

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary

15<sup>th</sup> August 2021



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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#### Gospel Reflection by the Sr Mary Coloe PBVM

Today's feast can be hard to make sense of at one level – that Jesus' mother is bodily taken into the life of God (heaven). At the level of the human heart it makes a great deal of sense. Thus, for centuries, it was taken for granted that Mary's mortal body did not



undergo corruption, perhaps based on the lack of a grave for this remarkable woman, coupled with the sense of filial love. Eventually, in 1950 Pope Pius XII declared this ancient tradition as a doctrine of the church, only the second infallible declaration by a Pope. To make theological sense of this decree we need to focus on Jesus, and his bodily resurrection, and what this means for all human beings.

In the resurrected body of Jesus we glimpse with the eyes of faith, the resurrected future that lies ahead for all of us. While for us, such bodily resurrection seems to be a process which first entails the normal corruption of the material body, for Jesus, raised from the grave, his body did not undergo such corruption. Paul says that what happened to Jesus is like the first fruits of a harvest, it is a pledge of what is to follow for everyone. In August, as Spring approaches in Australia, already some trees are showing signs of first fruits – the blossoms are beginning to bud, small figs are already appearing – these indicate that change is happening and that soon the full flowering will follow. In this chapter of his letter to the Corinthians Paul uses a number of images to try to affirm for this community the reality of resurrection – even though he cannot explain precisely the resurrected body.

The imagery in the apocalypse reflects the Jewish heritage of Mary, for the woman crowned with twelve stars is personified Israel in the pangs of birth symbolising the great tribulation at the end of time before the coming of the Messiah. The red dragon with seven heads and ten horns could well

symbolise the military might of Rome, built on seven hills, and whose army, particularly the tenth Legion was responsible for the destruction of Jerusalem. This imagery seems to come from earlier Jewish sources, drawing on common motifs in Greco-Roman mythology. The

Christian author of the Apocalypse has taken over this source and given it a Christological meaning.

The gospel account of Mary's Visitation provides us with some insight into the place Mary held in the early church. Placed on Mary's lips is a song of praise modelled on ancient prayers of her Jewish foremothers. First Elizabeth greets Mary with words recalling Jael and Judith:

'Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, of tent-dwelling women most blessed.' (Judges 5:24)

'Then Uzziah said to her (Judith), "O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all other women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, who created the heavens and the earth."' (Judith 13:18)

Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat, similarly, recalls the song of Hannah when she is granted a child, Samuel. In this way, Mary is linked with the great women of Israel who were chosen to be saviours for their people. Her song prefigures the ministry of Jesus to the poor and the outcast.

The readings thus present Mary as a woman within her tradition, a woman of faithful Israel, whose fidelity to Jesus models and prefigures the vocation of all believers. In her complete self-giving to God's will and her intimate relationship with Jesus, she is gifted with the immediate consequences of his resurrection. Like Jesus, she moves through death, to life with God without bodily corruption. In Mary we are given the promise of our own future.

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#### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

### SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

#### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

#### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

#### Sacrament of Baptism

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<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Susanna Hooper	Caitlin Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Vincent Whyte
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
	<b>Counters</b>	T Scanlan, E.Noronha	M Prentice, H & F Tay

Parish Calendar		
Aug Sat 14	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
Sun 15	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
Mon 16	8.00am	Communion Service (20th Week in Ordinary time) Church
Tue 17	8.00am	Mass (20th Week in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 18	8.00am	Mass (20th Week in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 19	8.00am	Mass (20th Week in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 20	8.00am	Mass (St Bernard) Church
Sat 21	8.00am	Mass (St Pius X) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church

**5 first Saturdays Devotion**  
 At Fatima, Our Lady pleaded with us to offer this Devotion as an Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. See Notice Board in the foyer.  
  
 For additional information contact Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594 or Tony Pitchford on 0407 387 493


**2021 Sacraments**  
 Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office for an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments)  
  
**First Holy Communion**  
**9am Sunday, 12 September 2021**  
  
**First Reconciliation**  
**Saturday, 30 October 2021**  
 Commitment Mass 6pm 11 Sept 2021

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 Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
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**Divine Mercy Hour**  
 Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday of the month at 3pm.  
 Please join us this Sunday at 3 pm.

## First Reading

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

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.'

## 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 Corinthians 15:20-26*

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.

## Gospel Acclamation

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

## Gospel

*Luke 1:39-56*

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.

## Reflection for Young People

By Greg Sunter



In a world that is increasingly selfish and negative, there is a trend towards isolation from family, neighbours and community. In the face of social isolation, the call to a Christian life is a call to say 'Yes' to life itself and all it offers. To say 'Yes' to life is to say 'Yes' to life-giving relationships and decisions and 'No' to life denying relationships and decisions. To say 'Yes' to life is to say 'No' to those things that harm self and harm others. A 'Yes' to life is a 'Yes' to hope; to possibility; to love; to God; and to yourself.

- How does Elizabeth's response to Mary reflect an affirmation of life?
- In what ways can you identify origins of the 'Hail Mary' prayer in this gospel passage?
- Why do you think Mary is held up as a model of what it means to be a fully alive person?
- What is an area of your life to which you need to say 'Yes'?

## Next Sunday Readings

**21st Sunday in Ordinary time - Year B**  
**22nd August 2021—St Pius X Feast Day**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second Reading: Thes 2:2-8

Gospel: John 21: 15-17



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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

With all my heart I praise the Lord,  
and I am glad because of God  
my Savior.  
He cares for me, his humble servant.  
All people will say God has blessed me.  
God All-Powerful has done great things  
for me,  
and his name is holy.

Mary was assumed into heaven.  
Color the picture of Mary.

