

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 Mt 28:16-20

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OR II OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 28:20

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

When reflecting on Jesus' Ascension, our liturgical focus has been heavily influenced by Luke's double version of the Ascension; one set on Easter Day in the concluding scene in Luke's Gospel (24:50-52) as Jesus' blesses his disciples at Bethany and departs from them; the other in the opening chapter of Acts (Acts 1:6-11) as Jesus leaves the disciples and is carried into heaven.

Our Gospel today is quite different. It is the concluding verses of Matthew's Gospel. The Risen Jesus gathers with the Eleven on 'the' mountain, the place of divine encounter, already familiar from earlier in the Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Here, at the Gospel's conclusion, Jesus is with the *Eleven*—not the Twelve, a reminder of the failure of one of the key members of the apostolic leadership group (Judas). It is to this group of failed leaders that Jesus, God's authoritative agent, entrusts his final teaching and missionary endorsement. They are to make disciples of all nations. This is an important injunction, given that Matthew's audience which is predominantly Jewish is now encouraged to move into the gentile world.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus offers a universal vision. Baptism and Gospel ethical teaching will become key notes for incorporating members into this renewed community of Jesus. The Gospel concludes on a promise of divine companionship. Jesus, called 'Emmanuel' ('God with us') in the birth narrative (Matthew 1:23), reminds his audience that 'I am with you always ... to the end of time.' This affirmation of Jesus' eternal presence is comforting to Matthew's audience, and us, dealing with life's struggles and cultural challenges.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / A

17 MAY 2026

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew's Gospel begins with the angel's words that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus' promise: 'Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' In a special way Emmanuel is with us in this Eucharist for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.'

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Acts 1:11

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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

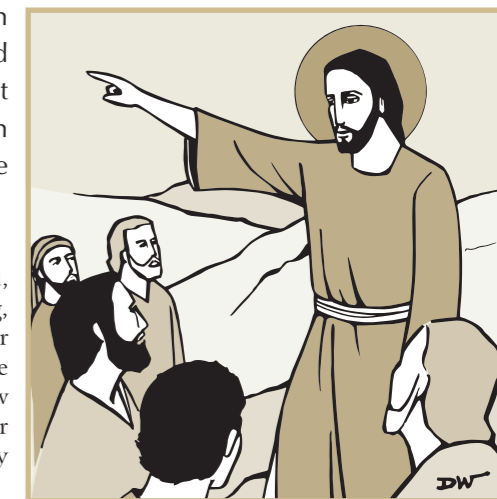
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.



COLLECT

P. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 of 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. 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. **R.**

2. 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. **R.**

3. 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. **R.**

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.

R. Thanks be to God.



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LITURGICAL TIMES

Weekend Masses: Saturday (vigil): 6.00pm Sunday: 7.30 & 9.30am Korean: 11.30 am Indonesian Mass: 4.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Entry from Marmion Street. For access contact Paul Menezes 0413 817 857

Weekday Masses: Monday (Communion Service): 9.00am; Tuesday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 9.00am; Thursday: 5.30pm; Friday 9.00am

Indonesian Cenacle & Mass: 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.30am

Indonesian Community: St Anthony Novena, 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11.00am

Rosary: Recited after 9.00 am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays except 1st Friday of the month

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm and on request

Healing Mass: Friday, 5 June 2026 at 9.00am

Anointing of Sick: After each of the weekend masses on the 6 and 7 June 2026 and on request.

Novena and Benediction Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Tuesday 6.00pm.

17 May 2026	The Ascension of the Lord	Year A 2305	24 May 2026	Pentecost Sunday	Year A 2306
Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm	C Bui	Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm	P Ng
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer		Sun 7.30am	K Taylor
	Sun 9.30am	L Rebelo		Sun 9.30am	P Redding
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	K Bui and J Gorza	Readers	Sat 6.00pm	C Bell-Simmons and M Demalo
	Sun 7.30am	P Robertson and Volunteer		Sun 7.30am	P Neale and V France
	Sun 9.30am	Y Anthoni'Samy and M Cabassi		Sun 9.30am	L Taylor and G Pogorzelski
Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	C Burke	Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	L Smyth
	Sun 7.30am	P Robertson		Sun 7.30am	D Brayshaw
	Sun 9.30am	M O'Keefe		Sun 9.30am	C Chalk
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	C & J Yeow and H Reid	Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	E Simmons, T Larard and E Lee
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer		Sun 7.30am	S Kurniawan
	Sun 9.30am	A Saputra, M Beaver, G Colalillo		Sun 9.30am	S Grima, Z De Nicholis, L nuoni
Greeters	Sat 6.00pm	B D'Cruz	Greeters	Sat 6.00pm	T Iacobellis
	Sun 7.30am	D Brayshaw		Sun 7.30am	C Kuswadi
	Sun 9.30am	P Menezes		Sun 9.30am	G Pogorzelski
Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am	T Lee	Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am	N Pavic
Our Lady Statue	Sat 16 May	M Della Maddalena	Our Lady Statue	Sat 16 May	M Burke
Flower Group	Sat 16 May	J Hookway	Flower Group	Sat 16 May	P Ballantyne
External Clean	Sat 16 May	G Della Maddalena	External Clean	Sat 16 May	P and C Taylor

