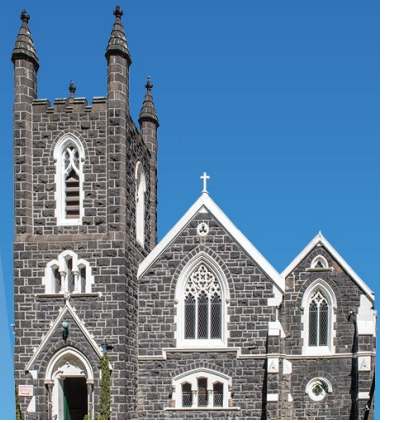


St Patrick's Cathedral

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

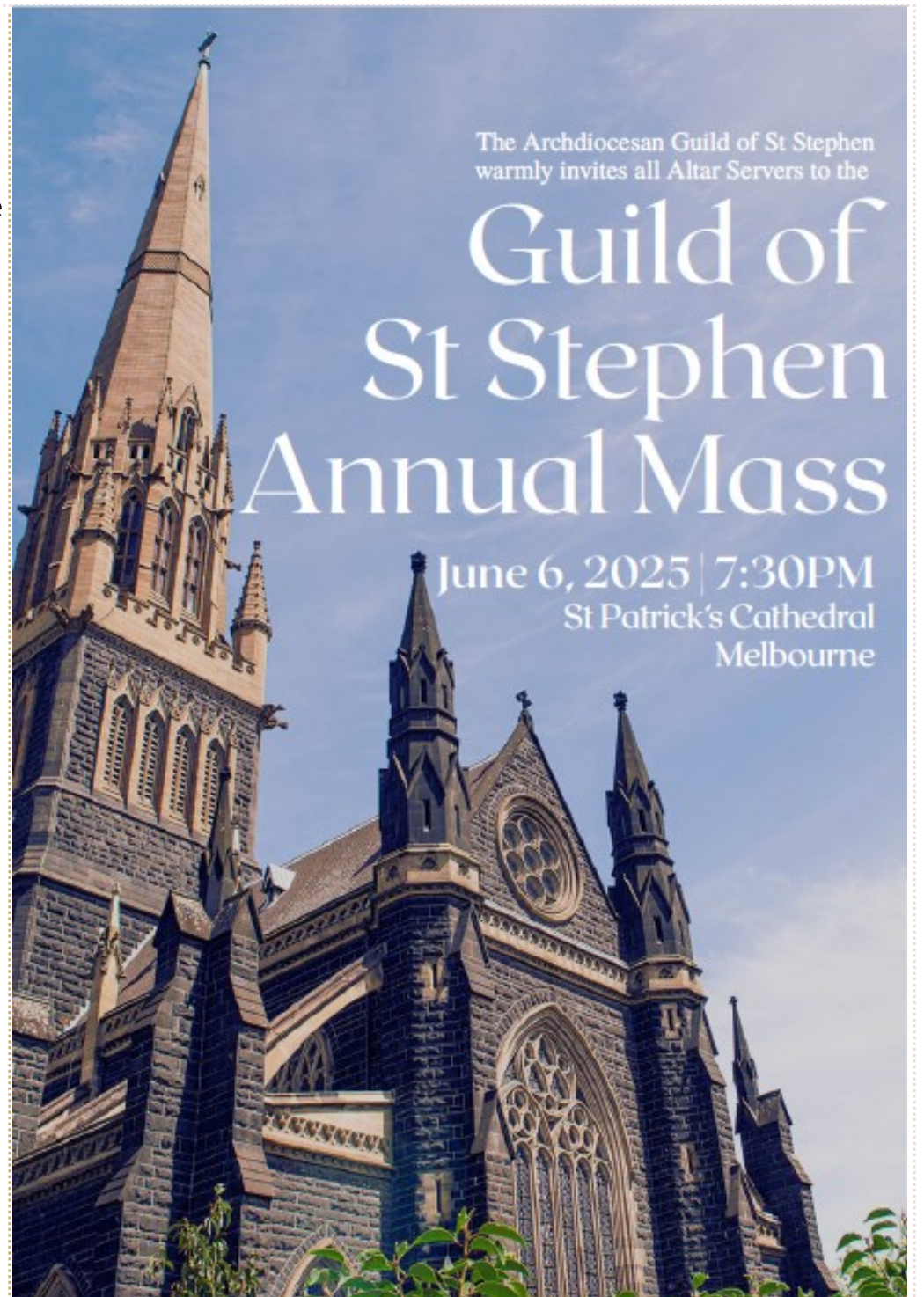
Loss is part of the human condition and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-mem-bering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God's presence among them.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all the nations", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insisted that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (Laudato Si' 2).

