



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

16th August 2020

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AS CATHOLICS,

we have a very special place in our hearts for Mary, the Mother of God. Our devotions might seem a little sentimental to some, but this is not the case. Mary, often depicted as meek and mild, was in fact a woman of great strength and insight. More to the point, Mary is on the side of ordinary men women and children everywhere.

Today, as we listen to the gospel of the Magnificat, the Blessed Virgin Mary tells us about a liberating God who is all about turning human values upside down. We may look up to the rich the successful and the glamorous but God doesn't. We may aspire to be like our X Factor idols but this isn't the Christian aspiration. Of God, Mary tells us, "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."

Mary voices God's opposition to oppression, injustice and greed. Mary, herself a 'lowly servant', is on the side of all those who find life a daily struggle. Is it any wonder we so often pray for her intercession, particularly in these days of difficulty?

Luke does not mention the death of Mary in his writings, but by the sixth century, Christians had already begun to speculate about the nature of Mary's death. They could not believe that Mary's body underwent decay after the unique role she had played in history. The dogma of the Assumption, founded in the origins of popular faith, was proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



The Clergy

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Fr Kevin Dow

Priest in Residence:

Fr Nicholas Hodgson

Pastoral Assistant:

Rev Pat Carrigan
(Permanent Deacon)



St Peter in Chains Church,
Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church,
Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Dunfermline



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Apocalypse
11:19,12:1-6,10

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun

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 44(45):10-12,16

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

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.

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.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ will be brought to life as the first-fruits and then those 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 enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER

The Month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendour of the Father, You are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, Created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, You are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, Your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, To be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, The Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, You who continuously intercedes on our behalf, Please present my need before your loving Son Jesus.

(In your own words, make your special request here. Do not just mention



a word. Speak to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as you would speak to another person, begging your Heavenly Mother to plea to Jesus on your behalf, that you be granted this special request.)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, For you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favourable answer, Submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, For all glories are His forever and ever.
Amen



The Queenship of Mary: Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

A Spiritual Communion for use when not able to receive our Lord physically:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Sacrament of Reconciliation - if you wish to make an appointment with Fr Kevin to go to confession (with all necessary safeguards in place), please contact him at the presbytery or by email.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND INFIRM

Canon McAllister,
Maureen McLeod,
James Morris,
Elaine McCormick,
Sandra Graham,
Ester Wren,
Daniel Cornet,
Ann-Marie Bevan,
Patricia Phee,
Angie Kempson,
Margaret Lynch,
Edith Bryant,
Elizabeth McVay,
Veronica Fogherty,
David and Lynn Dean,
Colin Reid,
Martin Lacey,
Sandra Christie,
Eleanor Haggett,
Susan Stevenson,
Elizabeth Byrne
and Jennifer Imrie
Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

All those who have died as a result of Covid-19 and all who have no one to pray for them

Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

MAKING A DONATION

During this time of Church closure, and no public Masses being celebrated, you have very little chance of supporting the ongoing mission of the parish and upkeep of our church buildings.

We thank you for all that you have contributed in the past, and if you are able to continue your support, which can also be Gift Aided, we would be eternally grateful. God bless.

Below are the details for the bank accounts for each church if you wish to make your donation directly into the bank account:

St Peter in Chains—
RBS A/C No:
00600297
Sort Code: 833300

Ss John & Columba's—
RBS A/C No:
00114865
Sort Code: 832339

Our Lady of Lourdes—
RBS A/C No:
00249131
Sort Code: 833300



The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time

Public Worship

As from the 15th July we have been able to open our 3 churches, following both the bishop's and the government guidelines.

We will only be able to continue to open our churches if enough parishioners volunteer to assist with the cleaning after each Mass...