Parish Mission Statement

LIVING WITNESSES TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

In the spirit of our Lord God, we,

the Pater Noster Community, strive to be living witnesses to the Body of Christ.

Guided by faith and love, we commit ourselves

to nurturing faith, reaching out to others, and reflecting the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

National Families Week (11-17 May)

"Every Family, Everywhere"

National Families Week is an opportunity to celebrate the vital role families play in our communities, our Church and our wider society.

This year's theme highlights the gift of family in all its diversity and invites us to strengthen relationships through care, compassion and connection.

May - Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month - please keep victims and survivors of domestic and family violence in your prayers.

Annual Mass Count - The Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count will be conducted in all parishes throughout Australia again this weekend.

We thank you for your patience as our counters carry out this important task

Books and More Books

The 2026 Book Sale is a few months away and books are needed.

Start clearing your book shelves and donate the books to the Book Sale.

Books of different genres are most welcome, but not Encyclopedias, text books or dictionaries.

Books can be left on the benches outside the Church.

First Aid Knowledge

The Parish Council would like to ensure that, in cases of emergency, there is a sufficient number of Parishioners trained in first aid.

If you would like to undergo training, the cost of which will be paid for by the Parish, please speak to Father Joseph or Deacon John.

FREE Fitness Group Off to a Great Start

The Pater Noster **free** fitness group has begun and everyone is welcome.

The sessions are designed for ordinary people of all ages and fitness levels, lasting around 45 minutes.

The group focuses on gentle fitness, movement, stretching, and improving general wellbeing. No expensive gym membership, special equipment, or previous experience is needed: a set of weights and a mat or towel for the grass.

Participants have already commented on how enjoyable it is to exercise with others in a relaxed, non-judgemental atmosphere.

The sessions are being generously run by Don Huggins who simply wants to help people improve people's health and wellbeing.

If you have been thinking about getting active again, or doing something positive for yourself, this is a perfect opportunity to start. Come along for a try — you might be surprised how much you enjoy it.

Cost: Free

Who can attend: Everyone welcome

What to bring: Water bottle, weights, yoga mat or towel.

Annual Mother's Day Raffle Results

The Mother's Day raffle was another great success raising \$1,724.00, which will go towards electrical work and organ repairs.

Special thanks to Wayne & Kerry of the Myaree Newpower Newsagency & the Good Grocer Cellars for wonderful Donations always to our 3Raffles during the year.

A BIG THANK YOU to the family who kindly donated the Sun-beam 6-slice sandwich maker.

As well as all the Parishioners who kindly donated a great range of wonderful gifts for our raffle.

Thanks to all who supported the raffle by selling tickets as well as all those who bought tickets

Lucky Prize winners were:

1 st	Verna	Pink	B04
2 nd	Diana Brayshaw	Pink	B94
3 rd	K Culver	Purple	G91
4 th	Regina	Orange	C22
5 th	Elysa	Red	N92
6 th	Anne	Grey	T14
7 th	Shirley	Orange	C45
8 th	Wendy	Green	N56
9 th	Maureen Pascoe	Grey	J72
10 th	Phillipa	Yellow	M68
11 th	Danica	Pink	B14
12 th	Theresa Tay	Red	F79
13 th	Charlotte	Pink	B51
14 th	Anita	Purple	G90
15 th	Theresa Tay	Purple	G69

All Prizes have been collected.

We also acknowledge the work by Margaret Cabassi who always brings the raffle together so nicely—thank you Margaret.

May: Month of Mary

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During May, we honour Our Lady by reciting the Rosary.

Refer History of the Rosary: <https://tinyurl.com/CHP-rosary>

2nd COLLECTION from last weekend Masses: was 92% in excess of the Parish target.

DIRECT DEBIT: please ask Father Joseph for a form and return completed to Father or Deacon John.

INTERNET BANKING: BSB: 086-006 **No:** 508212450 **Name:** Pater Noster Myaree Parish. Enter a brief description in the space provided, e.g. 2nd collection.

EFTPOS FACILITIES: available at each weekend masses. Please confirm if all or part funds are to go other than the 2nd collection.

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