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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year C

1 June 2025



The disciples' reaction to Jesus' absence after his Ascension starkly contrasts their reaction to him leaving at his death. After his death on the cross, they shut themselves in an upper room in fear. Now, they worship him and rejoice in the temple.

Clearly, after Jesus' Ascension, the disciples did not lose the sense that Jesus was still present among them. Something has changed. Jesus' return to God opens the way to glory for all who believe, and this is the source of their joy. He is beyond their sight yet truly with them, and he has repeated his promise to send the help they will need to undertake their mission in the world.

These final verses of the Gospel of Luke introduce what will become the story of his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles: *'Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'* The Acts describes how the Gospel is taken to all the nations - which is a story that continues to this day.

Making connections

How have you felt since you 'were clothed with power from on high' at the Easter ceremonies? 'You are witnesses to this.' Try defining what you are called to witness. In what ways can you attest to the truth of that?

Live joyfully this week. Try to bring joy to others. Practice continually praising God in all your small actions throughout your day.

Today's entrance antiphon is suitable as a prayer for this week:

*You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
praise the Lord who ascends to the highest heavens;
his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.*

Did You Know?

- The Gospel of Luke opens with Zechariah praying in the temple and closes with the disciples praying in the temple. The temple plays a critical role in Luke's account of Jesus' public life.
- Although the New Testament frequently mentions Jesus' ascension to the Father (Mark 16:19; John 6:62; John 20:17; Ephesians 4:8-10), only Luke describes the event itself, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles.
- The nine days between the ascension and Pentecost that the disciples spent praying together gave rise to the 'novena'—a devotional practice of praying in a focused way for a special intention over nine consecutive days.

<https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/exploring-the-word/2025/the-ascension-of-the-lord-year-c/>

SCRIPTURES FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — YEAR C

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9 **Response:** *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *Go and teach all people my gospel.*

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

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Saturday at 11am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sundays at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every while at 2pm

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

No Liturgy or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

27 May - 9am Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion

6 May - 9am Mass & Holy Hour

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of JUNE – 9am Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings – 2nd & 16th June



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

WINTER APPEAL - 21st/22nd June 2025

St. Rita's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its Annual Winter Appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd June 2025.

You made an enormous difference in 2024.

Funds are urgently needed to assist our local Members in their work with the many families and individuals living in our Parish area, who turn to us for help on a daily basis. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You!

Our sincere thanks
Fr. Pan for celebrating
Mass with us these past
three weekends, and for
attending to our spir-
itual needs. We pray
God will continue to
bless you.



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AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Caritas Receipts for Project Compassion are now available.

If you requested a receipt please collect yours from
the back table of the church. Thank you.



JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June
and welcome back Fr. Jose

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Our Newsletter is available via email.
Please contact the Parish Office if you wish the
newsletter to be emailed to you.

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information: please contact the Parish Office and
your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Group meets on **every Tuesday** at
7pm in St Rita's Church. **All Welcome!**

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome you and your family.
*If you have recently moved into this area we invite
you to join our Parish.*

Please contact the Parish Office on (07) 3207 9177
or Email: victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

**Liturgies will be held on Monday 2nd,
Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th June.**

**Fr. Jose will celebrate Mass & Holy
Hour on Friday 6th June at 9am.**

Feast Days of June

Sunday 1st
Monday 2nd
Tuesday 3rd
Thursday 5th
Friday 6th

The Ascension of the Lord
Sts Marcellinus & Peter
St Charles Lwanga & Companions
St Boniface
St Norbet
St Marcellin Champagnat

Sunday 8th
Monday 9th
Wednesday 11th
Friday 13th

Pentecost
Mary, Mother of the Church
St Barnabas, Apostle
St Anthony of Padua

Sunday 15th
Thursday 19th
Saturday 21st

The Most Holy Trinity
St Romuald
St Aloysius Gonzaga

Sunday 22nd
Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th
Friday 27th
Saturday 28th

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
St Paulinus of Nola
St John the Baptist
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Sunday 29th
Monday 30th

Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
The First Martyrs of the Holy Catholic
Church

On the Feast of Corpus Christi,

the Catholic Church honours the Real Presence of
Jesus in the Eucharist, "For my flesh is real food and
my blood is real drink" (John 6:55). Processing with
the Blessed Sacrament through the streets is a tradi-
tion that is embraced all over the world and continues
today.

The Corpus Christi Procession, presided by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge will start at 2pm from
the Cathedral of St Stephen, walk through the city
streets and finish with Benediction at the Cathedral.

For additional information, please visit the Corpus
Christi website at [https://
www.corpuschristibrisbane.com](https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com) or
contact us at inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au

All are invited and all are welcome!

Date & Time: Sunday, 22nd of June 2025 at 2pm
Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City
Cost: Free

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Colleen Ashe, Laval Bosquet, Kathleen Berton and Thomas Berton.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Vincent Ghisleni and Cido Zimunhu.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:

BSB: 064 786 Account No: 100027374 Account Name: Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via parish office



20th Anniversary Celebration
Church of the Holy Spirit, Macleay Island
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INFORMATION RE TRAVELLING TO MACLEAY ISLAND FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

*Bay Island parishioners look forward to welcoming
St. Rita's parishioners
to our 20th anniversary celebrations*

Sunday 8 June 2025 - Mass is at 1:45 pm.

Lifts will be provided from Macleay Island jetty to the Church.

The passenger ferry will depart from Redland Bay Marina at 1:pm and arrive at Macleay Island at 1:23 p.m.

Please note that parking at Redland Bay can be difficult to find and may require a walk of up to 15 minutes to the Marina.

Alternatively - the 280 and 250 bus routes depart Victoria Point Central for the Marina at 12:34 and 12:43 p.m.

Should you miss the 1:00 p.m. ferry, another departs at 1:15 p.m.

**All travelling details are on flyers on the church tables
please take one**



Baptism Congratulations

*During the month of May we welcomed
into our community:*

Briella Hatch

Jude Dowling

Kaytlin Fernando

*May you always have the Flame of Faith
alive in your hearts*

The Power of Fatherhood

a parent night not just for dads, but for all.

Come be equipped with practical tools to help navigate challenges - from work-life balance to communication skills and so much more.

Joined by **Deacon Peter Pellican, PhD**, Executive Director of Archdiocesan Ministries, **Robert Falzon**, author and co-founder of menAlive, and **Chantale Wilson**, Director of Children and Families at Archdiocesan Ministries.

**Join us in-person or tune in via livestream
from home - pick up a flyer at church**

Date: Wednesday 25th June

Cost: \$15 in person OR

\$10 Online Live Stream

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)

RSVP: Monday 23rd June

Free parking available underneath the Cathedral

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Celebration of God's Mercy

For children preparing for
First Holy Communion

*Children please bring your Workbook and
Mass Attendance Card*

on Wednesday 11 June

5:30pm to 6:30pm at St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

*If you wish to find out more, please email the Sacramental Coordinator,
Jennifer Fielding on sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au*



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. (Pope Francis)



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