

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 15 th August, 2021

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) COVID restrictions have been eased in regional Victoria as of 11.59 pm on Monday, August 9. <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>
Diocese website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>

RECENT DEATHS:

We pray for all the recently deceased.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Crocker, Charlie Lock, Mavis McKeegan, Frank Briody, Neville Tardrew,
Betty Macpherson, Doug Impey & Pasquell Monodure.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan,
Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney & and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTERS

Introduction & Readings

Today: John Jess

August 22: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Charlie Franc

August 22: Sue Mahony

Assembly Leader

Today: Anne Beer & Sue Mahony

August 29: Angela Gerrard & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Today: Gail Hall

August 29: Therese Jess

Music

Today: Clarita Clancy

August 22: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Aug 15 & 22: Therese Jess & Bernadette Franc

Church Grounds

Aug 15 & 22: John Jess & Bill Franc

Newsletter

August: Bernadette Franc 0427 678 830

Annual Giving – For anyone who would like to make their annual / quarterly contributions

(ie the old Planned Giving system) our bank details are as follows:-

Bendigo Bank

Account name: Beaufort Catholic Community

BSB: 633 000 Acc no: 122019771

Annual Appeal for Our Retired and Sick Priests:

Please note that there are envelopes available at church to contribute to this appeal

LOCAL UPDATE: Great news Charlie Read has made a healthy return home to his family. Thank you for your prayers.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

The Feast of the Assumption marks the special place that Mary, chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, has in the life of the Church.

The Roman Catholic Church today celebrates that she was taken, body and soul, into heaven, when her life on earth was over.

National Day of Prayer – The Church Together: Sunday, August 22, 2021

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to unite in prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

The theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer: “Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy”.

We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way.

MASS TIMES – for next week

August 22nd: 8.30 a m MASS



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 Lk 1: 39-56
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.