



# St Kieran's Parish - Osborne Park

## The Ascension of the Lord Solemnity

17th May 2026

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING:

Acts 1:1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

**Response:** 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:

Ephesians 1:17-23

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

All: Thanks be to God

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alléluia, alléluia !

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alléluia !

#### GOSPEL:

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>BAPTISM</b>	
1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
<b>CONFESSION</b>	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
<b>WEDDINGS &amp; FUNERALS</b>	
By appointment	
<b>PARISH CONTACTS</b>	
Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti Fr. Oscar Aguilera
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
Safeguarding Officer	Rose Arto
Parish Hall bookings	Judith: 0437908793
<b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm
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Mass intentions		
Sat	6:30pm	Pina Tati ( 2 mths)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9.00am	Antonina Ridolf Concetta Ciffolilli (3 yrs.) Giuseppe Letizia
	10:15am	Carmelo Fazio (1 mth) Alberto Leone Agnello (6 yrs.) Antonio Arfuso and Anna Ioppolo
	11:15am	
Readers		
Sat	6:30pm	Margot Harness & Carlo Consani
	7:30pm	
Sun	8.00am	Anne & Greg Diamond
	9:00am	Josefa Hazebroek & Zoran Vukojevic
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass ( <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month</b> )
Servers/Acolyte		
Sat	6:30pm	Pio, Demarco, Sebastian, Athena, Moses & Clelia <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	
Sun	8.00am	Gabriel, Jacob & Jonathon <i>Eugene</i>
	9:00am	Grace, Abigail, Ahinsa & Phoebe <i>Brendon &amp; Pedro</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>
Children's Liturgy		
Sun	9.00am	Josie & Natasha
Hospital		
By appointment		

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Thank you!*

## It is not Somewhere but Somehow

The feast of the Ascension has long suffered from the misfortune of being imagined badly. We picture, perhaps unconsciously, our Lord ascending as though He were some celestial aeronauts, rising through the clouds toward a remote corner of the cosmos where God happens to reside. But the Scriptures are never so childish as our imaginations. It is not Somewhere, but Somehow. Christ did not depart the world as one board a ship and sails beyond the horizon. Rather, He entered more deeply into reality itself. The Ascension is not the absence of Christ, but the transformation of His presence. For heaven is not elsewhere. Heaven is the dimension where God's will be perfectly accomplished. And in the Ascension, Jesus carries our humanity—our flesh, our wounded and redeemed nature—into that blazing life of God. The Son who took upon Himself human hands and human tears now enthrones that humanity at the right hand of the Father. And this changes everything. For if Christ has ascended with His human nature intact, then humanity is not discarded by God but destined for glory. The Ascension is therefore a feast of hope. Where He has gone, we are invited to follow. The Christian life is not merely moral improvement; it is preparation for divinisation, for participation in the very life of God. Yet notice carefully: the angels rebuke the apostles for staring into the sky. "Why do you stand looking upward?" Christianity has never been permission for dreamy escapism. The Ascended Christ reigns now as King. Seated at the Father's right hand, He governs history with divine authority. Every Caesar, every ideology, every worldly power that demands ultimate allegiance is thereby challenged. Only Christ is Lord. And because He reigns, He sends His Spirit. The Ascension leads directly to Pentecost. Christ withdraws His visible presence so that His mystical body, the Church, may become His instrument in every nation and century. Therefore, this feast is not an invitation to retreat from the world, but a summons to transform it. The same Jesus who ascended beyond sight is now closer to us than before—present in Word, Sacrament, and Spirit—and He says still to His disciples: Go into all the world.

## PARISH EVENTS

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Eugene Tresham on 0420 936 988 to arrange.

## MUSICIANS

If you are interested in playing during mass, please contact Lee Ignacio on 0450 392 256 to discuss.

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**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS  
CLASSES WILL START ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> @4:00PM**

## PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

This feast day falls on Monday 24th May for this year. In honour of this special day, there will be Mass at 8am on this Monday 24th of May.

