

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

17 May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A..



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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Morning Mass: Monday - Friday: 7am & 9am

Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.30am

Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday),

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am (English & Italian) and 6pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5.00 - 5.30pm

Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of

Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30 - 10.30am

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

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God bless you and all your family

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension. This solemnity is of great significance as it sheds light into the mystery of Jesus and His offer of salvation to each of us. Personally, I find that a good way to probe a mystery of the faith is to consider common misconceptions. Of the many erroneous understandings that have persisted throughout the centuries up until today, I present three of the more egregious errors that have the potential to erode the Christian faith at its core. These are that:

1. the Ascension of the Lord did not really happen; we must, therefore, interpret the Scriptural accounts of the Ascension as *symbolic*.
2. the Ascension of the Lord marked His *departure* from the Apostles and the world.
3. Jesus discarded His body – and, therefore, His humanity – after ascending into heaven so as to *re-assume* His Divine nature.

Firstly, the fact that the account of the Ascension is found in two of the Synoptic Gospels (Mark and Luke; it is alluded to in the Gospel of Matthew) and in the Acts of the Apostles points to the *historicity* of the Ascension. The Church Fathers, with remarkable unanimity, believed in the authenticity of the Ascension as a historical event; indeed, the Ascension of the Lord is of such importance that it is one of the articles of faith that we profess each Sunday in the Creed (a summation of **all the important elements** of the Faith). The great danger of interpreting events in Scripture, especially spectacular events, as merely symbolic is that it erodes the substance of the faith. This has led many Christian denominations to view, for example, the Eucharist as simply symbolic.

Even if one were to correctly believe that the Ascension did occur, to view it as Jesus' departure from the Disciples and the world would be inaccurate. This would make a liar out of Jesus who said in today's Gospel, "know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time" (Mt 28:20). At the Ascension, Jesus did not leave us orphans (cf. John 14:18) but, rather, entered into a new and universal mode of existence. He was no longer limited to one body in one place; now He is present to every person in every age through the Holy Spirit and in the Sacraments. From this understanding, however, we must not wrongly conclude that Jesus casts aside His human body and with it His humanity.

This new mode of existence sounds very much like the mode of existence proper to God (and one would in some ways be correct!). However, Jesus did not discard His body (much less His humanity) as if to re-assume His Divine nature. Our faith tells us that from the moment of the Incarnation, Jesus was (and will remain for all eternity) fully human and fully divine. After the Resurrection, Jesus **glorified His human body** to make it fit to share in the Divine life.

The whole point of the Incarnation, Resurrection, and Ascension is that Jesus has redeemed and glorified human nature in Himself to unite us to God. In a powerful way, our Lady shares in this gift already after Her Assumption, when She was assumed body and soul into heaven. The Feast of the Lord's Ascension paved the way for Our Lady's Assumption and points us who have been baptised to eternal life – heaven. Baptism is the seed of eternal life that must be nourished in a life of faith, hope, and love. This is also why we must do all we can to baptise in name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (cf. Mt 28:19). Let us, therefore, live out our baptismal call and allow God to transform us into His very likeness and image, sharing the glory of the Resurrection and Ascension.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ad.

**ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RETREAT
Tuesday 19 May 2026**

Meditation is a universal spiritual practice. It is a practice found at the core of all the great religious traditions. It can be practiced by anyone and in Christianity we understand it as a form of prayer.

The retreat day will offer its history, some of its benefits and how to practice this ancient art. You may care to learn about this simple quiet way to enhance and nourish the gift of silence.

Facilitators: Stephanie Woods, John Coleman.

Cost: \$30 including morning tea and lunch (Please advise dietary requirements when booking).

Date: Tuesday 19 May 2026.

Venue: St Catherine's House of Hospitality,
113 Tyler St, Tuart Hill.

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm.

RSVP by Sunday 17 May

via email stcatherines@westnet.com.au or phone 9443 9020
(please leave a return phone number if leaving a message).

The Catenian Association

Are you interested in strengthening your faith and building lasting friendships? The Catenian Association is a Catholic brotherhood for men and families, offering:

- Lifelong Catholic friendship
- Spiritual support and encouragement
- Family gatherings and social events
- Care and support in times of need

Please see the foyer noticeboard for more information and to access the Australian Catenian website via QR code. You can also visit the website at thecatenians.org.au.

For further details, please contact

Lou Daly on 0419 953 507.

Children's Liturgy

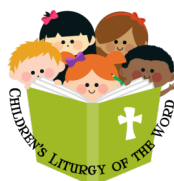
Children's Liturgy is held during the 9.30am Mass each Sunday during school term, except on the third Sunday of the month when we celebrate the Personal Advocacy Inclusive Mass.

