



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.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the firstfruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August 2021

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

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) 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

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 firstfruits 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 firstfruits 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Lk 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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Davorka Stevanja

RECENTLY DECEASED

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ANNIVERSARIES

Tarcis & Lily Mizzi, Vinn Beasley

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Postponed due to lockdown.

Please pray for all the families waiting for their children to be baptised, especially those who have had to postpone up to 3 times in the past few months.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Classes will commence once we can reopen. For enquiries, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM CLASSES

Baptism Classes, for children aged 7 or over who have not yet been baptised, will commence soon. Enquiries: Please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, 17th August.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 10 Aug St Bernard
Saturday 21st Aug St Pius X

CATHOLIC CARE – ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL – 21/22 AUGUST This Appeal will take place as soon as we can reopen. Envelopes will be available.

PARISH NEWS

CONDOLENCES 'THANK YOU'

I wish to thank all who sent condolences following the sudden and tragic deaths of my cousins in India. I value your kind words of condolence and thank you all sincerely. Please continue to pray for the Repose of the Souls of Christopher & Joseph and for my aunt and uncle who are heartbroken at losing both their sons. I am so grateful for your deep affection and prayers.

Fr Sebastian

LOCKDOWN CONTINUES...

This weekend, for parishioners with internet access, the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be available online via our Parish Website, Facebook or You Tube from approximately 5pm on Saturday, 14th August.

For parishioners without internet access, please watch TV Channel 31 (44 on digital tv) at 11am on Sunday for the St Patrick's Cathedral Mass.

As we enter into another week of lockdown

we pray for one another.

We pray that we may all have the grace, strength and resilience in faith and love that Mary the Mother of the Lord and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop displayed when facing many a hardship in life.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The Parish Remembrance Book will be updated and reprinted soon. Please contact the Parish Office with the name and date of death of loved ones you wish to be added, by 14th September.

MINISTERS' ROSTER

The Ministers' Roster for October-December 2021 will be prepared soon. Please advise any "away" dates by 31st August.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary 15th August



Father in heaven,
All creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be
with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting
your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and
praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hail Mary
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

We continue to pray for the teachers, students and their families during these difficult times.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.