

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

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

### Loyola Press

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountain-top in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

## ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

### Mary MacKillop Precinct Programmes for 2026

The Precinct, located on the site in Kensington where Mary lived for eleven years, is a place of inspiration, pilgrimage, hospitality, and education. Our programmes, which include retreats and reflection days, personal and professional development workshops are open to everyone. Attached are an e-brochure containing our full 2026 programme and a quick-reference summary of our late April, May and June events. There's something for everyone. Please note that the Mary MacKillop Fund is available to ensure that no-one is prevented from attending a retreat or other event due to cost.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 2026

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a worldwide Synodal Movement dedicated to the renewal of our Catholic Church through empowering couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships. Our Church today has the belief that marriage and Holy Orders are sacraments of relationship and that we are called as couples and priests to be a living sign of God's love to the world, and to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a worldwide marriage encounter weekend gives married couples and priests the tools and support they need to live this sign in today's busy life. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has two weekends planned for 2026 - July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8. More details are available at <https://www.wmme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.



# St Joseph's Church Tranmere

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## The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year A

16/17 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.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9

#### Response:

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

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**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 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.'

**The word of the Lord**

### 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.

**The word of the Lord**

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts,**  
that we may be filled with compassion, courage and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our minds,**  
that we may receive your wisdom, dream new dreams,  
and be open to new ideas.



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good works

### St Vincent De Paul Society – HELPS PEOPLE

#### ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL

We have the power to make goodness happen.

Let's make it happen today!

Tranmere parishioners have supported Vinnies generously every year,

but the number of donors is shrinking, while the number of people seeking support is rising.

Thank you for your generosity.



**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Tranmere Parish

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**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**  
1300 729 202 - 9.00am to 4.30pm

**Mass Times**

Sunday 9.30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

**Confessions**

Saturday 6.00 pm

**Rosary**

Tues to Fri 8.45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**

Friday before Mass 8.30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**

Wednesday after Mass

**ROSTERS 23/24 May 2026**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Time	Commentator/Readers
<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	Edward Konieczny Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
<b>9:30am</b>	Alan Tyson Antonetta Bartley Charlotte Bartley
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Tania Loro Montin Jessie Yesudas P
<b>Count team</b>	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
<b>Altar and Flowers</b>	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio Sarita Ingham and volunteers

*All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass*

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
**John Boccaccio**  
At St Joseph's Church Tranmere  
Wednesday 20th May 2026,  
11:00am  
*In living memory*



**Please remember in your prayers**

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

**John Boccaccio**

Death Anniversary:  
**Joseph Chung Khuc**

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:

*We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.*

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	Week of 9-10 May 2026
Open Plate	\$1,097.05
Planned Giving	\$309.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,406.05</b>
<b>Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund</b>	<b>\$1,084.25</b>

**PARISH NOTICES**

**Annual Mass Count—Month of May 2026**

Mass attendance counts are being conducted for four weekends in May: 2-3 May, 9-10 May, 16-17 May, and 23-24 May. Information collected will be useful to the Archdiocese office and to our pastoral planning. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Saturday Vigil 30<sup>th</sup> May: Rosary Before Mass**

Parishioners are invited to bring their own Mother Mary carriable statues to join the Candlelight Procession from front verandah with Our Lady (Travelling Statue). After the Mass, Fr Benny will bless the statues.

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June, Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ)**

There will be Adoration before Mass on Sat Vigil 6.15 pm, and Sunday 9.15am (for 10 mins) followed by Benediction Blessing.

**Planned Giving Envelopes**

Thank you for your continuous support to the parish. The new batch of planned giving envelopes are now available for pick-up on the bench top at the main entrance of our church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**Marian Procession**

The 77<sup>th</sup> Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 17 May 2026 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**Upcoming Synod Liturgies - all are welcome.**

**Ecumenical Taizé Prayer on the Eve of the Synod**  
**19 May 2026, 7:30pm** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

*All are welcome to join in a special ecumenical prayer service in the Taizé style. The service will include scripture, songs and reflections as we prepare for the Synod.*

**Opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod (Amended)**  
**29 May 2026, 5:45pm** at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

*All are welcome to join in the opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. A simple meal in the hall will follow.*

**THE SHEPHERD'S CALL 2026 - A DAY FOR MEN OF FAITH**

Men of Adelaide – you are invited to: **The Shepherd's Call 2026.** This is the annual one-day Catholic men's conference hosted by YMG Adelaide.

**Saturday 6 June 2026** at Cardijn College – Marian Campus.

This powerful day brings men together from across the Archdiocese for:

- Brotherhood • Prayer • Faith formation
- Encouragement for everyday Christian life

Whether you are deeply involved in parish life, exploring your faith more intentionally, or simply looking for connection with other Catholic men – this day is for you. Come and be renewed. Come and be strengthened. Come and answer the Shepherd's call.

**Date:** Saturday 6 June 2026

**Location:** Cardijn College – Marian Campus

**Details & registration:** <https://www.ymgadelaide.org.au/shepherds-call>

**Wittunga Botanic Garden Tour- Laudato Si' Week Event**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you for a [guided tour](#) of the Wittunga Botanic Garden to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2026. The event will occur on Saturday 23 May from 1pm-3pm. Places are limited so register early at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIXWY>

**FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA 2026**

The St Anthony of Padova Committee Payneham invites you to the 55<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Anthony of Padua at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham commencing with a Triduum from **10 to 12 June** with the day of the Festa on **Sunday, 14 June 2025.**

Fr Bortolino Maistrello OFM Conv from Italy will preach the Triduum and the Festa Day Masses. There will be two first class relics of St Anthony present for veneration during the Triduum and Feast Day.

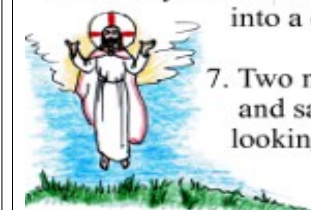
**The Kids' Bulletin**

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*True or False about...*  
**The Ascension**

*How well do you know the story of the Ascension? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:*

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?
7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?



*Jesus Ascended into Heaven*



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.



Answers to True or False:  
1 True 2 False 3 False 4 True  
5 True 6 False 7 True

YES... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

mounts His throne in shouts of joy!