This program is designed for children aged 3–8 years. Before Mass begins, the children are invited forward by the priest and then accompany the group leaders and parent helpers to the parish centre to share in an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word.

The children return to the church at the offertory.

Families are warmly encouraged to have their children take part.

If you are able to assist in running the Children's Liturgy sessions please contact Lucy or Theresa at the Parish Office.



**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion
Upcoming EMHC Formation Session**

- Bedford Catholic Parish
- Saturday 23 May
- 10.00am – 12.00pm



Anyone interested in becoming a Minister at Mass as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is encouraged to attend. The parish will reimburse the cost of the session. Please let the parish office know if you are interested.

Please note a refresher course for all existing ministers will be held in the coming months.

Project Compassion Receipts



Tax receipts for cash donations made to Project Compassion are now available for collection from the sacristy after Mass.

Pentecost Weekend Conference – IMPACTERS

You are invited to a Pentecost Weekend Conference hosted by IMPACTERS Catholic Ministry on Saturday 23 May and Sunday 24 May at the IMPACTERS Centre, 4/17 Gibberd Road, Balcatta.

The weekend will include prayer, teaching, encouragement, and an opportunity to be renewed in the Holy Spirit.

Participants are welcome to attend one or both days. Morning tea, afternoon tea, and lunch are provided on both days.

For more information and registrations visit:

BruceDownes.org/Pentecost/

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is held every Tuesday from 9.45am – 11.15am in the parish hall and is guided by our parishioner Christie Wood. Christie has more than 25 years of experience teaching and practising this ancient martial art, which combines slow gentle movements, physical postures, controlled breathing, and a meditative state of mind. It is a fun, relaxing, and gentle activity suitable for all fitness levels.

Everyone is welcome! Please bring a small water bottle and wear supportive lace-up shoes.

For enquiries, please contact Lucy at the parish office on 9276 8500.

Infant Jesus Playgroup

Join us every Wednesday at 9:30am for playgroup in the Parish Hall for children aged 0–4 years. Parents, carers, and grandparents are all welcome.

Suggested donation: \$5 per session.

The Safeguarding Program

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child or vulnerable adult within our parish community, please do not hesitate to speak with one of our Safeguarding Officers. They are available for support and guidance.

Or visit <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au>

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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the May

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Calendar of Saints

25 May— Our Lady, Help of Christians
Patron of Australia



PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY

Is in the home of
Monica Chin - 9275 1736

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently deceased:

Deceased: Cosmo & Lumy Zinni, Samuel Williams, Maddy Corvana, Joyce Dawson, Tonina Bartolo, Conrad Misquitta, Suresh Abeywardane, Jack Illich;

Anniversaries: Cosmo Zinni, Kate Leslie Herft, M R Jose, Joseph Mathew, Jean-Claude Conier;

And all who are in need of our prayers.

"The Lord is just in all his ways."

THIS WEEKEND - 17 May - The Ascension of the Lord.

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Adrian	Cyril	David	Harri
Altar Servers	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Proclaimers	Tang, John	Clare, Rita	PAS Mass	Maureen, Alan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy, Teresa. Andrew, Emily	Shirley, Michael, Quinn, Kerryn	Annette, Aileen, Marlene, Patrick, Magdalene, Josephine	Thuy, Tristan, Ivor, Fely
Hospitality	John, Milly	Mavis, Francisca	Patrick, Christie	Maureen, Anthony
Children's Liturgy	-	--	PAS Mass	-
Church Cleaning	Team C, Saturday 23 May at 9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND - 24 May - Pentecost Sunday

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy	Chris W	Josephine	Ruben
Altar Servers	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Proclaimers	Naethan, Teresa	Joanne, Gerri	Josephine, Leah	Pramila, Judy
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Aadi, Sejin, Marcus, Chris	Sr Madeline, Carl, Josie, Margaret	Joseph, Christina, Evelyn, Marilyn, Tanya, Vienna	Sr Chau, Sr Le, Sr Oanh, Melissa
Hospitality	Roopa, Crintina	Veronica	Jovana, Victoria	Fely, Steve
Children's Liturgy	-	-	Ebony, Monica	-
Church Cleaning	Team D, Friday 29 May at 10.30am			

PLEASE NOTE - If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

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The Living Word

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17 May 2026

FIRST READING:

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

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.'

(Quiet Reflection Time)

RESPONSORIAL 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.

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.

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.

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:

Ephesians 1:17-23

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.

(Quiet Reflection Time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 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

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 commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' ✠



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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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23