

Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

Sunday 15 August 2021



**Readings
for this
Sunday**

Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6,10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56



**Readings for
next week:**

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



Liturgical Jottings

The Magnificat

Luke's Infancy Narratives of John the Baptist and Our Lord, Jesus Christ contain three hymns: Songs of Zechariah (The Benedictus 1:67-79), Mary (The Magnificat 1:46-55) and Simeon (The Nunc Dimittis 2: 29-32). They are included in the Liturgy of the Hours in morning prayer, evening prayer and night prayer respectively. The Magnificat is Mary's words of praise of God for his marvellous works. It contains elements of Hannah's Song (1 Sam 2:1-10) but is more personal with God looking upon her and she exulting her Saviour. Themes are God's help to the lowly and his commitment to his people. The text forms the Gospel for this feast and the response on 3rd Sunday of Advent and four feasts of BVM.

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Focus on the Readings

The first reading imagery of the dragon may deter some readers and listeners, yet the passage from Apocalypse presents an image of the new Eve destined to bring the Saviour into the world and for herself, God has prepared a place of safety. Indeed heaven is a place of safety, victory and honour. Mary, the bearer of the incarnate God is honoured for her role.

The second reading proclaims the new Adam, Christ who has done away with death and brings, in order, those who belong and believe in him, to enjoy the same reward and dignity. Mary, the first Christian, is first in order to receive the reward and honour of eternal life.

The Gospel contains the Magnificat (see opposite) in context of Mary meeting with Elizabeth. Her visit is both very human, to help with Elizabeth's time to give birth, and very spiritual in her greeting and song of praise. Mary embraces all with her humility and honour and God's mercy and promise. We, too, "proclaim the greatness of the Lord!"

Quotable Quote

"As the most glorious Mother of Christ, our Saviour and God and the giver of life and immortality, has been endowed with life by him, she has received an eternal incorruptibility of the body together with him who has raised her up from the tomb and has taken her up to himself in a way known only to him." *Attributed to St. Modestus of Jerusalem (4th cent.), n. 14.*

Notes on the Feast

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is the oldest exclusively Marian celebration in the liturgical calendar dating from the 430's. While the belief in Mary's entry into heaven body and soul preceded this feast, the dogma was only defined in the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII "Munificentissimus Deus" 1st November 1950. Mary under this title is the patron saint of France, Paraguay, Jamaica, South Africa, New Zealand and New Caledonia nations and French airman and soldier of Paraguay, plus many churches, schools and cathedrals and the Basilica within the Kremlin in Moscow. The feast is celebrated in the Western and Eastern Catholic churches and Orthodox churches where the feast is called the Dormition of the Theotokos.

On the Lighter Side

King Louis XIII of France instituted 15 August as a national holiday in honour of Mary. Since 1638 Masses and processions have marked this day. In more secular times the holiday still continues with well attended Masses, parades, family meals, sports events, bonfires and fireworks.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	John Weardon (Pauline Hindson's brother)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Concetto Gallo,
	Our sick and their carers	Mary Lalor, Denise Woodman

Mass Timetable Week commencing 16th August

Weekday Mass

Monday 16 th August	No Mass
Tuesday 17 th August	No Mass
Wednesday 18 th August	9:15 am Liturgy
Thursday 19 th August	No Mass
Friday 20 th August	9:15 am Mas

Weekend Mass

Saturday 21 st August	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 22 nd August	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 28th August 11:30 am

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES COMMENCING SEPTEMBER

Commencing Saturday 4th September and Sunday 5th September, the times for Mass will be altered and Saturday Mass will be celebrated on alternate weeks. Details are as follows:

1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month at 6:00 pm

Every Sunday 10:00 am

CHILDREN'S MASS SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST

Next Sunday, 22nd August 2021, will be our Children's Mass at 9:30 am. It will wonderful to see all the families at Mass, please come along

Mary Mackillop Rosaries – Purchase at discounted prices until 31 August

Last year the Aid to the Church in Need commissioned a commemorative set of rosary beads for the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

The rosaries were very popular and this is an opportunity for those who missed out to order them as we approach the feast of Mary Mackillop. Please note that orders will close Tuesday 31 August.

