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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 46:2-3, 6-9*

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

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.**

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.**

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 *Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ has entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over

again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our mind sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE CLERGY



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today's Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven reminds us of Jesus's passing from this world to the next. For some of us today's Solemnity might bring up memories of the death of a family member or a dear friend which is a sad time and event in each one of our lives. In these sad times and events, we might come to the feeling that God is not here and/or God is not good. But, our faith teaches us because Jesus has already made that journey on all our behalf's that death is not the end of mankind. It is the opposite, this a new beginning.

Today's Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven promises us that we all shall rise with Jesus and will gain eternal happiness. Again, while the death of a family member or a dear friend saddens us which is a natural human reaction to such life events we still have great hope and great love that our family members and dear friends have gone to their true destination which should console and comfort us. So, if we are feeling down and feeling unwell over the passing of our family members and/or dear friends let us offer all of those feelings to our loving Lord Jesus and ask him and say to him:

God, thank you for having given me my family and for has given us a time with them that can never be fully appreciated. God, thank you for giving me the ability and strength that if and when death does come you have prepared me with your teachings and with your truths because Jesus has already made that journey in our behalf already through his death and suffering. God, thank you for creating me, and forgiving me, and through your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here in what time I have in this life, when death comes I will be ready. God, thank you for what talents and crosses you have given me in this life and I accept them in preparation for the life after to come that will be free from sin and peace with God.

Best wishes to you and your families as we come close to the conclusion of the Easter Season and may the words of Jesus give you peace "They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the temple praising God."

Fr. William Chow, Assistant Priest and Chaplain, St. Vincent's Hospital

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

May – June 2025

			31 Saturday <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10.30am Sydney Priestly Ordination PLEASE NOTE Today's 11am Confession and the 12noon Mass is cancelled	1 Sunday The ASCENSION of the LORD WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	2 Monday	3 Tuesday <i>Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>
4 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	5 Thursday <i>St Boniface</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	6 Friday	7 Saturday	8 Sunday PENTECOST SUNDAY 10.30am Mass (Adult Confirmation) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 Monday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	10 Tuesday
11 Wednesday <i>St Barnabas</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	12 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	13 Friday <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	14 Saturday	15 Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	16 Monday	17 Tuesday

Weekly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11:00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

Please donate to the Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal to help people on the North Coast and other areas of NSW impacted by the devastating floods.

Over 50,000 people have been displaced from their homes and communities.

Due to the complications floods create for logistics, the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW is asking that people please donate money.

**Please give generously to:
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-flood-appeal-2025>**

*Search me
God and
know my
heart*

(Ps 139:23)

A retreat for
liturgical ministers



The Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Liturgy Office for the Archdiocese of Sydney invite parish liturgical ministers to a retreat day. If you serve in any capacity (acolytes, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, ushers, collectors, etc), and especially if you serve behind the scenes, this retreat is for you. The day will include a simple morning tea and lunch, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, all day Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, talks by the sisters, fellowship and discussion.



LITURGY OFFICE
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



St Martha's, Leichhardt
38 Renwick Street

Saturday
7th June
9.00 AM - 4.00 PM



Questions?

Email the Sisters at
sydney@op-tn.org

To register:

www.trybooking.com/DBAOY



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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 or safeguarding@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.



**No photography or videography
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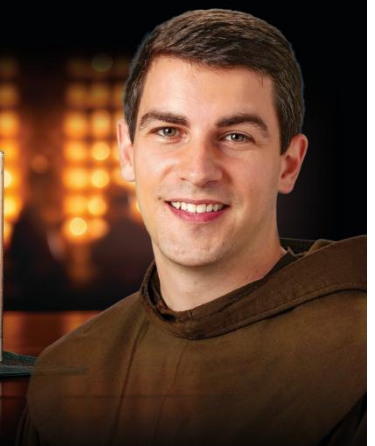
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THURSDAY
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6:00PM - 8:00PM



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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**WALK
WITH
CHRIST**

**SUNDAY
22 JUNE
2025**



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FESTIVAL: MARTIN PLACE FROM 1:00PM.

PROCESSION: BEGINS AT 2:30PM SHARP.
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