## ACOLYTE AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Meeting- Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May- 6:00pm @ the church. If anyone is interested in becoming an Acolyte or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, please contact Fr Wilson or the parish office. If you do not have a working with children card, could you please apply for one.

**BINGO ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30AM THIS SUNDAY AT THE PARISH HALL**

# LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

## Prima Lettura

At 1,1-11

Nel primo racconto, o Teòfilo, ho trattato di tutto quello che Gesù fece e insegnò dagli inizi fino al giorno in cui fu assunto in cielo, dopo aver dato disposizioni agli apostoli che si era scelti per mezzo dello Spirito Santo. Egli si mostrò a essi vivo, dopo la sua passione, con molte prove, durante quaranta giorni, apparendo loro e parlando delle cose riguardanti il regno di Dio. Mentre si trovava a tavola con essi, ordinò loro di non allontanarsi da Gerusalemme, ma di attendere l'adempimento della promessa del Padre, «quella – disse – che voi avete udito da me: Giovanni battezzò con acqua, voi invece, tra non molti giorni, sarete battezzati in Spirito Santo». Quelli dunque che erano con lui gli domandavano: «Signore, è questo il tempo nel quale ricostituirai il regno per Israele?». Ma egli rispose: «Non spetta a voi conoscere tempi o momenti che il Padre ha riservato al suo potere, ma riceverete la forza dallo Spirito Santo che scenderà su di voi, e di me sarete testimoni a Gerusalemme, in tutta la Giudea e la Samarìa e fino ai confini della terra». Detto questo, mentre lo guardavano, fu elevato in alto e una nube lo sottrasse ai loro occhi. Essi stavano fissando il cielo mentre egli se ne andava, quand'ecco due uomini in bianche vesti si presentarono a loro e dissero: «Uomini di Galilea, perché state a guardare il cielo? Questo Gesù, che di mezzo a voi è stato assunto in cielo, verrà allo stesso modo in cui l'avete visto andare in cielo».

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te, O Cristo.

## SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 46

Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.

Popoli tutti, battete le mani! Acclamate Dio con grida di gioia, perché terribile è il Signore, l'Altissimo, grande re su tutta la terra. **R.**

Ascende Dio tra le acclamazioni, il Signore al suono di tromba. Cantate inni a Dio, cantate inni, cantate inni al nostro re, cantate inni. **R.**

Perché Dio è re di tutta la terra, cantate inni con arte. Dio regna sulle genti, Dio siede sul suo trono santo. **R.**

## SECONDA LETTURA

Ef 1,17-23

Fratelli, il Dio del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, il Padre della gloria, vi dia uno spirito di sapienza e di rivelazione per una profonda conoscenza di lui; illumini gli occhi del vostro cuore per farvi comprendere a quale speranza vi ha chiamati, quale tesoro di gloria racchiude la sua eredità fra i santi e qual è la straordinaria grandezza della sua potenza verso di noi, che crediamo, secondo l'efficacia della sua forza e del suo vigore. Egli la manifestò in Cristo, quando lo risuscitò dai morti e lo fece sedere alla sua destra nei cieli, al di sopra di ogni Principato e Potenza, al di sopra di ogni Forza e Dominazione e di ogni nome che viene nominato non solo nel tempo presente ma anche in quello futuro. Tutto infatti egli ha messo sotto i suoi piedi e lo ha dato alla Chiesa come capo su tutte le cose: essa è il corpo di lui, la pienezza di colui che è il perfetto compimento di tutte le cose.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

## CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Andate e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, dice il Signore. Ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo.

Alleluia!

## VANGELO

Mt 28,16-20

In quel tempo, gli undici discepoli andarono in Galilea, sul monte che Gesù aveva loro indicato. Quando lo videro, si prostrarono. Essi però dubitarono. Gesù si avvicinò e disse loro: «A me è stato dato ogni potere in cielo e sulla terra. Andate dunque e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, battezzandoli nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo, insegnando loro a osservare tutto ciò che vi ho comandato. Ed ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo».

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te, O Cristo.