

The Living Word

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.

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

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.

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



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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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

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Anniversaries 15- August to 21- August:

Leslie Lomas, Reece McNulty, Monica O'Toole, Lois Moscrop, Minnie George, Mary Wells, Brendan Galvin, Marea Parkinson, Jeffrey Hollis, Fred van Oosten, Eileen Roberts, Joan Goss and Christina McCormack.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COUNTERS: Tuesday 17- August at 10:00am:

Fay Neville and Sam Sammut.

Restrictions have eased for the State of Victoria and we are able to celebrate Mass.

Bookings are not required for Ocean Grove and Queenscliff. To book your attendance for Barwon Heads, please contact Sue Casey on 0418 290 703.

There continues to be strict limits on the number of people attending a religious gathering. We must adhere to the 1 person per 4sqm density limits with 'COVID Check In Marshalls' in place:

**Barwon Heads – 40 people can safely celebrate Mass
Ocean Grove – 100 people can safely celebrate Mass
Queenscliff – 60 people in the Hall and 30 people in the Church can safely celebrate Mass**

All other guidelines apply; the wearing of masks indoors/outdoors, QR code check-in and hand sanitising.

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Upcoming annual appeals and collections:

- CatholicCare Sunday Appeal will be held this weekend, 14 and 15 August.

Please give generously, as you always do.

An update from the Vicar General:

I am pleased to announce that Archbishop Comensoli has appointed Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerin as Episcopal Vicar (EV) for the Eastern Region of The Archdiocese. Fr Tony will take on this role in addition to his roles as Parish Priest of Box Hill and Box Hill North and EV for Marriage, Life and Family.

Fr Tony replaces Most Rev Anthony Ireland, previously the EV for the Eastern Region who is now Auxiliary Bishop for the Southern Region. With Bishop Terry Curtin continuing as Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region and Bishop Martin Ashe taking up his role as Auxiliary Bishop for the Western region all regions are now covered. The Archbishop has expressed his gratitude to the outgoing EVs, Fr Brendan Hayes in the South and Fr Albert Yogarajah in the West.

- Fr Joe Caddy AM

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 16th August – St Stephen of Hungary (Memorial)

Tuesday 17th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 20

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 18th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 20

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 19th August – St John Eudes (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 20th August – St Bernard (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 21st August – St Pius X (Memorial)

Sunday 22nd August – 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

**“Wherever life plants you,
bloom with grace.”**

- French Proverb.


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