

- * **The Assumption of Mary:** Celebrating this Feast Day reveals there's something special about Mary, but it also affirms something special about humanity. Whatever the church teaches about Mary, it also teaches about the Church and about us as fellow disciples. As the prayers at Mass today share, Mary's Assumption is a sign of hope and comfort for all of us. We too will go where she is – in heaven.
[Q]: *How do you feel as you remember Mary given as Mother to all disciples at the foot of the Cross, now caring for you from Heaven?*
- * **The Woman and the Dragon:** The Book of Revelation has dramatic images; Mary as a 'type' or figure for the Church and each Christian who births Christ in their life. The Church births disciples in conflict with the dragon, who wants to eat and remove disciples of Jesus, has many faces, and 8 times in the Book of Revelation tries to lead disciples astray into false worship and idolatry. The dragon is ultimately unable to stop the victory and power of Jesus, with his resurrection and his authority in the lives of his disciples.
[Q]: *Reading the passage with this background, what strikes you about Mary? What face of the dragon tries to 'devour' your discipleship and lead you astray? What is your feeling after pondering these images of the Book of Revelation?*
- * **Two Pregnant Mums:** The historical site of the Visitation is in Ein Karen, a small village on the outskirts of Jerusalem. There, in the Church of the Visitation, are large bronze figures of Mary and Elizabeth, their pregnancy bumps almost touching as they greet each other. A conversation is happening between them, but also between John and Jesus; the Old Testament meets the New Testament; Zechariah of the high priestly family, the Jewish priesthood, meets the new Priesthood of Christ. God's promises are fulfilled. The long waiting of the Old Testament is now turned to 'leaping for joy'. The Ark of the Covenant, before which King David leaped for joy (2 Sam 6,5), is now fulfilled with John leaping for joy before Mary (symbol of the Church), bearing Christ and the New Covenant (Eucharist). In the baby, and the disciple John, we see our own encounter with Christ 'hidden' in the Eucharist.
[Q]: *What image in this scene strikes you the most? What could it teach you for your life?*
- * **Mary's Magnificat:** Mary's famous song – the Magnificat – is really a radical prophetic victory cry, a pulling down of leaders from their high thrones and lifting up of the poor and lowly from despair. Rich are sent away empty and no longer devouring the poor for profit. God's mercy saves and brings justice and true peace. This song – poem – is so radical in fact it has been banned from some countries because it is too revolutionary!
[Q]: *What does pulling down princes and exalting the lowly look like for you? Do you connect God's mercy with justice?*



MARY, OUR MOTHER, IS OUR MODEL OF FAITH, OUR SURE SIGN OF HOPE

On visiting a prison in Mexico, in 2016, Pope Francis shared a classic line with the prisoners:
“Those who have experienced hell can become prophets.”

This takes me back to my days as a parish priest in Australia, when I worked with a kind and gifted Christian man, helping men with violent behavioural issues. Ivan would write on his practice, offering thought-provoking reflections. His wisdom stays with me 25 years later, as I always found him to be gentle, yet mind-blowing in his insights. I share a classic Ivan piece.
“Another and I may experience exactly the same trauma and suffer a loss as a consequence; however, we will not have the same experience of that trauma and loss. Therefore, what would give me the right to suggest to you how to resolve your loss. No, the best I can do for you is simply hold your hand and walk by your side, whilst giving you permission to feel your pain. Only then might you be in a position to resolve your loss. The resolution will be yours, not mine done up in a different package. There is empowerment for both of us in this that is both exciting and humbling.
However, if I failed to respect you and your ability to be the best you can be, then I am of little use to either of us. Respect is something that cannot be turned on or off. We must live respect. Do we give others enough respect to listen to their stories without judgement? Do we respect ourselves enough to allow ourselves to feel our own pain and not keep ourselves forever busy or surrounded by noise or distractions? For if we are unable to give ourselves permission to feel, how can we expect to do the same for others? Respect is a two-way super highway, not a narrow one-way lane!”
Returning to Pope Francis, at that prison in Juarez, I hear him sharing just as deeply and intimately with the prisoners. He encourages them, preaching mercy that frees and gives hope.
“Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy with you means learning not to be prisoners of the past, of yesterday. It means learning to open the door to the future, to tomorrow. It means believing things can change.”
Here, I share life messages that poignantly reflect the reality of Mary in our lives. She is a sure sign of hope to us, within the harsh realities of life. Being the Mother of Jesus did not lead her to an easy escape, nor a comfortable life. She knew very well the harshness of life, its trials and challenges, but none of this stopped her. Instead, she fulfilled her destiny through being open to God and remaining faithful. Thus, she shows us the way, for where she has gone, we too may go. Mary is the Mother of God, Mother of the Church and our Mother in faith and in hope, a sure sign of our destiny in love.

— John P Murray osa

CALENDAR

MONDAY

August 17
Weekday
Ez 24:15-23
Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY

August 18
Weekday
Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

August 19
Weekday
Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY

August 20
St. Bernard, Abbot
and Doctor of the
Church
Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

FRIDAY

August 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY

August 22
The Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Ez 43:1-7ab
Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY

August 23
Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : First Sunday during 8:30 am mass.
English : Second Sunday during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

MARIAN PRAYERS

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our
sweetness, and our hope,
to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy
towards us,
and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of
thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Amen.

MEMORARE (by Saint Bernard of Clairvaux)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
That never was it known that anyone who fled to thy
protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left
unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of
virgins, our Mother.
To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and
sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our
petitions
but in thy mercy hear and answer us.
Amen.

MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this
day,
in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout
the world,
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart:
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins,
the reunion of all Christians, and for the intentions of our
Holy Father.
Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee,
and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments,
but most of all because they offend thee, my God,
who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.
Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: MAGNIFICAT (TAIZE) (No. 630)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263)

PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 387)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 390)

PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: IMMACULATE MARY (No. 886)

FINAL: HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE (No. 879) PLEASE STAND

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday, 16th August 2026

ENTRANCE: ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER PLEASE STAND

REFRAIN: On this day, O beautiful Mother, On this day we give thee our love.

Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover, Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

1. On this day we ask to share, Dearest Mother, thy sweet care;
Aid us ere our feet astray, Wander from thy guiding way. (R)
2. Queen of angels, deign to hear, Lispering children's humble pray'r
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure, Sweetly to thyself allure. (R)

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

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GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercyu on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

A reading from the Book of Revelation:

God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One.”

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 45: THE QUEEN STANDS AT YOUR RIGHT HAND



The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

- 1. The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir. (R)
- 2. Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father’s house. (R)
- 3. So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord. (R)
- 4. They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:20-27

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.”

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.

GOSPEL: Lk 1:39-56

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

And Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.”

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES’ CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,
All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
“Almighty God, hear us.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST