

The Ascension

Before Jesus went back to his Father in heaven, he explained to the Apostles what would happen. Jesus said: "I go away, and I will come to you."

Pope Benedict explains what Jesus meant...

- By going away, Jesus brings about a completely new and greater way of being present.
- When Jesus died he entered into the love of the Father. His dying was an act of love. Love is immortal – it never dies.
- In the Sacrament of Baptism, Jesus enters our life through the door of our heart.
- The Risen Jesus comes and joins our life to his life and draws us into his very great love.
- It is as if we are born again into the life of God through baptism.



Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
blasphemy	speaking disrespectfully or swearing about holy people or things
martyr	someone who is a witness to Jesus and then dies or suffer for what they believe about him
brigand	a robber
devout	someone who follows their religion carefully
Pentecost	the day on which the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles
witnesses	people who tell others what they know about Jesus
Ascension	when Jesus went back to heaven
apostles	the 12 closest followers of Jesus who were sent to begin the Church

Pentecost

Pentecost means 50th Day in Greek and is also known as Whitsun or Whit Sunday. It is the 50th day after Easter and is also 10 days after the Ascension. It is to remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. About 3,000 people were baptised that day and it is known as the start of the Christian Church.



The Teaching of the Apostles

The Holy Spirit had given the Apostles new strength within them. They were now filled with courage and self-confidence. They spoke openly about Jesus who had died and risen from the dead. They often preached the word of Jesus.

"My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active." **John** (1Jn. 3:18)

"Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful." **Paul** (1Cor. 13:4-5)

"The truth I have now come to realise is that God does not have favourites, but anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him." **Peter** (Acts 10:34-35)