

**FIRST READING:** (continued)

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.**

**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:** Eph 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:** Mk 16:15-20

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**  
*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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; Gal 5:16-25;**

**Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15.**



**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.**

**MOBILE PHONES AT MASS.**

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.



**PARISH OF ST. THERESE, DENISTONE**

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**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL:

6:00 pm.

SUNDAY:

8:00 am and 10.00 am.

MONDAY:

9.30am Communion Service.

TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:

9.00 am Mass.

FRIDAY:

9.00 am Mass.

Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.

RECONCILIATION:

Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.

BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS:

Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.

Baptism:

Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage:

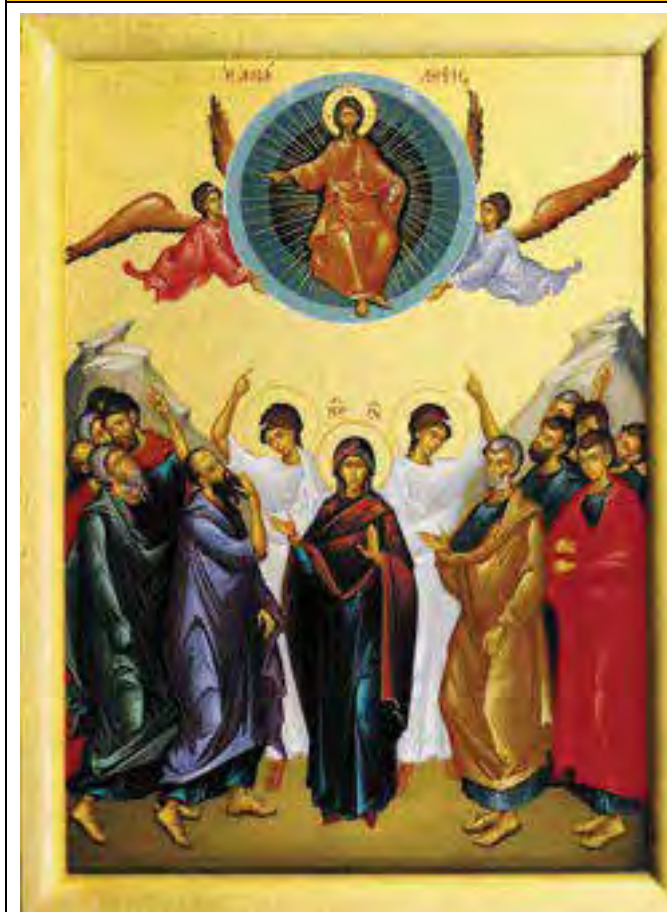
By appointment.

Anointing of the sick:

Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Year B)**

**11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



**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.'

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**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.**



**11 / 12 MAY 2024 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

|               |  |                                 |  |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
|               | <b>SATURDAY 6.00PM</b>                                 | <b>SUNDAY 8.00AM</b>            | <b>SUNDAY 10AM</b>                     |
| ACOLYTE       | T DABBAH   | P TREACY                        | C LAYOUN / MONALISA CORONA             |
| READER        | B CLARK / M O'DONOGHUE                                 |                                 | VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED                |
| OFFERTORY     | DABBAH FAMILY  | NIL                             | NA                                     |
| PROJECTION    | T MORFUNI  |                                 | GRP 6: ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE |
| ALTAR SERVERS | GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY |                                 | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED                      |
| WELCOMERS     | ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG                                 |                                 |  |
| MUSICIANS     | SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR                        |                                 |  |
| COUNTERS      | GROUP 5: ROBERT WHITE GAYLE WHITE PHILIP PAREKALAM     |                                 |  |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | NONIE HAHN   | MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE |  |

**18 / 19 MAY 2024 – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

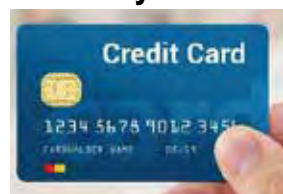
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| ACOLYTE       | R MORFUNI   | D D'MELLO                       | J RAPER   |
| READER        | LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER                           | SHERRY JAYAMMANE                | FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS                            |
| OFFERTORY     | DABBAH FAMILY   |                                 | FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS                            |
| PROJECTION    | A PLEADIN   | NIL                             | SCHOOL  |
| ALTAR SERVERS | GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY & FREDERICK LI              |                                 | GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO |
| WELCOMERS     | ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG                                |                                 | FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS                            |
| MUSICIANS     | SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR                       |                                 | FAMILY MASS ST THERESE SCHOOL                     |
| COUNTERS      | GROUP 6: ROBERT LEUNG STEPHEN RATH PATRICIA BRODERICK |                                 |   |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | ANNE MARIE NAGANATHAN                                 | MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE |   |

**Finance Committee presentation**

The Parish Pastoral Finance Committee presented an update on our parish finances on the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> May at all Masses. Moving forward the Parish Finance Committee will present an annual update.

