

Parish of St. Mary's

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Feast of the Assumption - 15th August 2021

This Weekend	Aug 14th / 15th
7.00 p.m.	Nicholas and Margaret Mallon and son Nicholas Mallon (19 th Anniv).
9.00 a.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	Paddy and Chrissie Glennon, Aughafin
Weekday Masses: St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.	
Sat Aug 21st	Patsy, Johnny, Bridget and Nan Murphy, Lackan
Next Weekend:	Aug 21st / 22nd
7.00 p.m.	No Intention.
9.00 a.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Aug 8th - €880 - sincere thanks.

• The Deep End • The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary •
•The Slow Work of God •

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.' (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

- Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

"If you are too busy to pray, you are busier than God wants you to be."

"Remember as you go about your day that you may be the only Jesus some of your friends, neighbors, and family will ever see."

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1. The story of the Visitation is a story of two pregnant women reaching out to one another. For those of you who are mothers, perhaps you have been in that situation. What blessings do you recall in such encounters?
2. The story and the song of Mary are both celebrating the work of God in her life. When have you been particularly grateful for what was happening in your life? How did you express and celebrate your thanks?
3. Mary is praised for believing that God's promise to her would be fulfilled. How has your trust in God's promise to be with you helped you in your life?
4. Read the Magnificat a few times slowly and let your attention stay with whatever words or phrase you are drawn to. Place yourself in the position of the one saying the prayer. Let it be your prayer of thanksgiving for your own life. - JByrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Mary, our Mother,
your total giving of yourself
reminds us
that we hold in trust
from God our Father

all our accomplishments
and talents and gifts
trusted as we are
to offer them in his service
and bring happiness and wellbeing
to our brothers and sisters.
Your 'yes' to God's invitation
to be the mother of his Son
reminds us
that prayer is not just words
but is from the heart.



We ask you to pray to Jesus for us
that the Holy Spirit live fully in, us too
so that we may pray
in the way that each of us finds best.
So may we be prepared to join you
in saying 'yes' to God our Father
that Jesus will be born
anew in our hearts. Amen

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Accord Catholic Marriage Care is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact by email to info@accord.ie. Closing date is Friday 27 August. Further information: www.accord.ie

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Monica Coyle

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Sarah Jane and Cora Murphy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sr Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan

Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Mairead Fulham

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Emma Reilly, Ita O'Farrell

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -