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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 15 August 2021

SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:20-26

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - 5.00 pm

Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm— NO ADORATION
5.30 pm— NO MASS
Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS
Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS
Friday - 8.30 am— NO MASS
St Bernard, abbot, doctor

Reconciliation (Confession)

Not currently available.

Adoration: Tuesday: Not this week

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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Responsorial Psalm

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

1. 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.)
2. So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (POPE FRANCIS)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary! To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Peter Caruana, Leone Kirton

PRAY FOR THE SICK John Bell, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL:

7.30AM:

9.30AM:

CLEANERS:

FLOWERS:

SACRISTY:

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DOW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

We remember in our prayers Joe Moore and his family, Joe has been a catechist for many years and has shared his faith with many children in state schools.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the foyer of the church.

(When Masses resume)

If you are not already in planned giving and would like to contribute to support the parish, please contact the parish office.

Giving can be done via the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

To read more go here <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE: This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope." Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II. Begins 5 September, there are 6 conferences, with 2 being uploaded each week. Also included are questions for reflections. Cost \$250, to register: jamerooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats

NEXT WEEK READINGS:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL, THIRROUL PARISH

SECRETARY – Resignation and Position Vacant. Magda Pires, Parish Secretary, began employment in August 2015. After six years, Magda has submitted her resignation as she is moving into a new job in accounting. There is a part-time position available commencing 24 August, three days per week, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Some negotiation of times and days is possible. The position requires proven skills in computerised bookkeeping procedures, database entry, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint), web-site administration and general secretarial duties. Applications, including a detailed curriculum vitae, are to be sent by email to the Parish Office thirroul@dow.org.au by 5:00pm, Monday, 16 August.

ALL TO CONNECT - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of female friends, online or face to face? "Call to Connect" Catholic women's ministry is a ministry that offers prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey for women through its prayer/sharing group structure. Their aim is to strengthen the relationship between women and facilitate a deepening walk with God. There are Starter Kits available with all you need to form prayer/sharing groups. For more information contact Bronnie Schlager on calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com

THE JOURNEY, 15 August 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On the Journey this week, Mother Hilda says God whispers in our ear every morning as we wake, "have a nice day!" Plus, more inspiring reflections and great music. To listen to the podcast, go to www.jcr.org.au.

HUME DEANERY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

The Deanery Safeguarding Training session presented by the Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding is an opportunity for volunteers and employees of the parish to be informed about child protection and general safeguarding measures (as they relate to vulnerable people). This session will be particularly relevant to those working with children, young people, and adults at risk. **Sat 9th October 2021,** 10am–12.30pm, located at the **St John's Parish Hall Campbelltown** (35 Cordeaux St, Campbelltown). **Registrations are essential and will close 1 week prior to each training date, to register please provide your contact details to your Parish Secretay**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A mother carries her child in her womb, giving that child a share in her own life. What if a child were able to share its life with its mother? This is what we believe happened between our Risen Lord and his mother, Mary.

It is our faith that our Lord nourishes Mary with His Resurrection life, meaning that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with His Divine glory.

She grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect. This is what we mean by 'The Assumption'.

This has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the church. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because in the first half of the 20th century tens of millions were killed in wars, death camps and in the Russian and China Communist dictatorships. The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses. We could pause for a moment to pray that we may share in the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

GET CONNECTED with what is on around the Diocese Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way of staying informed and connected is to subscribe at <https://dow.sh/stayingconnected>

If you have planned giving envelope **No.68,** could you please contact the parish office or let Fr Peter know, thank you

Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are NOT OPEN for private prayer
Churches can be opened only for:
Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and Reconciliation

MASS ON T.V.

As all Masses in the area have been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions—Mass can be watched every week on Sunday morning at 6.00 am on Channel 10

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