hear of the scene from Luke's first book, his Gospel, where he gives Jesus' final words of encouragement before he sends his apostles to all nations strengthened by the promised Spirit.

Prayer of Intercession: Christ has sent us his Spirit that we might spread his message to the ends of the earth. Let us ask him now for what we need to be his witnesses.

1. For our laity, priests and bishops, that they might continue to announce the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ to the world, courageously proclaiming the Good News of salvation and the forgiveness of sins.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for our mothers and mothers everywhere. May we look back in gratitude and go forward in faith to strengthen the loving bonds between the generations.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. That our celebration of the Ascension of Jesus will reaffirm for us our belief that life is changed not ended and in death we are to be raised up with Jesus to the glory of his heavenly Father.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those who are suffering in mind and body: may they know that in Christ, pain is not the end. Through our prayer and care may they find the healing touch of the living Christ who has overcome everything.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – those on our parish prayer list – the frail, and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, especially **Jim Stephens** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Giuseppe Menta**.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father we leave our petitions with you, knowing that our brother who is with us in prayer, always intercedes for our needs both now and always. Amen.

Next week's readings: Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

St. BRIGID'S GISBORNE PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our parish family of St. Brigid's Gisborne.
Many have laboured to build our parish. May we all work together and hand in hand stand together.
May our parish be filled with holiness and prayer, faith and love.
May all who come here find a welcoming home, comfort in their needs and strength for their journey.
St. Brigid, St. Patrick, St. Ambrose and St. Colmcille watch over us always we pray, that with faith we grow and learn.
We make our prayer in Jesus name.
Amen.

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, (*all bow*)
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 Living Word

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

1 June 2025

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 to 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

Psalm 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

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

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

Ephesians 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, 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

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

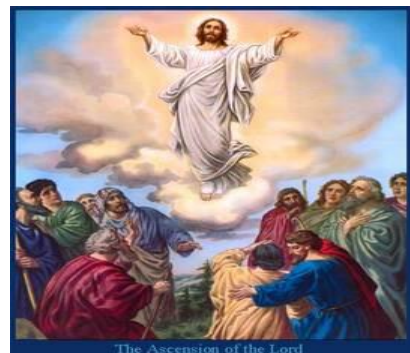
Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



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