

THE ASCENSION



ON THURSDAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD. THIS IS WHEN JESUS WAS TAKEN TO HEAVEN ON THE FORTIETH DAY AFTER HIS RESURRECTION. OUR WORD OF THE WEEK THIS WEEK IS THE GOSPEL USED ON THURSDAY TO CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION. TO WATCH THE STORY OF JESUS' ASCENSION CLICK [HERE](#).

WORD OF THE WEEK



Mark 16: 15-20

He said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, and these will get well."

After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth, upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

May I be inspired to spread your Gospel message through my words and actions.

May I do so joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace!

And, in remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

Amen.



"Dear young people... Jesus invites us to build together the civilisation of love, as His disciples and missionaries, here and now."



WE ARE ALL SENT OUT!

In this weeks Word of the Week Jesus sends out his disciples into the world to share the Good News! Jesus invites us to do the same, asking every disciple to: "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people."

Who, in your life, inspires you to explore your faith?
What do you think is the best way to share God's message with young people your age?
(As a class make a list of these answers and email them to Kate!)

"The ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is now present in every space and time, close to each one of us."

(Pope Francis)



JESUS' HANDS AND FEET ON EARTH

Jesus' ascension means we must now be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world.

St Teresa of Avila wrote:

*Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks
compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet
with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands
through which he blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands,
yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes,
you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*



WHY DID JESUS ASCEND?



 HAVE A LISTEN

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HOW ARE YOU CALLED TO BE JESUS';
HANDS AND FEET ON EARTH?