For any questions or to submit your order form email orders@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201.

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Wear a face mask
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

After each Mass service, cleaning has to take place, if you are able to assist that would be greatly appreciated.



**Jamberoo Abbey
Online Retreat**
a retreat about Hope

Meet me in the Middle

ABOUT
This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope". Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

DATE
Retreat begins Sunday, September 5, 2021.
All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

DETAILS
There are 6 conferences with two being uploaded each week. There are also questions for reflection. Take your time as there is no need to complete the two conferences within the one week.

COST
The cost of the retreat is \$250. Pensioners can apply for a reduced price- see website for details

CONTACT
Register online at: jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats

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Van Gogh - Tower in the fields

Our Planned Giving

Each November is the start of the Planned Giving Program. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is part of our Planned Giving Program. As you know our Parish relies on the generosity of our parishioners to cover all our expenses. The only income we receive is from the planned giving, weekly collections, stole fee and the odd donation.

COVID has impacted every one of us in so many different ways and for many people it has been difficult financially and emotionally. How has it impacted our parish? Overall our income is down 30% compared to our last non-COVID year, but our expenses have remained the same. Last year when we were getting government support and support from the Chancery managed to cover all our expenses. This coming year maybe more difficult, but with Gods Blessings we will manage.

The positive is that the rent from the CEO for the Convent is covering our loan repayments and the interest on the loan. We are also able to put aside a small amount each month for maintenance work that will be required from time to time. In addition to the loan we took for the Convent, we also spent all our reserves we had in the bank on the renovation.

If you are not already part of our Planned Giving Program, please consider becoming part of the program. If you are already part of the program, it would be wonderful if you could manage to increase your gift even by a little bit. Every little bit helps our Parish, even \$1 a week can make difference.

If you would like to become a planned giver, or you would like to increase your current weekly gift, please fill in the form in this bulletin. Simply put form in an envelope and put it into the collection plate next week or drop it into the office next Wednesday. Mary will make contact with you to organise your gift.

Thank you and God bless you

Fr John Paul Pasala

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **MONDAY 30th August 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional).

The Plenary Council's First Assembly is in October. The Agenda has been announced and the delegates (members) are in the final stages of preparation. What are the priorities for the Plenary from your perspective?

Sandhurst delegates, Ruth Lawlor & Cathy Jenkins, are coming to listen.

Come & join this opportunity to reflect together in the lead-up to the Plenary Council.

More information on fliers at back of church. (Venue capacity during COVID is 60 so plenty of room!)

Enq: Kerry 0408 579904

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

In September we will be putting out the Monthly Roster for help at our Mass services.

We need people who can be:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Cleaning

If you can help that would be wonderful for our Parish. Please put your name on the list in the Narthex.

Name:.....

Telephone Number:

☐ I am already on Planned Giving and would like to increase my gift

☐ I would like to become part of the Planned Giving program.

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 to 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.

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ANTICIPATING OUR RESURRECTION

What do we Catholics mean when we express our conviction that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory? Are we simply heaping praises upon Mary for her 'specialness'? Or is there something deeper at stake?

In fact, like all Marian teachings, the Assumption speaks of the saving love of Christ that envelops our human lives. 'For the Son of God became human, so that we might become God' is a saying of the Church Fathers (cf. *Catechism*, 460). Mary, the 'first disciple' of Jesus Christ, walks with and before us in our own path of Christian discipleship. Her singular participation in her Son's Resurrection is an anticipation of our resurrection. *Who Mary is, we are becoming*. One day we, too, will live forever with God in heavenly glory.

The Assumption is a compelling celebration of Christian hope, an affirmation of the human body, and deep-down encouragement in our earthly struggles.

Teresa Pirola

FIRST READING

Apoc 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 44: 10-12, 16. R. v. 10

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

1. 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.**

2. 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 die in Adam, so all 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

Lk 1: 39-56