**Like to help the Parish with a Monthly Donation?**

Would you like to help support the parish with a monthly donation?



If so, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a credit card authority form to be emailed to you OR we can organise a set of Planned Giving envelopes.

**Parish Council meeting update (9/5/2024)**

Parish to join 'Walk With Christ' on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. St Killian's candle stand to be installed in front of St Therese statue. TV monitors to replace overhead screen. Fund raising dinner to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.

**New TV for school hall.**

The Parish has purchased a TV for the school to aid with the Scaramental Programs.

**Catholic Parish Of St Therese Denistone**

**Profit & Loss with Last Year  
July 2023 To February 2024**

|                                  | This Year            | Last Year            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Parish Receipts</b>           |                      |                      |
| Envelopes                        | \$33,421.29          | \$34,724.00          |
| Loose collections & Tap & Go     | \$19,356.45          | \$15,435.65          |
| Donations Received               | \$4,665.00           | \$500.00             |
| Pastoral Expenses Recouped       | \$1,235.00           | \$1,420.00           |
| Other Income                     | \$26,242.42          | \$30,233.36          |
| <b>Total Parish Receipts</b>     | <b>\$84,920.16</b>   | <b>\$82,313.01</b>   |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>              | <b>\$84,920.16</b>   | <b>\$82,313.01</b>   |
| <b>Parish Payments</b>           |                      |                      |
| Altar & church requisites-Parish | \$12,378.95          | \$3,588.67           |
| Fundraising & Functions Expense  | \$3,433.25           | \$1,786.32           |
| Insurance-Parish                 | \$16,478.38          | \$17,646.73          |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses           | \$6,861.26           | \$5,507.83           |
| Repairs & Maintenance - Parish   | \$19,416.17          | \$25,599.65          |
| Employment Expenses              | \$41,481.63          | \$32,131.21          |
| Pastoral Expenses                | \$2,682.67           | \$1,255.30           |
| Other Parish Expenses            | \$11,366.76          | \$14,951.75          |
| Equip Furn & Fittings - Parish   | \$6,812.29           | \$0.00               |
| <b>Total Parish Payments</b>     | <b>\$120,911.36</b>  | <b>\$102,467.46</b>  |
| <b>Parish Profit/(Loss)</b>      | <b>(\$35,991.20)</b> | <b>(\$20,154.45)</b> |

**PARISH NOTICES:**

**Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.**



We pray for our dearly departed:

- **Dorris and Lou Whiting (Anniversary)**
- **Elizabeth Ellesmere – Her funeral will be held on Tues 04<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am at St Therese Parish.**
- **Margaret Warner – Her funeral will be held on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am at St Charles Parish, Putney**

**Fr Simon Is away this weekend.**

Whilst Fr Simon is away, weekend 11/12 May we have covered the Masses with priests from St Charles as Fr Simon is having the weekend off.

**First Holy Communion at St Therese.**

Parents, please add the dates mentioned below to your diaries:

- PARENT & CANDIDATE sessions of Instruction continue: To be held on Wednesday's 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May in St Therese School commencing at 7pm.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3pm in the Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10am.

**Attention all Catechists.**

A reminder that our Term 2 meeting will be held on Tuesday on the 14<sup>th</sup> May in the presbytery, beginning 10.30am. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

**Family Mass and a Cuppa will be held next weekend 19 May**

Family Mass NEXT weekend at 10am followed with "CUPPA" hosted by our school. Everyone is most welcome to stay back and have a "cuppa" with parish friends.



Parents need to be watchful of their children as they are responsible for keeping them safe.

**Walk with Christ – Feast of Corpus Christi  
02 June 2024**

Festival: Martin Place from 1pm  
Procession: Begins at 2:30pm, cnr Martin Place & Pitt St  
The Parish will be arranging transport.  
There is a list at the front of the church for people interested in attending. Please fill in your details so we can establish the number of people wishing to attend and so we can make appropriate transport requirements.

**Parish of St Therese Pilgrimage.**

There is still time to consider joining our "Graces of France and Italy Pilgrimage". Please take a brochure from the front foyer and see if you are interested in joining our group for such a rewarding and faith building trip.



**Parish Dinner.**

The Parish Events Committee is organising a parish dinner on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm.

**Please mark this date in your diaries.**

This dinner will be to raise funds to do some painting and to update the confessionals.

More details of this evening will be available in the coming weeks.



**Happy Mother's Day**

We wish all the Mothers of our parish a great day with their families and many blessings upon them on this special day!

**A Mothers' Day Prayer**

Thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years.

She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others.

She taught me that it was okay to cry And that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her.

Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

**Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!**

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