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Ascension of the Lord 16 May 2021

Reflection of the Gospel

Acts 1:1-11 is read each year since it is the sole account to give the post-resurrection appearances a time frame of forty days; however, it does not have Jesus *ascend* (intransitive verb), for he is *borne* (transitive) to heaven. Luke's briefer gospel parallel likewise has him borne, not ascend, but has no time reference; and Matthew has the same locus and commission but no time frame and no explicit departure (Jesus neither ascending nor being borne); while John alone refers to ascending (John 20:17) it is not witnessed but is implied on the day of the resurrection, as also was the bestowing of the Spirit. While *being taken up* and *going up* are not the same thing, Luke's narrative in Acts provides the primary depiction that shaped the tradition, but our name for it is derived from John's verb, *ascend* (also in John 3:13 and 6:12).

Another use of that verb is found in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in the pericope offered as the alternative second reading this year (Ephesians 4:1-13) to replace that which may be used each year (Ephesians 1:17-23). Both options have particular mentions of Christ raising the dead, but it is the alternative reading that mentions ascension, though with a rather different meaning emerging from his adapted citation of Psalm 68(67):18 that refers to a triumphal procession in which those captured by the victor are paraded before him as he returns in procession to his city. In this Jewish context the *ascending* reference is found because that is the usual term for going "up" to Jerusalem, the king's city. The Hebrew is another instance of the verb *'alah* (*offer, raise, exalt, ascend*) already mentioned in the reflections for the Second and Fourth Sundays of Lent this year. The Hebrew and Greek forms of that verse also allow for an ambiguity: the victor leads either those he has captured, or those previously captured by the one whom he has just now conquered. Paul interprets the reference to ascending not as being to Christ's post-resurrection departure from earth, but rather to his departure from where he had descended, the dark abode of the dead (Sheol, Hades, Hell) from which he plunders the former conqueror, Death, rescuing the captives there imprisoned. This is what is depicted in the Eastern icon called the Harrowing of Hell, and is also referred to in that line of the Apostle's Creed that still perplexes people in the new translation, "he descended into hell". Paul's use is, however, somewhat more complex, for the following verses point less to the dead being led thence to heaven, and more to those doomed to death being set free now and appointed as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers—here and now. This is a similar sense to that found at the end of today's gospel reading (Mark 16:15-20), generally accepted as a later addition; in it Christ is at the Father's right hand yet he is with those sent throughout the world to proclaim his Good News. This unity of the head (Christ in heaven) with his body (his members on earth) is expressed in the first Collect for Mass during the day, yet its inverse form is expressed in the alternative, where those on earth dwell already in heaven. These are not contradictory, but rather are two facets of the same mystery: in Christ is healed the division between God and humankind, heaven and earth, sacred and secular, life and death. This is what empowers those who proclaim Christ Jesus to all peoples, for they know the victory is already won.

Text: *Homily Help* - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Ascension - Year B

Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6pm
Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 8.30am
Tues-Fri 9:15am
Sat 9.00am

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues 7.30pm Novena Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1st Fri 7pm Novena Mass
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri after 9.15am Mass
1st Sat after 9am Mass
after the Novena Masses

Reconciliation

After any of the weekday masses
Sat: after the 9am mass until 10am
5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass

Sacraments

1st Sat 9am Mass for the Sick
Sun 12pm Baptism *by appointment*

Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation
via Zoom Frances Pegrum
0417 406715
Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena
Prayer in the church
except for 1st Tues
Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic
Community Prayer Group
Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart.

Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."



Entrance Antiphon

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.

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.**

He said to them, "Go into all the world
and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

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

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Gloria Robles Mercado, Angelito Mercado, Keith Pippin, Pearlina Swaminathan, Judy West

Deceased:

Ante Janezic, Anica Peric, Sofija Janezic, Kaja Kovac, Max Janezic, Ivan Peric

Anniversary:

Joseph Francis, Elie Naim

Sick: Names published with permission.

