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The Parish Office is currently closed to all visitors. Please call 9631 3316 for all enquiries. For emergencies please call Fr Joby on 9631 6420.

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Please advise the office if you know of anyone on the sick list whose name could be removed.

We will continue to Live stream our Sunday Mass from our Parish at 10am and our Tuesday Evening Mass and Novena at 7pm. You can access our livestream through our website or our Facebook page. You all are welcome to join.

The Church and all Church buildings are currently closed in order for us to do our part to help curb the spread of COVID 19. All Catholics within the Diocese of Parramatta continue to be dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. We encourage you to undertake your own devotion at home during this time.

St Vincent De Paul is here to help. If you need assistance call 8861 9777

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Mary Magdalin Gunaratine

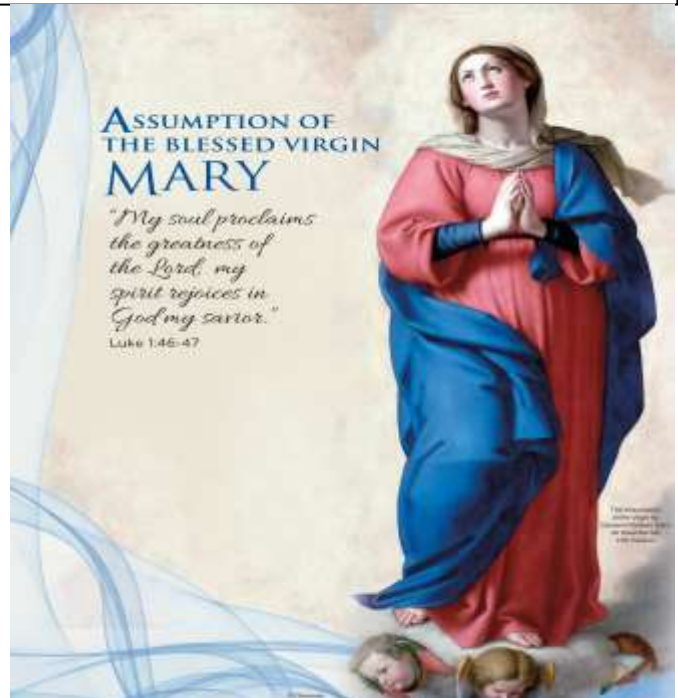
Assumptious Cowley

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Special Intentions

Although we as a Parish are unable to physically attend Mass at the moment, Fr Joby is saying Mass daily. All Mass intentions that have been received are being said.

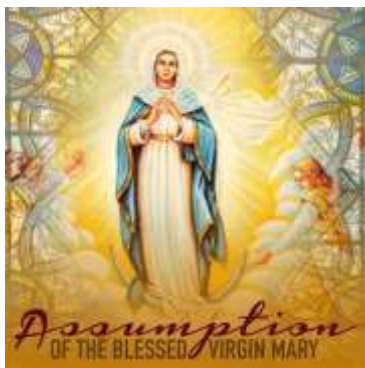


ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior."
Luke 1:46-47

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today, Sunday 15th August is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Mother of the Divine Physician, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Church, Church grounds and Office

Please remember that the Church and office are currently closed. Please do not gather at the Church, especially during live streaming of Masses. You will not be allowed in the Church and cannot stand outside.

Food and Blanket Donations for Vinnies & Refugees during COVID Lockdown.

We are all staying home during lockdown so please don't bring food and blanket contributions to Luisa at present. We will let you know when we will be collecting groceries and NEW BLANKETS when we resurface. Thank you again for your ongoing generosity. Joan Wharton – Altera Group



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Vinnies Winter Appeal is online



We can't hold our Winter Appeal at mass, but we still need your support. Please support us by donating here.

https://bit.ly/toonie_winter2021

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

“His mercy reaches from age to age” Luke 1:39-56
God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind. (Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person Talks

The Diocese of Parramatta has been co-hosting a series of talks on euthanasia with the Diocese of Broken Bay ahead of the expected introduction of a draft bill in NSW Parliament to legalise euthanasia. The series of talks have been held via Zoom, the final session will be on the 16th August at 7.30pm and is entitled ‘How to speak about Euthanasia with friends and Family.’ Information and registration can be found at parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/



The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Join us on 'Home Ground'

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight until 20 August, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground. The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

Mission: One Heart Many Voices Virtual Conference: 1 – 3 September



The fifth biennial Mission: one heart many voices conference will be held online from 1 to 3 September, with an additional day with young people on 4 September. The conference, convened by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, directly identify and explore the challenges of living the Gospel and Leading Mission Now in Australia and globally. To view the program and to register, visit www.mohmv.com.au.

