



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year B

Weekend of May 12/13, 2018

*Incorporating the worshipping community
of St Patrick's Fortitude Valley*

Each weekend when we gather for Mass we proclaim the Creed, our universal profession of faith. As one sentence follows the next, the phrase 'He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father' trips off the tongue, sometimes without giving it much thought. Yet today, as we celebrate the Ascension, it should really claim our focus.

The Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord, and the subsequent coming of the Holy Spirit, these we talk about a great deal, and not just during Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The Ascension is much less mentioned, which is a shame because it is both an ending and a beginning. The physical appearances of Jesus are at an end; his revelation of the "good news" is complete; the promise of the Messiah is fulfilled. Now begins the work of the disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

From that rag tag collection of fishermen, tax collectors and peasants the Good News has been proclaimed and the responsibility for its continued proclamation is entrusted to Christ's disciples of every time and every place. This is the sacred responsibility that, today, all of us here at the Cathedral commits to.

If you listen carefully today you will notice that, just before his Ascension, Jesus gives a last command: '**go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel**'. That sounds challenging and dramatic. And then he adds a strange list of things that will characterise believers who obey this command: '**they will drive out demons, speak new**

languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands'.

I always thought that list was strange and a little out of place, until I reflected on my own experience of working in the West Indies. Before I left I received plenty of advice; don't drink the water, be cautious of the street food and double check the hygiene, watch out for mosquitoes and dengue fever. While there were no snakes on my little island there were plenty of scorpions which could give a nasty sting!

So when you think about the things on Christ's list they are simply the things that any person might worry about if they were travelling to unknown or dangerous places. **The point is, don't use them as an excuse for not going!**

If we are commissioned to go out to the whole world it necessarily means moving beyond our safe little worlds into places and situations which test our nerves, compassion and courage. Further, to go out to the whole world need not mean to travel far, perhaps simply across a neighbour's fence, a classmate's lunchbox, a work colleague's desk or a family member's telephone.

Whatever roads the journey of faith takes us on this week we are reassured, on this Feast of the Ascension, that the care of the Lord encompasses those who travel in his service.

Fr Peter Brannelly
Dean

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

Fr Peter Brannelly; Fr Odinaka Nwadike; Fr Thomas Ismoyo

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Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral ; 5.10pm Chapel
Saturday 11.30am

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley Sunday 9.00am; 12 noon

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.15pm

Benediction Monday to Friday 12.15pm

We are nearing the end of our Easter Season as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, and then Pentecost Sunday next weekend. Both of these feasts help us to further make connections to the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ with our own life, death, and resurrection. As soon as we think of the great feast of Pentecost we think of the Holy Spirit and the colour **RED** which so powerfully symbolises this feast and the working of the Holy Spirit. **Next weekend why don't we all, as a community, try and wear something RED**, and during the course of living this week contemplate what that item of clothing might be. It certainly is a practical way of preparing for **PENTECOST!**

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and keep in our prayers our Archbishop who was elected President of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference at their biannual plenary meeting which just concluded last week in Sydney. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) is the national episcopal conference of the Catholic bishops of Australia and is the forum for our bishops to act nationally and address issues of national significance and concern.

175TH ANNIVERSARY

This **Monday, May 14th**, will mark the 175th anniversary of the first mass being celebrated in Brisbane. On May 13th Archbishop Polding and Fr Snell arrived at "Queen's Wharf" and probably stayed overnight at McAdam's Sovereign Hotel in Queen Street. The next day Archbishop Polding celebrated mass "in a temporary chapel" which was probably a disused barn in Elizabeth Street - most likely up where the Myer Centre is now. From humble beginnings we give thanks to God for the many blessings showered upon the Church of Brisbane and for the sacrifices and vision of those pioneering Catholics who *handed on the faith* to us.

CATHEDRAL HIGH TEA Next weekend 19/20 May

Following Mass on next Saturday evening, you are invited to join our 6pm Mass crew in the Hanly Room for a cuppa and nibbles. Our Cathedral High Tea will be held on Sunday following the 8.00am & 10.00am Masses. Join us outside the Francis Rush Centre for coffee and donuts and enjoy fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Next weekend, Carmel Devery will be at the Cathedral High Tea on **Sunday 20th May** from 9am-10am and again between 11am - 11.45am to accept volunteer Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion paperwork associated with our commitment to providing a safe environment for everyone who attends Mass at the Cathedral parish. Forms can also be returned, as follows:

- email: deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au;
- Post: GPO Box 282, Brisbane 4001;
- Cathedral office: Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm;
- Sacristy: Monday to Friday or weekends; or
- Via the Collection Plate at Mass.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS

The Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers invite you to a talk and discussion on *Sacred Architecture as it relates to the Cathedral*. The talk is to be held on **Thursday, 24 May 2018** beginning at **10.00am**, in the Hanly Room, of the Francis Rush Centre. If you wish to join us please contact the Cathedral Office, cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; 3324 3030.

