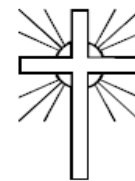


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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 2020

Sunday 16th August 2020

Pope at Angelus on the feast of the Assumption:

Mary is the "Gate of Heaven"

Pope Francis invites us to "look upwards" because, thanks to Mary's assumption: "Heaven is open" and we need no longer be afraid.

In St Luke's Gospel on this Solemnity of the Assumption, the Evangelist records the words of Our Lady as she prays: "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". Before reciting the Angelus, Pope Francis reflected on the two verbs in that prayer: to rejoice and to magnify.

"**We rejoice** when something so beautiful happens that it is not enough to rejoice inside, in the soul, but we want to express happiness with the whole body", said the Pope. "Mary rejoices because of God... she teaches us to rejoice in God, because He does "great things".

"**To magnify** means to exalt a reality for its greatness, for its beauty", continued Pope Francis. "Mary proclaims the greatness of the Lord... she shows us that if we want our life to be happy, God must be placed first, because He alone is great". The Pope warned of getting lost in the pettiness of life, chasing after things of little importance: "prejudices, grudges, rivalries, envy, and superfluous material goods". Mary, on the other hand, invites us to "look upward at the 'great things' the Lord has accomplished in her".

"Mary, who is a human creature, one of us, reaches eternity in body and soul", said Pope Francis. This is why we invoke her as the "**Gate of Heaven**". "There she awaits us, just as a mother waits for her children to come home". The Pope said we are like pilgrims on our way home to Heaven. Seeing that "in paradise, together with Christ, the New Adam, there is also her, Mary, the new Eve, gives us comfort and hope in our pilgrimage down here".

For those who are afflicted with doubts and sadness, "and live with their eyes turned downwards", the Feast of the Assumption is a call to "look upwards" and see that "**Heaven is open**", continued Pope Francis. It is no longer distant, and we need no longer be afraid: "because on the threshold of Heaven there is a Mother waiting for us. Mary constantly reminds us that we are precious in

the eyes of God, and that we are made for the great joys of Heaven. "**Every time we take the Rosary in our hands and pray to her**", he said, "**we take a step forward towards our life's great goal**".

"Let us be attracted by true beauty", said the Pope, "let us not be drawn in by the petty things in life, but let us choose the **greatness of Heaven**". Pope Francis concluded by praying that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gate of Heaven, may help us daily to fix our gaze with confidence and joy "on the place where our true home lies".

News series

Fr Martin's Youtube channel has a news series for August. In addition to the daily homilies by Fr Martin, this month sees the launch of *Mysteries of Light*, a weekly series of meditations by Mgr Jonathan Moore, reflecting on the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. View any time and for free at:

[youtube.com/fathermartin](https://www.youtube.com/fathermartin)

Thoughts from today's Second Reading 1Cor 15:20-26

First fruits were brought to the Temple (the first sheaves of the harvest) on the first day after the Passover celebrations, representing the complete harvest received gratefully from the Lord and now offered back in thanksgiving.

Thus Christ's resurrection, the first fruits, offers to God the resurrection of the whole human race. Here is the central feature of Paul's preaching: if Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith in him is foolishness.

Today's reading treats death as the consequence of sin. Paul says that sin comes into God's good world through humankind, and we all share the consequent death: but Christ overcame death by rising from the dead ("when he was raised from the dead") and we conquer death by rising with Christ to new life.

The second coming of Christ will complete the victory over sin and death, his kingdom will then be fulfilled and he will hand over the kingdom to his Father.

There are, thus, two kingdoms - the now and the eternal. Paul is swept along by the power of his thought and images of Old Testament teaching and Ancient World myths. (Read on to verse 38 . . .)

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church)

Saturday 15th Saturday of Our Lady
10.00am to 11.00am, ASC open for private prayer
6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday -
visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

Sunday 16th The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.30am, SMC Holy Mass –
visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

Monday 17th Feria
3.30pm to 4.30pm, SMC open for private prayer

Tuesday 18th Feria
1.00pm to 3.00pm, ASC open for private prayer

Wednesday 19th St John Eudes, Priest
10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer

Thursday 20th St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
6.30pm to 8.30pm, ASC open for private prayer

Friday 21st St Pius X, Pope

Saturday 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am to 12 noon, ASC open for private prayer
6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday –
visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

Sunday 23rd Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.30am SMC Holy Mass –
visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption:

*Almighty and everlasting God,
You have taken up body and soul
into the heavenly glory
the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
Mother of Your Son:
Grant, we beseech You,
that, ever intent upon heavenly things,
we may be worthy to be
partakers of her glory.
Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

(From the Roman Missal)

Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 15th August, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For the Holy Souls (both Saturdays); For the people of the parishes (both Sundays);
For Mary Machin RIP (birthday memorial) (JR); For Tessa and Arthur Sylvester, RIP; For Peter Mitcheson RIP (JB);
For Fr Martin's deceased relatives, friends and benefactors, RIP; and For John & Monica Ashbrook RIP (anniv) (BE).

Live streaming services for This Weekend:

For Bishop Patrick, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>
For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>
For The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham at 9.30am, go to: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>
This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6,10; Psalm 44: 10-12, 16; 1 Cor: 15, 20-26; Lk 1: 39-56

News from the Diocese

In Nottingham Diocese we are joining the global Caritas network—and if you are a parishioner here, you will be part of it too. In Caritas everyone is invited to share in realising the Kingdom of God in these unprecedented times.

Join our next online *Imagine...* workshop. We'll seek out opportunities for mission in the county where you live, during the pandemic and beyond. We'll map what Catholics are already doing, and plan new forms of outreach across six themes:

- Building communities of missionary disciples
- The environment and global responsibility
- Poverty, homelessness and human dignity
- Support for refugees and asylum seekers
- Tackling modern slavery and human trafficking
- Overcoming social isolation

Join by telephone or video-conference on the relevant date below:

Derbyshire, High Peak and Burton: Monday 24 August at 7.30 p.m.

To book a place, go to the Grapevine section on the diocesan website.