- You may attend any weekday Mass, instead of attending the Sunday one;
 - If you are shielding, it's important that you do not come out to Mass at all;
 - We will need to record your name and address when you attend Mass, in case you need to be traced;
 - We are not allowed more than 50 people in church.
 - Seating according to physical distancing rules. Currently, Rosyth would have a capacity of 30, Inverkeithing will also be about 30 and Dunfermline is 48. Households may sit together. **You will be guided to a seat by a passkeeper—you will not be able to sit where you normally do.**
 - **You are legally obliged to wear a face covering.** Exemptions are children under 5 and those with a condition such as asthma.
 - You will need to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving. This will be provided. Please
- avoid touching statues and other surfaces. If you wish to light votive candles, please place them in the basket provided for this purpose (*We ask you not to light the candles yourself, as your hands have flammable liquid on them...*)
 - There will be no music or singing, no readers, ministers of communion, altar servers or sacristans. Only the priest will be allowed in the sacristy and toilet facilities will not be available.
 - Mass will be celebrated without the Gloria or Creed and only one reading, psalm and the gospel.
 - Holy Communion (under the one species) will be distributed after the final blessing and people are asked to leave immediately.
 - For holy Communion, please keep your face covering in place when you receive Holy Communion, and then step to the side, remove mask, consume and replace mask.
 - Offertory donations may be placed in baskets as you leave the church at the end of Mass
 - There will be no Teas etc. after Mass.
 - We will suspend the Holy Hours to focus on Mass, until we can resume normal services.
 - The church will have to be cleaned after each Mass.
 - We will need a team of at least 2 pass keepers, and 2 or 3 cleaners for each Mass. Please consider volunteering your time and help make this all possible.
 - My thanks to those who are presently volunteering to clean the churches at the end of each period.

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Mary is the Mother of the Church

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NEWS & EVENTS

Fr Nicholas: as you may be already aware, the Archbishop has recently announced that Fr Nicholas is to become the parish administrator of the parishes of Duns, Eyemouth & Berwick upon Tweed. Fr Nicholas takes up this appointment at the start of September. We thank him for his assistance with our Masses over the past year whilst he has been in residence in our parish.

Fr Kevin will be away for a few days this week. He will be back for Mass on Friday.

Lebanon Appeal People throughout the world were shocked to see and read about the explosion in the port of Beirut earlier this week. Aid to the Church in Need Lebanon expert Father Samer Nassif, said that the Christian zone of Beirut was “completely devastated”, with at least 10 churches destroyed, 300,000 people homeless and many others suffering, with livelihoods “totally destroyed” by the blast. He said: “Yesterday in one second, more damage to the Christian quarter of Beirut was done than throughout the long years of the civil war. “We have to build it again from the ground up.” “Aid to the Church in Need UK” has opened up an Appeal for the People in Lebanon. If you can help perhaps you would consider donating via their website.

Church halls: these remain closed at the present time until advised by the Archbishop that it is safe to open them up.

Parish Groups: currently remain suspended during this period also.

Time of private prayer: now that the public celebration of the Mass has been allowed, we will stop the periods of private prayer, to cut down on the time in church—and yes, I know that sounds wrong, but so is dying on a contagious virus!

Prayer resources <https://archedinburgh.org/call-to-prayer-at-7pm-on-sunday-3/>

Parish First Holy Communion celebrations: because of the on going pandemic and the closure of our churches, the scheduled celebrations have been provisionally moved to the following dates after consultation with the senior management teams in our parish schools: Our Lady of Lourdes Church (St Margaret’s PS) - Saturday 7th November at 11am & Ss John & Columba’s Church (St John’s PS) - Saturday 21st November at 10am.

Children’s Sunday Newsletter: Copy and paste this link into your web browser and it will take you to this weeks edition of a newsletter designed especially for our younger members of the parish <https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/the-kids-bulletin-20th-sunday.pdf>

Children’s Liturgy material for you to use at home with the children can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/16thAug20FeastAssumptionBVM-PDF.pdf>

OUR VIRTUAL PARISH...

as you all know, whilst all public services, activities, clubs, etc are currently on hold. Public Masses have resumed, but with certain restrictions in place. We do not know when the government will allow us to resume everything as normal, and so please bear with us. Let us pray that the all clear may come soon, and that the virus does not claim anyone from our parish community.