THEOLOGY IN THE CITY LECTURE SERIES

Throughout the year your Cathedral Parish hosts the THEOLOGY IN THE CITY LECTURE SERIES. The aim of these gatherings is to form people more deeply in their faith as well as increase their theological knowledge. The third lecture in a series of six for 2018 is entitled - "*Many Shades of Grey - Pop culture and human dignity*", presented by Paul Ninnes - Managing Director of Real Talk Australia. The gathering takes place at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre on **Tuesday, May 29th from 7pm to 8:30pm** (light refreshments available from 6:30pm). The cost is only \$5 and for further details please email: pblom@bne.catholic.edu.au or www.facebook.com/TheologyCity.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

As a community we continue to pray for the young boys and girls who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Here at the Cathedral we will celebrate First Holy Communion on the weekend of **3rd June** and the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10am Solemn Mass on **Sunday 10th June**.

MASS IN FRENCH

Fr Tom Elich will celebrate the Mass in French at Sts Peter and Paul Church (Bulimba Parish) on **Sunday 27 May**. These Masses are held quarterly and this is the second for 2018. The Mass starts at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Brisbane Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession, Rosary & Benediction will be held on **Sunday 3rd June 2018**. Commencing at the Cathedral at 2.00pm and through the streets of Brisbane city. The event will be livestreamed <https://www.facebook.com/events/1249531265162307>

VOCATION DINNER

Each year Archbishop Coleridge welcomes to his house "Wynberg" those discerning their vocation to priesthood or to religious life. It is a chance to talk and share experiences around dinner table. This year the Archbishop once again extends a warm invitation to those women and men who are discerning their vocation. The **Archbishop's Dinner for women is on June 26th** and the **Archbishop's Dinner for men is on June 28th**. For further information please contact Fr Peter, Fr Odinaka or the Vocations Co-ordinator, Fr Stanley on 33369203.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY Medicines for Timor-Leste

Household medicines such as Panadol and Nurofen are common and relatively inexpensive here in Australia but in Timor-Leste they are expensive and often in short supply. Once again this year our Cathedral Young Adults group are coordinating a medicine drive appealing for household medicines which will be collected and sent to Timor-Leste. All donations must be new, unopened and with a 2019+ expiry date. Your donations can be left in the box adjacent to the priest's sacristy or at the parish office. Thank you for your support.

IN TRANSITION

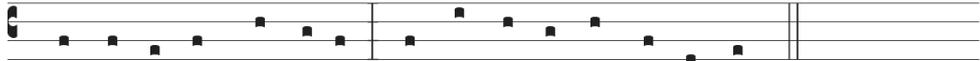
Congratulations to **Megan Marcelis & Frazer Ross** and **Sarah Gerard & Paul Pender** who were married at the Cathedral this weekend and **Sarah Watkin & Owen Brown** who were married at St Patrick's.

With joy we welcome **Douglas Banks, Rafael de Souza King and Mariella Panantaon** who were baptised at the Cathedral, and **Oscar Grugan** who will be baptised at St Patrick's this weekend.

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

The music is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II for all Masses, available from our Welcomers at the entrances or on the pew seats. The 10:00am Solemn Mass is led by the Cathedral Choir.

The 12:00pm Mass is led by the Cathedral Schola. All other Masses are led by a cantor.

	6:00PM 8:00AM	12:00PM	7:30PM
Processional	CWB 376	CWB 376	CWB 377
Kyrie	CWB 4b	CWB 4b	CWB 4b
Gloria	CWB 5	CWB 5	CWB 5
First Reading	Acts 1:1-11		
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 46:2-3, 6-9		
 <p>℣ God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.</p>			
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:1-13		
Gospel Acclamation	Matthew 28: 19, 20		
 <p>℣ Al-le- lu- ia, al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu- ia.</p>			
Gospel	Mark 16:15-20		
Offertory		Ascendit Deus Palestrina	CWB 398
Sanctus	CWB 11a	CWB 11a	CWB 11a
Memorial Acclamation	CWB 12a		
Agnus Dei	CWB 17a	CWB 17a	CWB 17a
Communion Hymn	CWB 482	CWB 482	CWB 164
Recessional	CWB 503	CWB 503	CWB 372

OFFERTORY MOTET

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia.

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. He gave gifts to men. Alleluia.

