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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Assumption of the Virgin Mary

At the end of its Constitution on the Church, the Second Vatican Council left us a very beautiful meditation on Mary Most Holy. Let me just recall the words referring to the mystery we celebrate today: “the immaculate Virgin preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things” (no. 59). We can focus on three key words: **struggle, resurrection, hope.**

The passage from Revelation presents the vision of the **struggle** between the woman and the dragon. The figure of the woman, representing the Church, is, on the one hand, glorious and triumphant and yet, on the other, still in travail. And the Church is like that: if in heaven she is already associated in some way with the glory of her Lord, in history she continually lives through the trials and challenges which the conflict between God and the evil one, the perennial enemy, brings. And in the struggle which the disciples must confront – all of us, all the disciples of Jesus, we must face this struggle - Mary does not leave them alone: the Mother of Christ and of the Church is always with us. She walks with us always, she is with us. And in a way, Mary shares this dual condition. She has of course already entered, once and for all, into heavenly glory. But this does not mean that she is distant or detached from us; rather Mary accompanies us, struggles with us, sustains Christians in their fight against the forces of evil. Well, prayer with Mary, especially the Rosary, has this “suffering” dimension, that is of struggle, a sustaining prayer in the battle against the evil one and his accomplices. The Rosary also sustains us in the battle.

The second reading speaks to us of **resurrection**. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, insists that being Christian means believing that Christ is truly risen from the dead. Our whole faith is based upon this fundamental truth which is not an idea but an event. Even the mystery of Mary’s Assumption body and soul is fully inscribed in the resurrection of Christ. The Mother’s humanity is “attracted” by the Son in his own passage from death to life. Once and for all, Jesus entered into eternal life with all the humanity he had drawn from Mary; and she, the Mother, who followed him faithfully throughout her life, followed him with her heart, and entered with him into eternal life which we also call heaven, paradise, the Father’s house.

The Gospel suggests to us the third word: **hope**. Hope is the virtue of those who, experiencing conflict – the struggle between life and death, good and evil – believe in the resurrection of Christ, in the victory of love. We heard the Song of Mary, the Magnificat: it is the song of hope, it is the song of the People of God walking through history. It is the song many saints, men and women, some famous, and very many others unknown to us but known to God: mums, dads, catechists, missionaries, priests, sisters, young people, even children and grandparents: these have faced the struggle of life while carrying in their heart the hope of the little and the humble. Mary says: “My souls glorifies the Lord” – today, the Church too sings this in every part of the world. This song is particularly strong in places where the Body of Christ is suffering the Passion. For us Christians, wherever the Cross is, there is hope, always. If there is no hope, we are not Christian. That is why I like to say: do not allow yourselves to be robbed of hope. May we not be robbed of hope, because this strength is a grace, a gift from God which carries us forward with our eyes fixed on heaven. And Mary is always there, near those communities, our brothers and sisters, she accompanies them, suffers with them, and sings the Magnificat of hope with them.

Pope Francis

PARISH LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

To stay united we will live stream Mass
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FACE COVERINGS

Please bring your own face covering as they will not be supplied. Thank you.





PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is now open
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10.15 am – 1.00 pm
020 8449 6648

BE AWARE the 11am Mass is livestreamed.
Hence you may be visible.



New Church Timetable

Weekday Mass 11am (except Tuesday)
Church open at 10.15am – close at 1.00pm

Saturday Mass 11am & 5.30pm
Church open 10.15am – close at 1pm
Reopen at 5pm

Sunday Masses 9am & 11am
Church open at 8.30am and 10.30am
The church will be closed between masses
to enable sanitising.

All 11am Masses will be livestreamed



take a **YELLOW CARD** and place on your seat
when leaving to enable sanitising.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

We continue to meet every Saturday at 2.30 pm and Zoom allows us to have people from Singapore, Cornwall, Scarborough, Huddersfield, etc. Last week John Ryeland, head of Christian Healing Mission, was brilliant as he talked and prayed over people. This coming Saturday we have another old friend, Fiona Oommen, to inspire us as she has in the past. We welcome newcomers at peterkrau@aol.com

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the lives of couples
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Live online monthly events
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Next Event: Saturday August 22nd
10.00-11.30
Email Richard Or Juliet Burnford
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Sunday 16 August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10. Ps. 44:10-12. 16. 1 Cor. 15:20-26. Lk. 1:39-56.	Thursday 20 August	St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor Mass: 11.00am Readings: Ezek. 36:23-28. Ps. 50:12-15. 18=19. Mt. 22:1-14.
Monday 17 August	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Ezekiel 24:15-24. Ps. Deut. 32:18-21. Mt. 19:16-22.	Friday 21 August	St Pius X, Pope Mass: 11.00am Readings: Ezek. 37:1-4. Ps. 106:2-9. Mt. 22:34-40.
Tuesday 18 August	Feria NO MASS Readings: Ezekiel 28:1-10. Ps. Deut. 32:26-28. 30. 35-36. Mt. 19:23-30.	Saturday 22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6. Ps. 112:1-8. Lk. 1:26-38
Wednesday 19 August	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Ezek. 34:1-11. Ps. 22. Mt. 20:1-16.	Sunday 23 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23. Ps. 137:1-3. 6. 8. Rom. 11:33-36. Mt. 16:13-20.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting in the garden/ large hall on **Sunday 13th September at 9.30am** for children and parents to prepare for the First Holy Communion Masses.

These will take place on : **Saturday 19th September at 3.00pm** and **Saturday 26th September at 3.00pm**