Lynette & Alister Alexander, Nathan Parker, Pat Doyle, Thelma Duncan, Iyrika D'Cruz, Colleen McCunnie, Benjamin Munson Jr, Florentina Elisura, Lino Matteazzi, Kalayani, Rebecca Shields, Maria Romeo, Kristy Arceo, Kim Anika, Perla Magculang, Karam Matte, Karam Sarsam, Hazel Masher, Jun Bacolod, Elmo Joachim, Gloria Buosi, Steve Esteban, Geoffrey Robinson, Dung Phan, Jess Calvo, Elizabeth Candame, Gustavo Montenegro, Isagani Ocampo, Praba Daniel, Bernie Presto Epifania Samaniego, Anshu Mala Nand, Raymond Lanzona, Christina Properzi, Elizabeth Newnes, Mavie Dela Cruz, Arlene Caraballo, Greg Marcellana, Nathan Braganza, Zenira D'Souza, Virginia Santos, Deidre Thomson, Sophie De Leon, Marvi Antonino, Oliver Perera

Thanksgiving:

Miriam Peiris



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

Church Calendar

May

Mon	17	8:30am - Mass
Tues	18	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	19	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	20	9:15am - Mass
Fri	21	9:15am - Mass
Sat	22	9am - Mass <i>Confession to follow</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass 7:30pm - Pentecost Celebration
Sun	23	<i>Pentecost</i> 7:30, 9am, 10:30am 6pm

COVID-19 NOTICES

Please check out the following sites for any and all updates:

NSW Health COVID site <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

NSW Government site <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>



Check in and help keep everyone safe

By law, some businesses, venues and events need you to check-in. For ease on contact tracing, as per NSW COVID regulation, a QR Code is displayed at both church doors for scanning purposes.



If you are not feeling well, please **DO NOT** come into church.

WEEKDAY MASSES do not require any on-line booking.

Sign in to register attendance, whether for mass or for visitation. Registration sheet and hand sanitisers can be found as you enter. Scan the QR Code posted by the doors. **Entry and exit is via the rear doors.**

WEEKEND MASSES (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) still require

ONLINE BOOKING via **Eventbrite** <https://john23rd.eventbrite.com.au/> until such time that further COVID legislation changes.

Please arrive 15mins before the mass times to give time for registration confirmation.

Arriving early will also give you time for reflection and prayer; quiet your thoughts before we start our communion with God.

Entrance and exit is via the front door.

If you are unable to attend your booked mass time, please ensure to cancel your booking to give a chance for others to attend the mass.

If you have not arrived in time (before mass starts) for your allocated booking, your spot will be given to those waiting/wanting to attend mass.

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE UPDATES ON COVID19

THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR LIFE OF PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH DESPITE CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURES.

For more updates and useful resources visit <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#faq>

The Diocese of Parramatta has communicated revised regulations to clergy, parishes, staff and the general public via a letter and online communication channels. These Diocesan guidelines are also available on the COVID-19 website at: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19/>

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for indoor venues (including places of worship), effective from 5pm, today 6 May 2021 to 12am Monday (10 May 2021). The following rule changes apply for venues across Greater Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Face Masks

Face masks will be made **mandatory** at all indoor venues

Singing

There should be no singing at any indoor venues, including at a place of worship.

There has been no change to the number of people allowed at places of worship and religious services. The maximum number of people will continue to only be limited by the 2 square metre rule.

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favour I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).



"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact Bart Sarlabus via email bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au

Novena prayers 7pm every Tuesday except every First Tuesday it's a Novena mass 7:30pm

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

May	4 Manalo	11 Javelosa	18 Sebastian	25 Jacob	
Jun	1 Paguinto	8 Shalini	15 Richards	22 Barnouti	29 Jacob
Jul	6 Tanganan	13 Ring	20 Deang	27 Jacob	
Aug	3 Ring	10 Lozada	17 Sebastian	24 Gan	31 Jacob
Sep	7 Manalo	14 Tanganan	21 Erasmus	28 Javelosa	
Oct	5 Erasmus	12 Sebastian	19 Shalini	26 Jacob	

Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

"Mary joins us, she fights at our side. She supports Christians in the fight against the forces of evil. Especially through prayer, through the Rosary. Hear me out, the Rosary. ... Do you pray the Rosary each day?" Pope Francis

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi

We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.



⇒ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact Krizzia Samonte on krizzia.samonte@gmail.com or the Parish Office.

⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Garden Bees - our gardens look magnificent thanks to the work of our abled parishioners but more help is needed. The commitment would be whatever time you can spare - a few hours a fortnight to assist in the maintenance of the church's garden surrounds.

Cleaners - we have four teams of cleaners who clean the church on a monthly cycle and four teams who clean the votive candle stands every few months. Both groups needs more bodies to help out, urgently. The commitment would be a few hours each month. For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au

⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, **WE NEED YOU**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

⇒ WEEKDAY WARRIORS

The church pews are undergoing refurbishment. We are looking for volunteers to help carry some pews down to the basement where they are being repaired. If you can assist, please let Fr Jolly know or call the parish office.



