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## 15th August 2021 - Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### Prayer to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FATHER IN HEAVEN,  
 ALL CREATION RIGHTLY  
 GIVES YOU PRAISE,  
 FOR ALL LIFE AND ALL HOLINESS  
 COME FROM YOU.  
 IN THE PLAN OF YOUR WISDOM  
 SHE WHO BORE THE CHRIST  
 IN HER WOMB WAS RAISED  
 BODY AND SOUL IN GLORY  
 TO BE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN.  
 MAY WE FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE  
 IN REFLECTING YOUR HOLINESS  
 AND JOIN IN HER HYMN OF  
 ENDLESS LOVE AND PRAISE.  
 WE ASK THIS THROUGH  
 CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.

**Ordination of Deacon Damien Locke** will take place on Saturday 14th August 2021 at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral. As Armidale is in lockdown it's a closed service.  
 Please see the below links for the Livestream for Rev Damien Locke's Ordination to Priesthood on Saturday and his Livestream for his first Mass on Sunday.  
**The Link for Saturday Ordination is:**  
<https://youtu.be/waGvYlfqcp8>  
**The link for Sunday Mass of Thanksgiving is:**  
<https://youtu.be/Kng65B8cakM>  
 We have also set up a link on the homepage of the Diocese website for people to send their messages of congratulations to Rev Locke.

**Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal & Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal** Clergy Education & Retired Clergy Collection have been combined into one collection which will be conducted last weekend **8th August 2021** to coincide with the conclusion of National Vocations Awareness Week. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Please stipulate on the back of the envelope if you wish for your donation to go to one particular fund others it will be split 50/50. Envelopes are still available at the back of the Church.

**Invitation On-line Euthanasia Talks**  
 You are invited to a series of online talks by theological and medical specialists on the topic over three Mondays in August, co-hosted by the Dioceses of Broken Bay and Parramatta. Sessions 1 & 2 have been completed.  
**Session 3: Monday 16 August, 7.30pm.** Monica Doumlil, Director, Public Affairs and Engagement for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, will talk about the best ways to bring up the topic of euthanasia with friends and family.  
 For more information or to register please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks> or contact Emma Baker at [emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au)

**National Day Of Prayer** - Sunday 22nd August 2021. The Church together in Prayer. The Theme is **Lord Have Mercy, "Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he shows us his mercy"** Ps 123:2. We are drawn together to pray given the current level of need and distress caused by COVID-19. Also, Nightly prayer calls 16th-21st August. Register for Zoom link + daily devotions at [Nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhave Mercy](http://Nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhave Mercy)

**Saint Michael the Archangel**, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church** 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 defend us from every evil. Amen.

- Coronavirus** - The following must be observed at all Masses
1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible
  2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
  3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
  4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church capacity is one person per 4 square metre rule.
  5. Face masks are mandatory at all non-residential venue including churches and the public spaces.
  6. No singing by the congregation at religious services is allowed.
  7. Travel to the Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour and Upper Hunter and Armidale may not enter these areas without a reasonable excuse.
  8. People from the same household may sit together.
  9. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and avoid gathering in large groups.
  10. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.
  11. If you would like a bulletin delivered please let Bern know and it will be arranged.

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Costello (Sister Theresa's Brother-in-law), Patricia Grant.

**Deceased:** Peg Lawson; Terry Fitzpatrick; Kal Fitzpatrick  
**Anniversary:** Beryl Meredith; Ree Holloway; Marjorie Thomson; Edith Constable; Leo Goodwin; William Perkins; Maurice Murphy; Patricia Mason; Joe Ggji; Bill Norman Jnr; Leo Daniels; James McVicar; William (Bill) Norman Sr; Ron O'Dwyer; Dominic Bowen; Eric Robinson; Lorna Matheson; Allan Reading Shr; Patricia (Pat) Lane; Helen Hird; Anne Gee; Jack Tinson; William Martin; Johanna Blanche; Eva Black (Baker); Madeline Houahin; Elouise Harrison; Bernard Howard; Margaret Wadwell; Patricia Stockdale; Valerie Short; Agnes Clare Perkins; Anthony McKay; John Gleeson; Dolores McGregor; Alma Wrailes; Margaret Heath; Suzanne Schumaker; John Egan; Eleanor Heyman; Mary O'Donnell; Maureen Pengilly; John Ryman; Roy Smith; Allan Blanche; Stephen Constable; Wallace Banister; Casimer Reading. **May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.**  
**And for those who are ill:**  
 Pat Reilly; Paul Murphy; Craig Lawrence; Ivy Taylor; Di Dillon; Michael Hausfeld; Sister Pat Bartley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Palon; Fr John Willis; Claire Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Ggji; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### Roster

21/8/2021 R: W Rheinberger  
 22/8/2021 R: D Kerklaan  
 C: D Ryan & T Vereyken

### Coming Events

- Sat 14 No Mass at St Brigid's at 5.00pm
- Sat 14 Mass at Werris Creek at 6.30pm
- Sun 15 No Mass at Willow Tree at 8.00am
- Sun 15 Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sun 29 Mass at Willow Tree at 7.30am with morning tea to follow
- Sun 29 Mass at Carroona at 11.15am

Planned Giving \$460.00+ \$50.00 = \$510.00

First Collection \$378.10

### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - Catechists Mass  
 Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi  
 Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek  
 Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek  
 Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

#### Weekend Masses:

**Saturday:** Vigil Masses  
 5.00pm - Quirindi - NO MASS  
 6.30pm - Werris Creek

#### Sunday:

8.00am - Willow Tree - NO MASS  
 9.30am - Quirindi

#### Carroona: Last Sunday of the Month

**Baptism:** At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.  
**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

**Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.**

# Breaking Open the Word

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 to 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.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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### FIRST READING

Apoc 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

*I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

## ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 44: 10-12, 16. R. v. 10

**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: / they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**



### SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*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 die in Adam, so all 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 enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Lk 1: 39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*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.



### ANTICIPATING

#### OUR RESURRECTION

What do we Catholics mean when we express our conviction that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory? Are we simply heaping praises upon Mary for her 'specialness'? Or is there something deeper at stake?

In fact, like all Marian teachings, the Assumption speaks of the saving love of Christ that envelops our human lives. 'For the Son of God became human, so that we might become God' is a saying of the Church Fathers (cf. *Catechism*, 460). Mary, the 'first disciple' of Jesus Christ, walks with and before us in our own path of Christian discipleship. Her singular participation in her Son's Resurrection is an anticipation of our resurrection. *Who Mary is, we are becoming.* One day we, too, will live forever with God in heavenly glory.

The Assumption is a compelling celebration of Christian hope, an affirmation of the human body, and deep-down encouragement in our earthly struggles.