## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## First Reading

Rv 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.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

## 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

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.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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

## Gospel

The Deacon, or the Priest:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest:

From the holy Gospel according to N.

All reply:

Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Lk 1:39-56

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.

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### **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 first fruits 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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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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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, and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

#### **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

# 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Recently Deceased: Tom Martin.

#### Anniversaries 14 August to 20 August:

Albert James Reilly, Michael Kennedy, George Frances, Leslie Lomas, Reece McNulty, Monica O'Toole, Lois Moscrop, Christina McCormack, Minnie George, Mary Wells, Brendan Galvin, Marea Parkinson, Jeffrey Hollis and Fred van Oosten.

#### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne Caruana, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Ros Quinlan, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

# ROSTERS

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

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

#### OCEAN GROVE: 21- August at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Dan O'Meara, Marg Lucas (W) Kerryn Sells, Bev O'Meara.

#### COUNTERS: Tuesday 16° August at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and Sam Sammut.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SAFEGUARDING – VOLUNTEERS, WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND CODE OF CONDUCT:

National regulations have been in place for some time regarding volunteers in any community organisation. How this applies in our Parish is that all volunteers must hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and have signed a Melb Archdiocese Code of Conduct. This includes all members of ministry, flower arrangers, singers/musicians, etc. A volunteer WWCC is free with applications completed online or at select Post Offices. Your WWCC must be registered at the Parish Office. If you have any enquiries or need assistance with your WWCC, please contact the Parish Office 5258 1673 or via email. The Parish must also keep a record of all volunteers within the parish. If your details are not up to date, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements.

#### \*\* 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.

**Parish Ministry Volunteer Forms:** expression of interest or comment forms are available at each Mass centre. The forms may be returned to the Parish Office (via drop off or email) or handed to a collector at Mass.

#### Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

 Catholic Care Annual Appeal next week weekend, 20- and 21- August.

Please give generously, as you always do.

A new Ministry Roster for Ocean Grove is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica on email: <a href="mailto:meaghermonica@gmail.com">meaghermonica@gmail.com</a> as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle September – November inclusive. Thank you.

Together we pray for the students of St Aloysius school receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Trinity Aid for Refugees: The grocery collections box will be located at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove for all of August. Our Refugee friends in Geelong continue to need much support. Thank you to all who contributed to the Collections at Holy Trinity Queenscliff. For a list of suggested items check the Parish Website, click Ministries & Groups/TAR and scroll to the end or email <a href="mailto:shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au">shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au</a>.



#### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 15- August – The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)

Tuesday 16- August – St Stephen of Hungary (Memorial) 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 17- August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 18 August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with OLSOS Year 4 students attending

Friday 19- August – St John Eudes (Memorial) 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 20° August – St Bernard (Memorial)
Sunday 21° August – 21° SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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