Parking Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Paying our debt together

FIRST COLLECTION - for the support of the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION - used to meet our parish running costs of the church and provide for ministry expenses; it is also needed to pay off our church mortgage.

Planned Giving Program as part of the second collection

A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the planning/budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or the website.

The Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system.

We encourage everyone to contribute financially as you leave by using the TapnGo machines or online via BPoint. We have TapnGo at both the doors.

Parish Notices



Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. Let us celebrate together through Liturgy, Cultural entertainment, fun, games and food.

Saturday Vigil - 22nd May 6pm mass and entertainment afterwards at St Marks Hub.

We would like to invite parishioners to dress up in their national attire representing their country of origin. We are also looking for performers for the night to showcase their multicultural talents. Of course, it would not be a great event without food. Let's make this a fiesta. (Following all the COVID restrictions, of course). We would like to invite different communities to provide/donate local delicacies for sharing.

Interested parties and for more information, please contact Nanette Gamboa on ngamboa2@bigpond.com or Techie Sarlabus on 0438 201436 or email techies@bigpond.com or email Wiranjan Peiris wira.peiris@yahoo.com.au.

Sunday 23rd May - 10:30am mass again come in your best national costume to be followed by morning tea.

A very kind and generous parishioner donated a Samsung 55 Inch TU8000 Crystal UHD 4K Smart which will be raffled off on the day.

Tickets are at \$5.00 each. Now on sale at the church foyer. Raffle will be drawn on 22nd May during the Pentecost fiesta. Proceeds from this raffle will go to the church fund.

Let us all come together and celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church!



SPONSOR A PEW

WE are refurbishing our church pews, as a cheaper alternative, to make mass attendance more comfortable and safe for everyone in the parish.

On this note, we would like to invite parishioners, if able, to sponsor a pew. It can be in memory of a deceased loved ones and wish to be remembered or it could be your family's gift to the parish community. It could also be a way of thanking God for the graces of a lovely family you have and the blessings you received from the Lord. Each pew will cost from \$2,500 each.

To remember the donor family and their loved ones, a small memorial plaque or Donated by plaque will be placed on each Pew, upon request.

If you are interested please contact the Parish office on 8883 5981

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. It is currently highly recommended that masks be worn to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

‘The Well’ offers new refreshment in 2021

The Well’ is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. A range of new resources for Holy Week and Easter will be uploaded this week, including a full re-enactment of the Passion of the Lord. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child’s baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

St Bernadette’s Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette’s Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact House of Welcome on office@houseofwelcome.com.au or (02) 9727 9290 or JRS on foodbank@jrs.org.au or (02) 9098 9336.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office’s in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the Smart Loving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Join the bellringers of St Patrick’s Cathedral

The Peal of Bells of St Patrick’s Cathedral have been officially installed. Bell ringing commences 10.30am Sundays ahead of the Solemn Mass. If you would like to enquire about learning to ring the bells, please contact Fr Christopher Del Rosario on Christopher.Del-Rosario@parracatholic.org. For further information, please visit <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/bellsofstpatricks/>

Catholic Outlook Lent/Easter edition out now!

Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on developing faith in the family as well as the highlights of Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from your local Catholic Church, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering tips, tricks and best practice in a variety of areas for healthy and productive parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. If you are on a council or work closely with our councils, claim this date. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652720 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series

CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St John with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May. These sessions, held from 9.30am to 2pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

BLAZE

BLAZE youth group is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall. Youth runs from 7:15 to 9pm and accommodate a fun and engaging night of faith-based talks encouraging teens to walk with Christ in a nurturing community. If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at blaze@john23rd.org.au

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Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

Youth Leaders

Anna Todhunter

Taylor Coutinho

Johnathan Soosaipillai

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Charlotte Todhunter

For all youth ministry enquiries, ✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au or
visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/> 🍷



Come and Join !

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

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Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIII%20Glenwood-StanhopeGardensParish>

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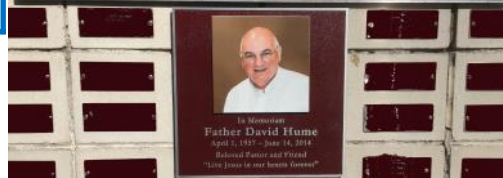


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MEMORIAL WALL

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