

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

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. **Response.**

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. **Response.**

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. **Response.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 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: Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Acts 2: 1-11;
1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13;
Jn 20: 19-23.**

Safeguarding our community: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**



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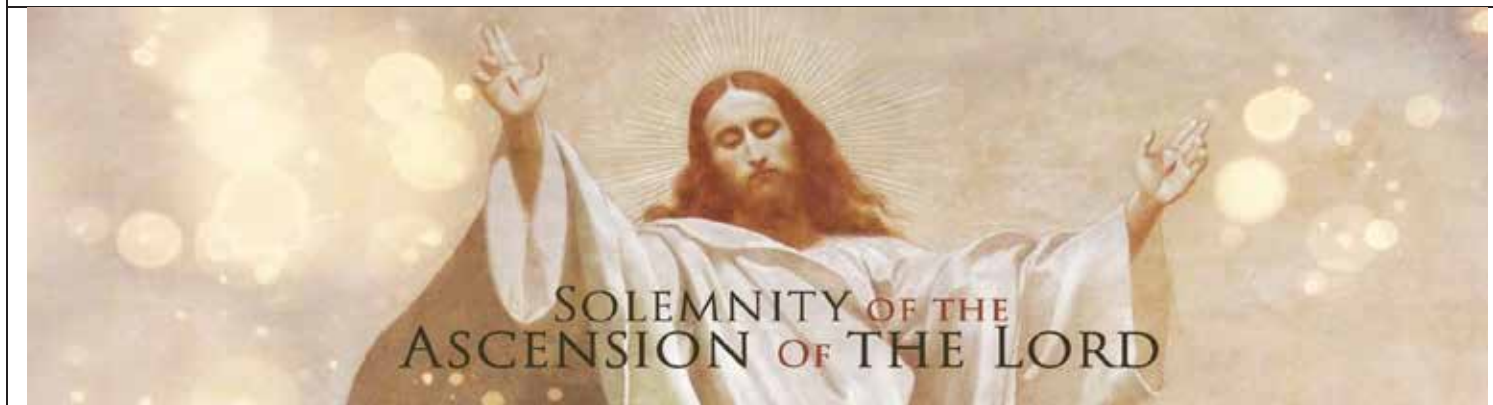
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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY: 9.15am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage: By appointment.
Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.



20th / 21st May 2023

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.

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20 / 21 MAY 2023 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
READER	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	A PLEADIN		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY, NIARA PAREKELEM & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA, ANNABELLE BOGER & LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
COUNTERS	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHEL M PEARCE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	A NAGANATHAN	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

27 / 28 MAY 2023 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
READER	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTION	V PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
COUNTERS	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN A NAGANATHAN D TAN		
ALTAR FLOWERS	J KEYSER	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially John De Souza.

Please pray for those who are sick and struggling with an illness especially Julian Santa Maria and Michael Hahn.



Annual General Meeting this Sunday at 11.30am.

All parishioners are invited to come over for a cuppa in the school hall after the 10am Mass and to join the meeting where Fr Roberto will report on his years here at Denistone, update you all on the parish finances, accept the resignation of all the current councillors and then re-form the council with new councillors from the nominations received over the past few weeks.

If you were nominated, then please come to the Annual General Meeting this Sunday.



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

- **Parent & Candidate Sessions:** Continue on WEDNESDAY'S the 24th and 31st May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 3rd June at 4pm in the Church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 4th June at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.



Prayer and Reflection Group.

Come and join our Tuesday evenings "Prayer and Reflection Group" held in the school hall at 7.30pm. This week we will have a Liturgy of the Word. Everyone is welcome to attend any week you are free with no obligation to come each and every week.



Safeguarding Children Training for all parishioners.

This is very important training for all our volunteers especially:

ACOLYTES, CATECHISTS, READERS, OFFERTORY, WARDENS.

In fact, we strongly encourage all our parish volunteers and parishioners to attend, especially those who have previously provided us with their WWC number.



Training dates are:

Sunday the 28th May at 7.30pm,

Sunday the 4th June at 7.30pm

and also on **Wednesday the 7th June at 7.30pm.**

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH.

This training needs to be refreshed every 3 years. Our last parish training was in 2019. That is why this is essential that people take the time to show up. Please write your name and email address on the clipboards noting which session you will attend.

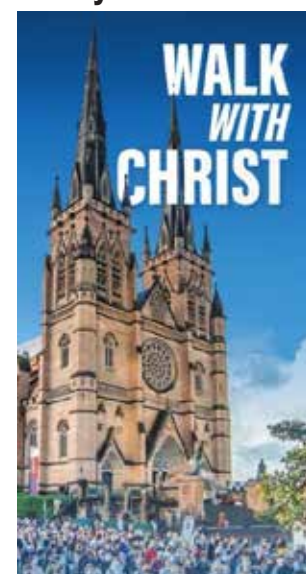


Month of May - Month of Mary.

Pray the rosary during May, praying for your needs and peace in this dark and violent world.

Walk with Christ - Sunday 11 June.

Join Catholics from across greater Sydney for the Walk with Christ procession through central Sydney to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi when Christ reminds us as Catholics that He will be with us till the end of time through His real presence in the Holy Eucharist. 1pm Festival in Martin Place. The procession begins at 2.30pm from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street. **Those interested from the parish add their name to the clipboard in the church foyer.**



This way we can decide if we need to hire a large or a smaller bus.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

Pentecost is the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Catholic Church.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of the mission to make disciples of all nations. It marks the beginning of the Christian church's announcement of the Gospel to the world.



To help us all celebrate, the parents from the school, will be organising a "Cuppa" after the 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to stay.



Flowers for the Church.

We need more volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry. So please consider if you can help out once a month. A great idea is to do it with a friend and use it as a catch-up time for you both. We ask the rostered volunteers to buy the flowers they are to arrange and then give the receipts to Gayle in the Parish office. All monies will be fully reimbursed.



Our Lady, Help of Christians – Patroness of Australia.

This Wednesday come and celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Help of Christians at 9am Mass. Come and pray for blessings for yourselves, your family and your country.



Podcast - The Catechism in a Year.

"The Catechism in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 episodes. Why not try it whilst having your morning coffee each day. Simply click on the podcast icon on your phone and search "Fr Mike Schmitz catholic". As a result, you get to click on the podcast "The Catechism in a Year (with Fr Mike Schmitz). Then you can listen to a daily segment on Catholic Doctrine and familiarize yourself again with catholic teachings.

