

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 (JB)

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

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 Corinthians 15:20-26 (JB)

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: Luke 1:39-56 (JB)

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.



Welcome

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Sunday St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass
1st Sunday

ST BRENDAN'S: 22nd August @ 5pm

Commentator: M Carmody

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ST JOSEPH'S: 22nd August @ 10:30

Family: D Melville

Communion: R Whytcross

Lay-leaders: T&D Ryan

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

15th – 22nd: A McCarthy & D Howard

28Aug-5 Sept: B Newcombe/J Robb

St Joseph's: Roache

Counters: 15th August: J Finlay

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Alex Tillack, Don Brady,

Alice McCarthy, Sue O'Sullivan

Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

*Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson*

Parish Bank Account Details: A/C name: Cororooke

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Happy 18th to Harry Carmody!

Thomas Carr Mass: 12th Sept@11 Good Samaritan Centre will be open 12-2pm. Lunch provided.

Blessing of the bell tower 26th Sept@5pm Mass.

Melbourne Cup at St Brendan's, new date 25th Aug. Tickets available at the school office.

Hope

If you carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that the better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path where you are meant to be.... Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

Understanding the Word

The choice of the Magnificat for the Gospel is appropriate for this solemnity. More problematic is the reading from Revelation. For whom does this woman clothed with the sun stand? The symbols of the twelve stars, sun, and moon almost certainly come from Genesis 37, where Joseph dreams of his father and mother and twelve brothers (i.e., all Israel) represented as the sun, moon, and stars bowing down to him. So first and foremost, the woman in Revelation represents ideal Israel who gives birth to the Messiah. But the meaning of the symbol is fluid, as symbols often are in apocalyptic literature. Just shortly after this passage, the same woman clearly stands for the Church whose children are pursued and persecuted by the dragon. In the Gospel of John the mother of Jesus, standing at the foot of the cross, can be a symbol of the Church. So, reading backwards: because the woman of Revelation is the Church, and Mary also stands for the Church, the woman of Revelation can also stand for Mary, which is precisely how this feast intends us to understand this reading.

