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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15, 2021 Year B)



Mary's Assumption gives us the assurance and hope of our own resurrection and assumption into Heaven on the day of our Last Judgment. It is a sign to us that someday, through God's grace and our good life, we, too, will join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. It points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate Mary's fidelity and obedience to God's will.

Since Mary's Assumption was a reward for her saintly life, this feast reminds us that we, too, must be pure and holy in body and soul, since our bodies will be glorified on the day of our resurrection. St. Paul tells us that our bodies are the temples of God because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. He also reminds us that our bodies are members (parts) of the Body of Christ. Therefore, on this feast day of our heavenly Mother, let us offer ourselves on the altar and pray for her special care and loving protection in helping us

lead a purer and holier life. *frtonyhomilies)*

Assunzione della Beata Vergine Maria (ANNO B)

Dopo l'annuncio, Maria è partita verso la montagna di Giudea per andare a trovare Elisabetta. Colma dello Spirito Santo, Elisabetta l'ha benedetta. L'ha proclamata "Madre del mio Signore". Fonte di gioia. Beatitudine vivente della fede. Maria ha risposto con il cantico del Magnificat. Parole ispirate, che lasciano intravedere il suo cuore. Esse sono per noi il suo "testamento spirituale". Identificandosi con Maria, la Chiesa di tutti i tempi continua a cantare tutti i giorni il Magnificat come suo proprio cantico.

Celebriamo oggi il mistero dell'Assunzione. Alla fine del suo passaggio sulla terra, la Madre del Redentore, preservata dal peccato e dalla corruzione, è stata elevata nella gloria in corpo e anima vicino a suo Figlio, nel cielo. La tomba vuota di Maria, immagine della tomba vuota di Gesù, significa e prelude alla vittoria totale del Dio della vita sulla morte, quando alla fine del mondo farà sorgere in vita eterna la morte corporale di ognuno di noi unita a quella di Cristo. L'Apocalisse ci mostra "un segno grandioso del cielo": la Donna che ha il sole per mantello, e una corona di stelle. Invincibile con la grazia di Dio di fronte al nemico primordiale. "Figura e primizia della Chiesa". Primizia nel dolore della maternità al servizio della Redenzione. Primizia nel destino della gloria. Da lì, nel focolare della Trinità, Maria ci aspetta tutti per vivere e cantare con lei la nostra riconoscenza alla Grazia di Dio. La beatitudine divina e umana della Salvezza. Il suo eterno Magnificat. *(lachiesa.it)*

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held during August each year in Catholic parishes. It their major annual fundraiser and support from our Parish will help to meet the growing demand for services in the local community.

CatholicCare Victoria empowers communities, builds strength and resilience, and works to help everyone reach their full potential.

There will be envelopes placed on the church pews for donations. Thank you in advance for helping the thousands of individuals and families we support each year.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Helen Rakuscek, Angelina Butera, Antonina Paulus, Bob Brown

Recently deceased: Joe Medalle, Judith Karistianos, Luciana Raffaeli, Grazia D'Alessandro, Concettina Foti, Vincenza Tabacco, Carmela Bovezza, Vincenzo Gatto, Giovanni Capasso

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stella David, Concetta Di Nuzzo, Gabriele Torchia, Youssef and Nagibie Lebnan, Sebastiano Pitruzello, Richard Robinson, Paola Cutello, Silvio Papile.

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses August 21/22

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm : J. Manovella
 Sunday 9.00 am : S. Peake
 Sunday 10.30 am : C. DiGiulio

Special ministers:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm: J. Butera
 Sunday 9.00 am : L. Iaria

Bus: P. Capasso (Saturday 5.30 pm)

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm
 Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Vinnies Winter Appeal

"Australia is in the middle of a homelessness crisis. Each night, over 25,000 children are experiencing homelessness across the country. Their safety, their education, their emotional and physical health are all suffering. If we don't help now, this moment of pain may turn into a lifetime of struggle. By supporting our Vinnies volunteers, you will help ensure that families at risk of homelessness get the financial and emotional support they need to keep their children safe".

There will a collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal at masses during August.

Please donate

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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