

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING 11:19,12:1-6.10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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 Ps44

Response:

**On your right stands the queen,
in garments of 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 15:20-26

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

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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? From 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, who you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed, for the he who is mighty has done great things for me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



How would you describe Mary's faith? How does your faith compare to Mary's? What are some of the things you do to increase your faith?

What are the important things you can learn from Mary's life? Why do Christians, especially Catholics, hold Mary in high regard?

What would you say to someone who asked why Catholics pray to Mary?

GOSPEL ACTION

Pray this week for the grace to accept God's will as Mary accepted God's will. Reflect on your faith life: how do you carry Jesus to others each day?

Readings – 21st Sunday Year B

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Homily

15th August 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This weekend we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life, this is a dogma of the Church declared by Pope Pius XII in November 1950, he said "that the [Immaculate Mother of God](#), the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." This had actually been held as a belief by many in the Church for a long time.

Mary's Assumption into Heaven means that she shares in Jesus' victory over sin & death and enjoys the fullness of eternal glory. During her earthly life Mary was a humble and faithful person who did the will of God. In this way I think that she gives us the perfect example to follow so that we too may hopefully one day share her glory and the fullness of life with all the Saints in Heaven.

In the Gospel Luke gives us the account of the 'Visitation' we hear how Mary has just received the news that she was to be the mother of Jesus; Mary immediately goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth and Elizabeth's response to Mary is the basis of one of the lines of the Hail Mary: "Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth herself is given a special grace to be able to understand that the child in Mary's womb is the Son of God; from the first moment of his conception Jesus is our divine Saviour.

When Mary visits Elizabeth, John the Baptist, jumps for joy in Elizabeth's womb when he comes into the presence of Jesus for the first time. Mary's great hymn of praise, the Magnificat, is repeated every evening in the Church's official public prayer, ensuring that she is truly called blessed in every generation.

Mary's Assumption into Heaven promises us a share in the hope of the resurrection and in the promise of eternal life. Following Mary's great example we pray that we too may walk humbly and faithfully in the way of the Lord and trust always in his promise as we join in that great hymn of praise to God by Mary in the Gospel today for his goodness to her, to us and all his chosen people.

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Following Mary's example we pray that we may be fully with God at the completion of our lives here on earth and as we celebrate the Assumption we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us.

Take care and God bless, **Fr Phil x.**

Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion

15th August 2021 – Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest:

We remember that Our Lady, at the completion of her life was taken to be fully with God. Her life was a total 'Yes' to all God asked, we pray that we will also respond and say yes to God in our lives.

Reader:

For Christians everywhere: may Mary inspire them to a greater generosity in bearing witness to the presence of God in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: may we reach out in faith and love to all especially those who are in need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all young people who have received exam results over these last weeks; as they celebrate their achievements may they be blessed as they move onto the next stage of their lives. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all people that they may be drawn together in unity and peace, we pray for peace especially in Afghanistan and all the troubled areas of our world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or finding life difficult that they may experience the power of the healing peace, love and grace of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially **Jacqueline Bordley, Peggy Lynch, Harry Turner** and all who have died recently: **"Eternal rest grant unto them..."**

We ask Our Lady to join her prayers with ours as we say: **"Hail Mary..."**

For a moment in silence we bring our own private prayers and intentions before the Lord.

Priest:

Loving Father,

We offer these and all our prayers to you,
through Jesus your Son,
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and
I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.

CAFOD Prayer for Glasgow

Creator God,
We cry out to you
The earth is damaged and in chaos
People in poverty are suffering the most
Greed and consumerism are a disease
And your Church is too often asleep

Merciful Lord,
Protect your people and restore your earth,
Embolden governments to take action,
Awaken Church leaders
Give the youth influence
And guide businesses to change

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord
May we unite and be bold
Take heart and find hope in you,
Worship you with our lifestyles
Walk in your truth
and see justice and renewal in the earth

Amen