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

COMMUNION MOTET

Coelos ascendit hodie Jesus Christus Rex gloriae. Sedet ad Patris dexteram, Gubernat coelum et terram. Jam finem habent omnia Patris Davidis carmina. Jam Dominus cum Domino Sedet in Dei solio. In hoc triumpho maximo Benedicamus Domino. Laudatur Sancta Trinitas. Deo dicamus gratias.

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, has ascended today into the heavens. He sits at the right hand of the Father and rules heaven and earth. Now all the psalms of David, our father, are fulfilled. Now the Lord sits with the Lord on the seat of God. In this greatest of triumphs let us bless the Lord. The Holy Trinity be glorified. Let us give thanks to God.

Music: C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Happy Mothers' Day

Hope you enjoyed breakfast in bed!

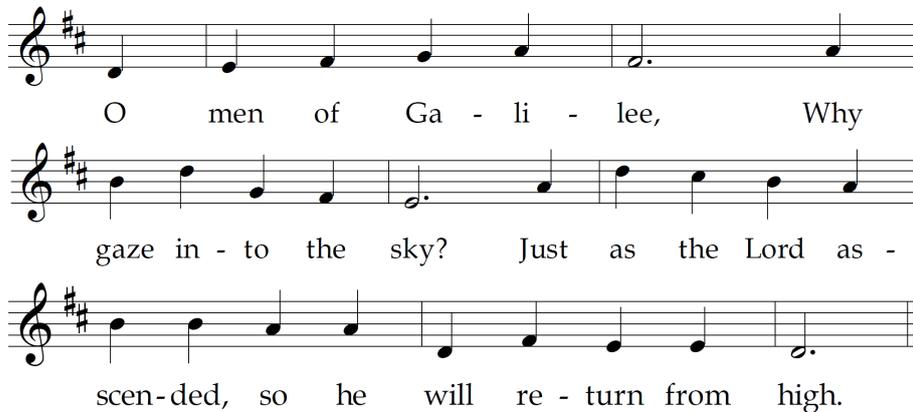
Music at the 10.00am Solemn Mass

Celebrant: Fr Peter Brannelly

ENTRANCE SONG

Acts 1: 11.

At the sound of the bell, the Cathedral Choir processes from the Sacristy singing the Introit. The assembly **responds** as the Choir and Ministers process towards the altar with the following translation of the Introit text. The first verse (which is the Antiphon) is repeated after the third verse.



O men of Ga - li - lee, Why
gaze in - to the sky? Just as the Lord as -
scen-ded, so he will re - turn from high.

2. All peoples, clap your hands,
To God with joy now sing.
The Lord, the Awesome,
the Most High,
O'er all the earth is King.
3. God has gone up with shouts,
Amid the trumpet's blast.
Sing praises to the God
our King,
And let this music last.

R./ O men of Galilee...

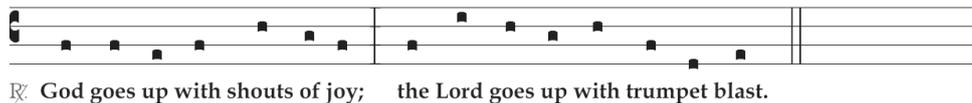
KYRIE & GLORIA

Missa Philippina

Manuel Cardoso (1566-1650)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9



God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 28:19, 20



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Ps 46: 6.

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia.

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. He gave gifts to men. Alleluia.

Music: Ferdinand Schaller (1875-1921)

SANCTUS

CWB 11a

The cantor and assembly **sing together** to the end of 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'; the Cathedral Choir then sings a choral extension 'Hosanna in excelsis' from Missa Philippina (Cardoso).

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CWB 12a

AGNUS DEI

CWB 17b

The Agnus Dei is sung in **alternation** with the choir: the cantor and assembly sing the **first and last** invocations; the Cathedral Choir sings the remaining invocation to a setting from Missa Philippina (Guerrero).

COMMUNION ANTIPHON & PSALM

Mark 16 : 17.

Signa eos qui in me credunt, haec sequentur: daemones eicient: super aegros manus imponent, et bene habebunt, alleluia.

These are the signs that will be associated with those who believe in me: they will cast out devils; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYM

Draw near and take the Body of the Lord

CWB 482

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Christ ist erstanden BWV 627

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

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Your Journey Home

We sincerely thank our visitors for worshipping with us at the Cathedral of St Stephen. You are welcome. On your journey home, remember, life is a journey; you decide to be a pilgrim or a tourist. Upon entering this sacred space, you have become a pilgrim. *"The place on which you are standing now is holy ground"* (Exodus 3:5). May the blessings of the journey remain with you always. Vaya con Dios!