Worldwide Marriage Enrichment Virtual Weekend: 10 – 12 September

Worldwide Marriage Enrichment is hosting a Virtual Marriage Encounter Weekend on 10 to 12 September via Zoom. Open to married couples, priests and religious, this is an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

COMMUNITY EVENT AHEAD OF THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Sydney Alliance have been holding online community events for the Cumberland, Parramatta, and Blacktown Local Government Areas with candidates for the upcoming Council election. The events will involve local candidates as part of the campaigns of the Sydney Alliance for community and family support, affordable housing, and clean, affordable, and inclusive communities. Details of the final forum are:

Blacktown Local Candidates Forum 19th August

Hosted by: Voices for Power North West Caucus + People Seeking Asylum Team (Parramatta Diocese)

When: Thursday August 19th, 2021 log on 6:50pm 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Where: On Zoom - details will be sent to registrants

We will be engaging Blacktown Candidates from all wards in an assembly with 140 of our diverse leaders and community members. Our leaders will be presenting a list of 4 asks from each team (VfP + PSAT) and we will be pinning our candidates on commitments to our asks. We will also be sharing community stories and displaying our solidarity in pushing for a cleaner, affordable, and inclusive Blacktown.

We invite our leaders and community members to stand alongside our community at our Local Candidates Forum!

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/blacktown-local-assembly>

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sunday 15th Aug 2021

(Extracted from Liturgy help.com)

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

The Lord is rich in mercy and kindness. Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's Word and praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you are the fruit of Mary's womb: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you came to raise up the poor and the lowly: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in you all shall be brought to life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

God on high we rejoice with the angels as we celebrate Mary's assumption into heaven. May her example lift our hearts to things above, that, always attentive to the things that are above, so that one day we too will share her glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house.

R:

So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

R:

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

On the surface, today’s gospel passage has little to do with the feast of the Assumption. There is no scriptural account of the Assumption and so we draw on a different significant gospel passage that features Mary. However, the account of Mary rushing to her cousin and exuberantly proclaiming the Magnificat is an example of Mary’s joyful ‘Yes’ to life and to God that tradition tells us was rewarded in her bodily assumption into heaven.

Immediately prior to this account, the angel Gabriel has announced to Mary that she is to give birth to the Christ-child. Her humble response to the angel and to God is, ‘Let it be done to me according to your word’ even though she knew the shame and rejection her pregnancy would cause in her village. Whilst her initial response is subdued and humble, it is a ‘Yes’ to God’s will. Mary’s next instinct is an emphatic ‘Yes’ to life. The angel tells Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, is also to bear a child. Elizabeth was an older woman and keenly felt the social and cultural shame of not being able to bear children. When Mary hears that Elizabeth is already pregnant she rushes to be with her. Where no life was thought possible, God has created life. Elizabeth would have been shamed and regarded as inadequate and of lesser standing because of her childlessness. In many ways, Elizabeth was deprived of her own life because she could not give birth. Mary’s “Yes” to God and “Yes” to life is confirmed and amplified by God’s granting fullness of life to Elizabeth.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As daughters and sons of Mary, accepted as her children at the foot of the cross, we bring before God the needs of our Church and our world in the name of Jesus our brother.

For the Church: That it will follow Mary’s example and be open to the Spirit in times of change and uncertainty.

With Mary we pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For women in poor countries: That those in authority will come to their aid with justice and compassion.

With Mary we pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For parents who await the birth of a child: That they will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

With Mary we pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the lonely, the sick and the bereaved; may they be sustained in their troubles by the motherly concern of Mary.

With Mary we pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

That parents and guardians may see in Mary a model of loving patience and selfless devotion.

With Mary we pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those near death: may our blessed Lady, assumed into heaven, be their friend and mother as they enter into eternity.

With Mary pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

With Mary We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church:

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Celebrant: Loving Father, your servant Mary was conceived without sin and assumed body and soul into heaven. Like her, may we offer our lives in humble service and come to the joy of everlasting life, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Loving God, May we ever be guided by Mary's example and strengthened in our commitment to you. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**



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