Joy, peace and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. Joy, peace and blessing fill our hearts as we give thanks for our newly elected pontiff, Pope Leo XIV. And as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we pray that the spirit of joy and peace that animated the earliest Christians will be with all of God's people and that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

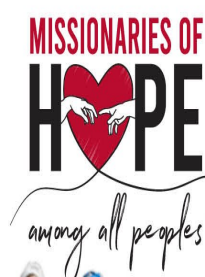


The Archdiocesan Guild of St Stephen warmly invites all Altar Servers to the

Guild of St Stephen Annual Mass

June 6, 2025 | 7:30PM

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne



In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.



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**KING BIRTHDAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MONDAY 9 JUNE 2025
PLEASE NOTE: MASS WILL BE HELD AT 11.00AM**

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.

Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 372

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout
the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne
of God. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with the virgin mother see their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon
the sky?" Alleluia, alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say, "This is his glorious
triumph day!." Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth
accord: Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit
one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Hymnum canamus gloriae; Venerable Dede, 673-735; trans. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1858) alt, ©
1978 Augsburg Fortress Publishers
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN 88.88 and alleluias; based melody from Auserlesen Catholische
Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623
Arr. & harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958, from The English Hymnal. Reproduced by permission
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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.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9
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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:46-53
While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the
Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,
and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins
would be preached to all the nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. ‘And now I am sending
down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city
then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then
he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting
up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he
withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They
worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy;
and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one 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.



Did not our hearts
burn within us while
he walked with us ...
LUKE 24:32

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

Procession begins at St Patrick's
Cathedral following **11am Mass**,
concluding at Federation Square.

Communities are invited to
bring their banners!

My dear friends in Christ, I ask you to
join me for this extraordinary Eucharistic
Procession, bringing along your
parishes, schools, and communities
to bear witness to Christ in our midst.
In this grace-filled Jubilee Year,
may we share the living hope of
Christ with every step we take.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI



FOR MORE INFO

melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5761



HOLY HOUR

In the Cathedral held every
Thursday night from 6.30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the
1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel.
Exposition until 2.15pm.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (SPCYAM) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday
at 6.30pm in Cathedral Room,
CKC Centre, 383 Albert Street,
East Melbourne

Contact Fr. Jaycee Napoles
(Jaycee.Napoles@cam.org.au)
or info.spcyam@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

St Augustine's every 1st & 3rd week
Saturday of the month.

Contact Robin:
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INDONESIAN YOUTH

St Augustine's every 2nd & 4th week
Saturday night from 5.00pm in
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JESUS YOUTH

St Augustine's every Friday from 7pm
Contact Theophil: 0430 823 347
for access

BONDS OF MARIAN LOVE (BOML)

St Augustine's every Wednesday
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Contact office: 9412 8426

LEGION OF MARY

St Augustine's, Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm
Contact Mable: 0493 592 615
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CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 31 May & 1 June 2025

Saturday 6:00pm Glanda Anderson & Ashley D'Monte

Sunday 8:00am Joanna Peters & TBC

9:30am Pauline Ryan & Carmen Burnett

11:00am Deloraine Keegel & Eugene Cheah

6:00pm Mark Gyimesi & Debra McCarthy

ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 1 June 2025

Sunday 10:30am Christine G & Roman

MOC: Pat Music: TBA

Altar Server: Yonas, Madeline & Jeslyn

8.00PM Rajiv

Music: TBA Altar server: Trevor

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3 DAY 2 NIGHT RETREAT
WED 4 JUNE TO FRI 6 JUNE

Facilitator Liz Lewis



BOLD HEARTS, CREATIVE HANDS

REFLECTION DAY
TUES 26 AUG 9.30AM – 3.00PM

Facilitator Anna Barber



A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

REFLECTION DAY
SAT 13 SEPT 9.30AM – 3.30PM

Facilitator Eammon Pollard and Linda DiSipio



PILGRIM OF HOPE

3 DAY 2 NIGHT RETREAT
MON 22 SEPT TO WED 24 SEPT

Facilitator Rita Malavisi

Divine Mercy prayers for “*Peace, the Church, and the world*” are held after 1 pm Mass on Wednesdays. All are welcome.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

St Patrick's Cathedral

We pray for all those who have died recently especially Editha Digap and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Norman Burnett, Patricio Espinosa, Nini Family and Forgacs Family.

St Augustine's Church

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CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm
(1.00pm live streamed - Link:

www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)
Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.00pm. (11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM) Link:

www.youtube.com/user/archmelb
Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to Friday at 12pm - 12.45pm and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am.

ST AUGUSTINE MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 1.05pm
Sunday 10.30am and 8.00pm
Reconciliation will be held only on Wednesday at 12.30pm - 12.50pm

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Please refer to the two new posters

'Rights and Responsibilities' and

'Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church'

at the entrances of the Cathedral

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>.

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