

**STAR OF THE SEA**



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

***Star of the Sea Catholic Parish***

Cleveland, Ormiston, Raby Bay, Thornlands and Stradbroke Island.

*We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.*

**Star News 24 May 2020 - Year A  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Parish Mission:**

*The Star of the Sea is a welcoming community dedicated to sharing the light of Christ in the spirit of faith and love. We reach out to the service of others, thereby enriching our value of parish life.*

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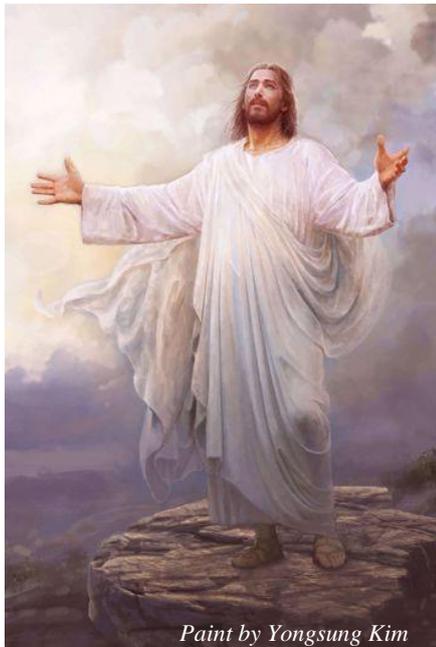
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Paint by Yongsung Kim

Dear Friends,

During the early years of space travel, the atheist Russian leader, Nikita Khrushchev, once ridiculed Christianity by remarking that his cosmonauts, on their journey in space, had never seen Jesus passing by. Today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles written by Luke, is the only place in the Scriptures that describes Jesus leaving his disciples by ascending into the clouds. "As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight." The disciples are described as staring into the sky when 'two men in white' tell them that "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".

For the people of Jesus' time, including the Apostles, their view of the cosmos was that over the flat earth

was a solid vault of sky above which was God's throne.

Heaven, for them, was beyond the sky. So what do we think about the 'where' of heaven? In our present day we regard heaven as a "state of blessedness with God in a place that is "cosmologically undeterminable". Heaven as a 'state' not a place; concepts not easy to grasp.

Nikita Khrushchev knew this story from the Acts and even though he was making fun of Christianity, he did point out a fact that he knew where heaven wasn't. It's not a 'place' in outer space.

Those popular works of art showing Jesus ascending beyond the clouds, paint this Acts' story and attempt to capture on canvas, what the end of Jesus' ministry on earth looked like.

Jesus had risen from the dead and had continued to appear to his disciples but the time had come for him to return to the Father. So no matter how or when Jesus returned to the Father, before he left he delivered his final instructions. He commissioned his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. What an overwhelming assignment for eleven humble Galileans to receive a commission to go out and conquer the world. This command wasn't only to them but applies with equal force to all of us who call ourselves disciples.

**WEEK DAY  
MASSES**

**PHISICAL MASS  
ATTENDANCE  
HAS BEEN  
CANCELLED  
TILL NEW  
ADVICE.**

**Sunday 8.30am  
Online Mass  
available from  
our new  
FACEBOOK  
PAGE:**

<https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>

**ALL GROUP  
GATHERINGS**

Cancelled till new  
advice



This amazing command is only possible of fulfilment, because of the concluding words of Jesus: "Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." This feast of the Ascension is not just a time to commemorate a departure but rather to celebrate the living and lasting presence of Jesus, who at his birth was called 'Emmanuel' which means 'God is with us.' Jesus is still God with us.

Our Gospel today from the very end of Matthew's Gospel, doesn't mention how Jesus departed from his disciples. It simply recalls how Jesus met them on the mountain that "He had arranged to meet them" and proceeded to give his final instructions, words we all know so well: "All authority on heaven and 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 to you. And know that am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

God bless,

**Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest**

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## **PARISH NEWS**

A vibrant poster for a Pentecost event. The background is a bright, fiery orange and yellow, with a large, glowing sun or fireball in the upper left. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of a crowd of people with their hands raised in praise. The text is written in a mix of elegant cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. The 'connected youth' logo is in the top right corner. The event details are in the center, and the COVID-19 guidelines are at the bottom.

**Pentecost**  
*- catch the fire -*  
*praise & worship*  
*reflection & prayer*

**connected youth**

REGISTRATION  
Contact Ella  
0499 024 309

*28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> May @ 6.30pm, Star of the Sea Hall*

Keeping all Government, State and Archdiocese of Brisbane guidelines for COVID-19  
Maximum 6 participants for each session, first come first serve, rego essential

**PENTECOST – CATCH THE FIRE:** An invitation to parents to join Connected Youth for a wonderful time as we reflect upon the Pentecost and experience the Holy Spirit! Just choose a day and call Ella to register. Looking forward to having a cuppa and share the Holy Spirit as we 'catch the fire'!

