

17th May, 2026, The Ascension of Our Lord /A

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### St Therese Barellan

**In our Prayers:** Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

**For our Deceased:** Mick Cassidy, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

May 23-24

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

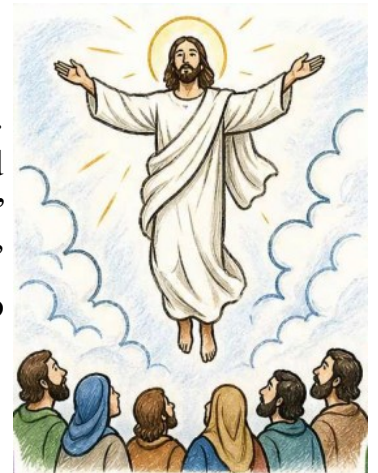
Barmedman 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan 9am Barellan 10am Sunday

### **Reflection - *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.' Emmanuel is with us all the time; we are reminded also for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.'



### **Risen Lord and Ruling King**

The Ascension of the Lord celebrates the moment when Jesus returned to the Father. It is a joyful reminder that his mission on earth was complete, but his care for us continues. The disciples saw him lifted up into heaven, yet his promise to be with them always gave them courage.

This feast reminds us that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He reigns as King over all the earth. His authority is above every power and ruler. Even though we cannot see him, he is still guiding his Church and giving us strength through the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension of the Lord Year A also calls us to action. Jesus gave his followers a mission to go into the whole world. We are sent to share his message, to baptize, and to teach others to follow him. His words are for us today just as they were for the first disciples.

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### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

**"I am with you always, until the end of the age."**

**- Matthew 28:20**



**Dear Friends,**

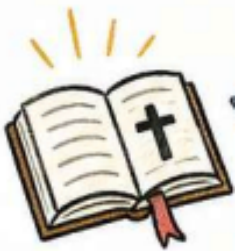
*On Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. This feast day has both a reassuring message as well as a missionary one. Jesus' final words to us is that he will be with us forever. As he is departing from us physically he asks us to go out to the world and proclaim who Jesus is and to baptise in the name of our Trinitarian God. Jesus has entrusted us with the continuation of his ministry—how do we respond to that invitation and challenge? How do we proclaim Jesus, the Christ, in our daily lives? How do we trust in the promise of Jesus to be with us always? May we slip our hand into the hands of God, believing in Jesus' final words to us. Let us pray: God of all creation, your spirit dances throughout the earth. You give drink to the trees, shade for the birds, bread for the hungry. You bring life and make all things holy. Flood our hearts with your grace, so we may sow seeds of love, justice and beauty, and reflect your kingdom here on earth. Bless us Creating Spirit, Amen. As we prepare for the great feast of Pentecost may you experience the longing for Holy Spirit ever deeper in your heart.*

**Sr Maureen McDermott rsj**



**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You and share Your message. Strengthen us with Your Spirit so we may live as true disciples. Give us courage, wisdom, and trust in Your presence. Help us to love others as You have loved us. May we always walk in Your ways. Amen.



**Roster 24th May**

Leader: Linda Griffin

Reader: Tracey Passlow

Ex. Minister : Paul Griffin

**Acknowledgement of Country** - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

**Parish Safeguarding Commitment** — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.