

Reflection Monday Week 21 Our Lady, Mother and Queen 2022

Our Lady, Mother and Queen. The doctrine of the Assumption was promulgated in 1951, with its feast on 15th August. As normal for great feasts, the celebration continued for a week afterwards. Our Lady, Mother and Queen, marks the conclusion of this period of celebration. We remember that the Blessed Virgin reigns in heaven together with her Son. She reigns not because she is in any way equal to God but because she is the mother of Christ the King. Her privileges come from agreeing to become the Mother of God, making our redemption possible.

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. You love us and know us: No concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, we often experience your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, prince of peace.

We chose to ignore God, grew arrogant and aggressive. We stopped caring for our neighbours and being stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war, and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us. Even in our most troubled moments you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now knock at the door of your heart. Help us and grant us your comfort. Untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid. Hear and answer our prayers.

What do you call a steak that's been knighted by the queen? Sir Loin.