



WELCOME TO THE SUNDAY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



Let us live the hope we have in Christ and be hope in a world that at times seems hopeless. May we always remember that we are an Easter people whose eyes are fixed on our saving hope, Jesus. We are called, through the Great Commission, to share the good news with all those we encounter; to take Jesus to our neighbours so that they may experience the love, hope and saving graces of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 28:19-20

"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"

Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

REFLECTION:

"...you will always find that [Jesus] is there, that he will give you the courage to continue God's work in this world that needs God's love so badly."

<https://fatherhanly.com/journey-with-father/the-ascension-of-the-lord-year-a/>



PRAYER:

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Rosary, Spiritual Sword of Our Lady - Fr Don Calloway MIC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwVdYXyInI0>

The Ascension - Catholic Productions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkB88OVZvoQ>



SAINT:

24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians: In the early days of Australia there were no Catholic priests sent to the colony and Mass was not allowed, except for one brief year, until 1820. In those early days it was the recital of the Rosary which kept the faith alive. Australian Catholics remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians and principal Patroness. Mary Help of Christians, Pray for us.

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/24-may-our-lady-help-of-christians/>

SONG:

Love Is What We Need - Steve Angrisano:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtDRoj3-o70>

THIS WEEK:

Support a local business by purchasing a coffee or meal to take away and offer them a word of encouragement during this challenging time.

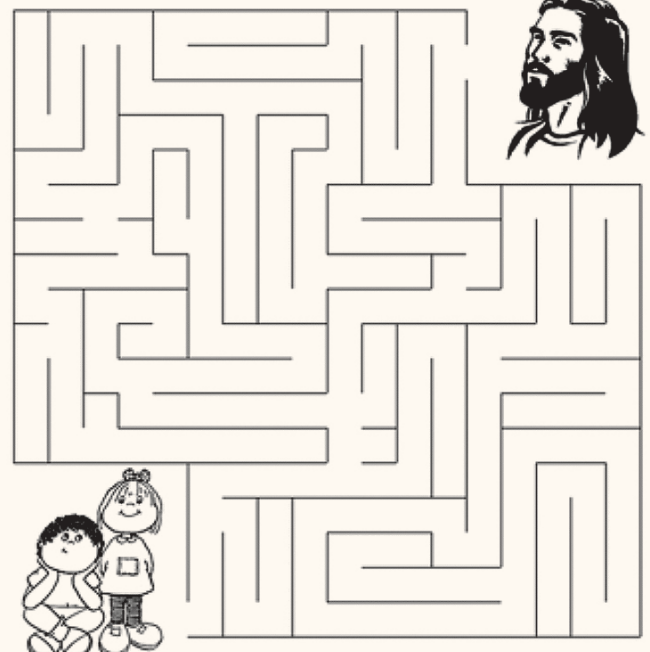
CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Jesus' Ascension: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

May Crowning: <https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-plan-a-may-crowning-for-kids/>

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Help the children on their mission to find Jesus



https://sermons4kids.com/great_commission_maze.htm

MORE RESOURCES AT:

bbcatholic.org.au/connected



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