



Readings for
this week:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20



Readings for
next week

Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Liturgical Jotting

Trumpets

The response of the psalm on this feast day is: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord." Trumpets appear several times in the Old Testament as musical instrument in secular use: they sounded the entrance of the monarch, and the alarm for battle. Trumpets had religious uses: sounded assemblies, at the beginning of a feast day, one of several instruments in temple and for processions, sacrifices and dedications. In the New Testament they have apocalyptic overtones: the angels announced catastrophes (Rev 8:2-11), calls the chosen for the final judgment (Matt 24:31) and the dead are awakened (1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thess 4:16).

In early Christian worship no music instruments were used; the human voice provided the accompaniment to the chants. As pipes and pipe organs came into use, the sound of trumpets began to be heard, especially on Anzac Day for the Last Post and the Reveille.

Focus on the Readings

The lectionary on Ascension Day, Cycle B provide a choice for the second reading Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13. The alternative is rich in meaning on the mystery of the Lord's Ascension. While it has inspired several hymns: Fullness of God, There is One Lord, The Church's One Foundation, We Are One, St Paul was inspired by Psalm 68(67):19 by recognising the fruits of the Ascension: God's gifts to humankind are that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers.

Together with the earlier verses: "Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness patience, ... unity and peace, we get a picture of the Church community. Is Paul looking for perfect Christianity and an ideal church? He writes this letter imprisoned in Rome while he has much time for reflection and writing. He is very conscious of the challenges facing many church communities, so rather than an utopian church he seeks a church that responds to the demands of the day with those gifts and virtues. Today the church is disturbed by conflicts and divisions, mishandling of past errors that threatens in credibility and effectiveness. The words of Paul on the descent and ascent of Christ are reflected in the vocations and journeys of Christians today.

Ascension Poem

We sing to you, resurrected,
your sun rises on humanity,
you have emerged victorious from the shadow of the tomb,
the living sun of the new age.

The whole universe is brought to light
And finally able to call you "love".

A new song for the lost children:

The name of God given to us.

you who sleep, awaken,

the night sends out the signal to the bridegroom.

He comes to seek out believers,

"Amen" of the glory of the living God.

Daniel Hameline.

On the Lighter Side

A sea captain on a very dark night saw faint lights in the distance and sent a message, "Alter your course 10°S." A prompt message returned, "Alter your course 10°N." The captain was infuriated, "I am the captain of a large battleship. Alter your course 10°S!" Once again a prompt reply came, "Alter your course 10°N - I am a lighthouse."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Alma Moar
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Teresa Mutto, Peter Feehan, Felice Carrafa
	Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Jillian Taylor

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 13 May

Weekday Mass

Mon 13 May	No Mass
Tue 14 May	No Mass
Wed 15 May	9:15 Mass
Thur 16 May	No Mass
Fri 17 May	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 18 May	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 19 May	10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 20 May	No Mass
Tue 21 May	No Mass
Wed 22 May	9:15 am Mass
Thur 23 May	No Mass
Fri 24 May	No Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 25 May	No Mass
Sun 26 May	10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 1 June 5 pm

Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

28 April 2024 – \$632.60
4&5 May 2024 - \$392.25

Multicultural Mass – Pentecost Sunday 19 May 2024 10:30 am

Our Mass on Sunday 19th May 2024 will be a Multicultural Mass to celebrate Pentecost. The Readings and Prayers of the Faithful will be read in different languages representing our Parish.

Everyone is encouraged to wear something that represents your national costume.

Following Mass will be a luncheon in St Mary's Hall, please bring a plate to share that represents your culture.

Rosters

Saturday 18th May 6pm

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Reader: – Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession: -Peter Crombie
Gifts: – J Caifa/D Hamilton
Special Minister: – Not required

Sunday 19th May 10:30 am

Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Reader: – D Phelan/M Vraca
Gospel Procession: - Connie Serra
Gifts: – D Phelan/B Miller
Special Minister: – Evert Worm

Sunday 26th May 10:30 am

Commentator: – Rob Miller
Reader: – Ann Marie Nihill
Gospel Procession: - Doreen Corrigan
Gifts: – B & J Lowe
Special Minister: – Connie Serra

Catholic Care

At CatholicCare Victoria they empower communities and build strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Our services are offered to everyone in the community, regardless of age, race, gender, ability, religious beliefs or economic status. Strengthening families and communities. They support people at every stage of life, to build strong, positive relationships and reach their full potential. Offering services for Families, Couples, Refugees & Asylum Seekers, Individuals, Children & Youth, and Professionals.

Contact: Bendigo Office T 5438 1300, 176-178 McCrae Street, Bendigo. Open Monday – Friday 9am – 5 pm. E: Bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au



La Festa di Sant'Antonio di Padova

9 JUNE 2024

10:00 AM
Holy Mass

11:00 AM
Procession and Distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony

12:00 NOON
Community Lunch at St. Mel's Hall at the Primary School

Please note that while children receive free admission, we kindly request donations from adults at the entrance to help cover the expenses of the day.

St. Anthony

St Mel's Parish
18 Hamilton Street
Shepparton VIC 3630

Reflection Questions for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

<https://young-catholics.com/>

Trust and Patience: Reflect on a time when you had to wait for something important. How does the apostles' experience of waiting in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit help you understand the value of patience and trust in God's timing?

Spiritual Gifts: What gifts do you believe God has given you? How can you use these gifts to strengthen the unity and peace within your community?

Mission and Obedience: Jesus gave His disciples a clear command to spread the Gospel. How can you better follow this command in your daily life? What are some practical ways you can share your faith with others?

Signs of Faith: The Gospel mentions miraculous signs that followed the believers. How do you see the power of God working in your life or in the lives of others around you?

Reflection on Ascension: Why is the Ascension of Jesus significant to your faith? How does knowing that Jesus is in heaven interceding for us change the way you pray and live?

Looking Forward: The Feast of the Ascension Year B reminds us that Jesus will return. How does this promise impact your hope and perspective on life's challenges?

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord God,

In your plan of creation, you included mothers in your work of creating and nurturing new life. In you is found all the strength we need as we remember our mothers this Sunday.

O Jesus on the cross, you gave to the whole world your own mother. Since Mary is the model for all mothers, we turn to her with our own petitions and pray: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Liturgical Ministry Seminars:

These Seminars are being offered at St. Killian's Parish in Bendigo on Tuesday 21 May 2024, 5:30pm start and at St. Liborius Parish in Eaglehawk on Saturday, 25 May 2024 10:30am start.

Each seminar begins with a Keynote Presentation. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries.

This will be followed by a choice of three workshop options:

1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter;
2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; and
3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries.

For Bookings or more info refer to link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNRVB>

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura.

PO Box 110 Tatura VIC 3616, 03 5824 1049, e: tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Office Hours 8:30 am – 1 pm Wednesday & Friday