During this trying time, whilst Masses are being celebrated with a smaller number of parishioners physically present in our churches, Fr Kevin will continue to celebrate Mass live from Rosyth and recorded in Inverkeithing to be later added to the parish Facebook Page. If there is a desire for the videos to be added to our Youtube channel, please advise that you would like this to happen.

All of these Masses and services are being ‘live streamed’ through the parish Facebook pages: “The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity” and “Most Holy Trinity Parish-Our Lady of Lourdes Church.” If you have Facebook and you have not already ‘liked’ these pages (why wouldn’t you have already?!), then please do so and keep in touch with the parish.

If you do not have Facebook, then please subscribe to our parish YouTube channel, where Masses are uploaded for you to view.



DEACON PAT'S PONDERINGS



We've been Blessed this past week with weather that some of us would have experienced while on holiday abroad. The heavy humidity of the Algarve, the intense heat of Spain, the Tropical storms of Florida and the Caribbean islands has all been on display. All the while our hospitality staff have been striving throughout the country to make our

lives a little more pleasant with the offer of good food and alfresco dining.

The nights have been long and unexpectedly warm leading to loss of sleep and early morning attempts to catch the breeze and cool down. Coffee and a book have sometimes been the method of relaxation, catching up on some of those self promised reads.

Then there has been for some of us tiresome journeys, hot and stuffy as we try to get to the destination of choice. So, imagine how it was for Mary as she travelled to her Cousin Elizabeth's home. The trip would have been hot and dusty. Difficult for a young woman in her first pregnancy and where were her thoughts, as she pace the road, for this would have been a walking trip for her.

Well, we more or less get all the answers to these questions in today's Gospel. As soon as she reached Zechariah's house Elizabeth's greeting is joyful and her hospitality boundless; 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled'. Mary tells us her innermost thoughts in a reply that had been one of the most beautiful prayers of the Catholic Church:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever."

Mary enjoyed Elizabeth's hospitality for about three months we are told as both women flourished in their respective pregnancies. God's double gift to man; the Prophet who would proclaim the coming of the Lord; and the Messiah Himself, Jesus the Christ.

Today it would be nice if we remember and try to emulate Mary in her obedience to God. She responded despite the fact that under Jewish law she could have been stoned for being an unmarried mother, and gave her assent to God's will.

How do we respond in these modern times? Do we shy away from what we know is right, brush things under the carpet and pretend our faith is for Sundays only? On the other hand, we could follow Mary's example and greet the Lord with joy and extend unbounded hospitality to God when he comes calling. Over to you!

Parish Safeguarding Coordinators Patricia Watt (PiC); Lisa Quinn (J&C); Jane Imrie & Margaret Hall (OLoL)

Baptisms & Marriages Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and Baptisms should be made by appointment with one of the clergy.

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Dow to visit. The Anointing of the Sick should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. The Catholic Chaplain to the Victoria Hospital is Fr Gowans of St Marie's Kirkcaldy (Tel: 01592 592111). In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Catholic Chaplain (emergency cover is provided by the various priests in Fife) please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital. For patients in Queen Margaret Hospital please contact Fr Chris Heenan at St Margaret's (625611) **Please note that a patient/family request must be made before the clergy can visit.**

Names for sick list Names can only be added by the person themselves or by a member of the family. Please advise the Parish Office of any name to be added or removed.

Mass Intentions Please try to have any intention that is required to be said on a particular date in a month before hand. On occasion when a funeral takes place, the stated intention will be moved to the next available date.

Bulletin Notices All notices should be with Fr Kevin in Rosyth by Thursday morning for inclusion in the weekend bulletin

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 16th August <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Josephine Duffy RIP</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
Monday 17th August <i>in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass			
Tuesday 18th August <i>in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 19th August <i>in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass			
Thursday 20th August <i>Memorial of St Bernard</i>	7.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	
Friday 21st August <i>Memorial of St Pius X</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	
Saturday 22nd August <i>Memorial of the Queenship of the blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	
	5.00pm	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	
Sunday 23rd August <i>Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-



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