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Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady
1th August 2020 - Liturgical Year A
Next Sunday is the 21st Sunday of the Year



This week:

Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Bernard]

Friday Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Pius X]

**Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary]
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m.**

Next Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00

Hopefully we will continue to stream our Masses on You Tube.

Our Masses are open each day for approximately 30 people on a first come first served basis. Please follow the directions and keep social distance. Holy Communion [in the hand] will be distributed at the end of Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This feast [transferred from 15th August] honours the blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of the immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ.

This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity an exemplar and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfillment of our highest hopes. Our own future glorification is happily in store for those who Christ had made brothers and sisters by taking on our flesh and blood

Of your charity, please pray for:

Our recently deceased: Derek Mortali & Teresa Kenneth
and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Shearer & Mina Ness
or those sick in hospital or at home; Mike McKay & Kathleen Gallagher

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for the considerable donations [£405 (Gift Aid - £272) received this week by cheque and into the parish bank account'

If you are able to make a donation to the parish or a direct debit, our bank details are:

Royal Bank of Scotland - Kingsway Circus Branch

277 Strathmartine Road, Dundee DD3 8NS

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Today's Mass Readings for the Solemnity of the Assumption

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

The woman and the dragon depicted the persecuted church; but came to include the Assumption of our Lady

Responsorial: Psalm 45

Response: The queen stands at your right hand, robed in gold

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-25

Christ is "first fruits" of the resurrection. His Mother already shares the fullness of redemption

Gospel: Luke (1:39-56)

During her visit to Elizabeth, Mary recites the Magnificat

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There are no scheduled time for Confession as yet and we cannot use the Confessional Box. We are available for face to face, socially distanced confession on request any day of the week except Sunday.

Hospital chaplaincy and visitation

If you or a loved one is in hospital and wish to receive the Sacraments, please make contact with the Duty Hospital Chaplain on 07821 624124. Other priests have been refused entry to wards at this time. The chaplain can be contacted by pager through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111.

We are open for Mass on each morning at 9.30 a.m., and at the usual times for Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning, and please follow directions to seats

Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and should be received in the hand, and you are asked to leave immediately after receiving Holy Communion.

Using social distancing we can probably allow 27/30 people to Mass. There is no Holy Water and the Fonts and there will be no sign of peace. You must wear a mask at all times and sanitise your hands.

Please do not congregate outside the church after Mass.



FIRST COMMUNIONS and CONFIRMATION

All being well we hope to have our delayed First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 22nd November - at 11 o'clock Mass. More details when school hopefully resumes. First Confessions will be arranged also.

Confirmation, all being well, will be in St Andrew's Cathedral on 30th November at 7.00 p.m., Feast of St Andrew, with St Mary's, Lochee and Our Lady of Victories.



Our model of discipleship

The Gospels present the Virgin Mary with features that can deepen our devotion to her. They help us to love her, meditate on her, imitate her, pray to her and trust in her with a new and evangelical spirit. Mary is the great believer, the first follower of Jesus, who knows how to meditate in her heart on her Son's words and actions, the prophetess who sings to God, the Saviour of the poor. She is the faithful mother who stays near her Son as he is rejected, condemned, and executed on the cross. Then, as a witness of the risen Christ, she prays with the disciples to receive the Spirit who will always accompany them into the future. Luke invites us to make our own the song of Mary, and let ourselves be guided by her Gospel spirit. We see in the "Magnificat" the full splendour of Mary's faith and her motherly identification with her Son Jesus.

She begins by proclaiming God's greatness: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, because he has looked on his lowly servant". She is happy because God has accepted her lowliness. God's special care is for his little ones. Mary's hymn echoes the same joy with which Jesus blesses the Father, because God is hidden to "the wise and the learned" and is revealed to "the little ones". Her faith in the "God of the little ones" is fully in harmony with Jesus. She knows that God's faithful love extends from age to age. His mercy accompanies all generations. Jesus preaches the same message: God's mercy reaches out to us all. That's why his disciples need to "be merciful as your Father is merciful". In her motherly heart, Mary uniquely embodies the tenderness of God Father and Mother, and points us to Jesus' core message, that the very nature of God is compassion and love.

Mary also proclaims the God of the poor, who puts down princes and removes their power to oppress others. God also "raises up the lowly" so that they recover their dignity. He will punish the rich for robbing the poor. On the other hand, he will fill the starving with good things, so that they enjoy a more human life. Jesus had the same message, that the last shall be first. Mary lets us welcome Jesus' Good News, that God is the God of the poor. She teaches us to follow Jesus, practicing compassion, working for a more fraternal world and trusting in the God of the little ones.

The fairest of creatures

Every individual of the human race, male and female, is made in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26). We can celebrate Our Lady's Assumption in light of this basic principle from the creation story. Mostly we are tempted to reverse this process and try to shape God in our own image and likeness. Naturally we have a limited concept of our Creator. How we cling to the notion of a docile God, who will grant our wishes if only we ask him in the right way; or an indulgent God who will turn a blind eye on the double standards in our lives; or a vengeful God, whom we obey only out of fear. To test the quality of our faith we might wonder, Do my ideas resemble Mary's vision of God, especially as in today's gospel when she says, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."



Mary combines sincere worship of God with deep joy in his presence, in the spirit of the advice given to the early Christians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing". In her Magnificat, Mary is enraptured by God, she does not ask anything for herself, she is not worried about the future; she thinks only of the goodness of God up to the present moment, and of the gratitude she owes to God. In her we have the supreme example of someone totally captivated by the love of God. In this sense, she is the fairest of all God's creatures.



First of all the saints, she is the handmaid, the willing and joyful servant of the Lord. She lived solely for God and therefore God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, gave her the fullness of grace. Now just as Jesus did not abandon us when he ascended to heaven, so Mary has not been separated from the Christian community by her Assumption, but remains for each of us a sign of hope. We are called, like her, to share in the fullness of Christ's glory. She is the model and guarantee of all that the believer hopes to become in heaven. We pray today that we too may be found worthy to come to that place in heaven which God has prepared for those who love him.