### **STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:**

Look for us on Facebook. We will be live streaming Mass from the Star of the Sea Church, this Sunday at 8.30 am. Following is the link for our NEW Facebook page where the Masses will be streamed.

Please "Like" the page to receive future notices:

<https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>

**PLEASE NOTE:** the Mass for the people is not possible for the time being. Only parishioners with a role for the livestreaming Mass will be attending the Mass.

We will continue to organise the Livestreaming Mass every Sunday 8.30am in an effort to get to you at home.



# FAMILY PRAYER

## WEEK BY WEEK

FOR FAMILY WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

### Ascension of the Lord - Year A (24 May 2020)

**“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”**

#### Something to Think About

Jesus says to the disciples, and to us, “I am with you always”. Think of some ways you know that Jesus is with you in your life. Now it is up to us to continue Jesus’ work on earth through our actions. The Holy Spirit will help us to show love, and let us know what to say.

#### The Scriptures

##### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus’ eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshipped him, but some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said: “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth!

Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.

Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you.

“I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.”

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### The Story

In today’s gospel, Jesus takes the disciples to a mountain in Galilee to prepare them for his return to his father in heaven. Jesus does three things for the disciples. **1.** He reminds them of his power: ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth’. **2.** He commissions them to a mission: ‘Go and baptise’ and make disciples! **3.** He tells them that he is not deserting them: ‘I will be with you always, even until the end of time.’

#### Family Discussion

Has someone you love very much gone away for a long time, maybe a holiday?

Talk about how you felt when you said goodbye.

Our memories of times with the person who has gone away often help us when we are missing them. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus told them that he was going away? Jesus knew his friends would be sad and afraid but he told them that he would be with them always.

What are some of your favourite stories about Jesus?

**Video** Click to watch the video “Jesus’ Ascension”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

*THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD– YEAR A © Liturgy Brisbane 2020*

**FAKE EMAIL:** Please note a fake email supposedly from Fr Ashley has been received by some parishioners. He doesn’t have any gmail account. Please report the email as scam and block it. The only email address is [cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au)

**PARISHIONERS IN NEED:** We are reaching out to any parishioners who need assistance in this time of need. Please advise our parish office if you require any assistance with essentials. Our Parish telephone number is (07) 3821 4902.

**LOURDES HILL ENROLMENT NOW OPEN FOR 2024:** Current Year 3 students can enrol now for Year 7 in 2024. Visit [lhc.qld.edu.au](http://lhc.qld.edu.au) for more information.

## Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive  
You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually  
into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You  
were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never  
permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

Small Blessings  
smallblessings.com.au

### RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 24 May 2020

#### Resp. Psalm :

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

*Alleluia!*

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

24 May 2020

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

31 May 2020

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** Jn 20:19-23

**OFFERINGS:** If your method of contribution is by cash donations to the parish and you wish to continue your contributions during this difficult time, you could pop in the office to drop your envelopes or make your donations directly to the Parish Bank Account: **Archdiocesan Development Fund: BSB 064786 A/C 310130102**

Please indicate your envelope number if you are enrolled in the planned giving or just use the reference "Giving" if you don't have a number. You could also contact the Parish Office if you wish to set up a Direct Debit.



### ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, including their worship, the Catholic bishops will entrust the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians on her feast day.

In a message issued today as "A word of encouragement to the Catholic people of Australia", the bishops noted that the country "has certainly suffered because of the pandemic, but not as grievously as

some other countries". "For that we thank God and we congratulate public health authorities and governments on their prompt and prudent responses," the bishops wrote.

"Australians in general have also shown the solidarity and good sense, the generosity and kindness needed in such a time. In our healthcare workers particularly we have seen an exceptional spirit of self-sacrifice, and for that we are all grateful."

The bishops also acknowledge the role that churches and other religious communities have played.

"The bishops understand not only your anxiety about the virus and shutdown but more especially your deep desire to return to the sacraments and to resume public worship," they wrote. Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on May 24, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. The entrustment of Australia to Mary Help of Christians can therefore take place on the 24th or the 25th, the bishops agreed.

Source: ACBC Media Blog.

### PRAYERS

**DECEASED** We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Dolores Barnes.

**HEALING** We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for those affected by the spread of the coronavirus.