



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy



Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers.



Prayer For The Feast Of The Assumption

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favour:

.....

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you.

Amen.



COVID-19 Update

All Public Masses are currently suspended in our Parish for the duration of the lockdown.

During this time, we invite you to join us online this Sunday for the celebration of the Holy Mass which will be celebrated by Fr Boguslaw and Fr Chris.

Find the link for the Mass on-demand anytime on Sunday on our Parish website:

www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Contact Us

Please inform the Parish Office if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email.

For Parishioners who give via credit card, please let us know if your credit card has expired or if you have changed your card.

Thank you!



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the means your love inspires. You filled him with universal apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence, with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to follow you, even into the mystery of the Cross.

Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray to you for my special needs (include your personal intention). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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Parish Mass Times

Due to the current COVID restrictions all parish masses are currently suspended.

[Please visit our parish website for further details](#)

Sacred Heart Church

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass

Weekend:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:45am, 9:30am and 6:00pm

Reconciliation: Friday 8:30am, Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 12pm

During School Term as advertised in the Parish weekly calendar section

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

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Friday 8.30am to 1.00pm

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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PARISH PRAYER ZONE

May the Father of our Lord Jesus enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Recently Deceased:

Joyce Spark, Christopher Drinkwater, Rudolf Ruhidin Arsyadi, Gwendoline Elizabeth Tregear, Flynn, Dunbaven, Juana Alicia Cortes, John McLeod, Kerry Bowe, Kevin Parsons, Patricia Lenthall, Thomas Vicente, Odette McLeod, Matteo Infante, Stanislaw Kowalczyk, John Ryan, Pamela Campbell, Francisca Macalma.

Death Anniversaries:

Salvatore Marando, Ron Chandler, Antonio Celio, Natasha Adora Astono, Daniel Turalakey, Gwendolene Burt, Joseph Lin, Maria Lin, Rose Lin, Paul Pribila, Bernardino Castillo, Suresh Rodriguez, Thelma Lovery, Patricia Callachor, Ed Rickard, Nancy Marrinon, Margaret Harris, Laura Bowe, Ed Rickard, Joseph Francis Sprouster, Ann Cesare & Ida Sartor, Mary Clare Richardson, James O'Rourke, Angus Ross, Mark Correia, Jane Clare Sprouster, Margaretha Hetty, Ann Lilian Castillo, Anna Lobo and Lilian Castillo

Prayers for the sick:

Pease Family, Fr Chris Riley, Joe Pulis, Margaret Day, Juliana Cho, Catherine Haydon, Vincent Tan, Monica Cavanagh, Marietta Tomoe, Kevin Parsons, Marianne MacRitchie, Anthony Hernandez, Steve Barrum, Colleen Hussin, Owen Thomas, Suzanne O'Sullivan, Mel Pegg Weir, Doreen Landers, Aaron Moll, Lloyd Victor, Richard Fillingham, Joanne Fernandes.

Birthdays this month:

Daniel Dahdah (5th August)

Weekly prayer intention:

We pray for all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve. Amen.

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday.

Please note that your personal information will be treated in accordance with the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Privacy Policy. A copy of the policy can be found on our Website:

www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Unfortunately, due to the extended lockdowns in Sydney, we have had to cancel our August Formation Class on 25th August 2021.

Our next Baptism Formation Class will be held on
Wednesday 13th October 2021
at 7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Presbytery.
Bookings are essential.

flocknote 400 members!

The Parish Flocknote has now 401 members! Thank you to all those Parishioners who have registered to be part of our "flock".

Remember that as a member of the Parish Flocknote you get free access to the "Word on Fire" content by Bishop Barron.

If you haven't signed up yet, it's quick & easy! Simply visit us online at:

flocknote.com/pymblecatholicparish

Teachings Pymble Parish Online

In this four part series, Bishop Robert Barron unpacks some of the important parables and teachings of Jesus. We will discover how to apply the words of Jesus to our lives today.

- ▶ 7:30pm-8:30pm
Wednesday
18 August 2021
- ▶ Pymble Parish Digital Word on Fire event, **Teachings: How is Christian love different?**
- ▶ Join in for discussion, reflection and questions via Zoom.
- ▶ This series is weekly on Wednesday.
- ▶ Share this gift of faith with friends and family - invite them to participate.
- ▶ This is a no-cost event from the Pymble Parish.
- ▶ Please use the QR code below for further information and to access this online event.



Pymble Parish needs your support...

We would like to thank all those parishioners who have made contact with us about their weekly donations to the parish.

Given the circumstances we are living in at the moment, we encourage you to donate through the Parish Planned Giving Program - Direct Debit. Alternatively, you can make an online transaction to the Parish.

Online donations or payments may be made to the Parish using BPoint. BPoint is a service of the Commonwealth Bank, ABN 48 123 123 124.

The BPoint service provides a simple way for you to make individual online payments directly to the Pymble Catholic Parish. Payment may be made via any VISA or Mastercard debit or credit card or by any MasterPass digital wallet.

The BPoint facility for our Parish can be found on our website www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au under > Our Parish > Payments > Online Payment.

**God bless your generosity and continuous support.
The Parish team.**

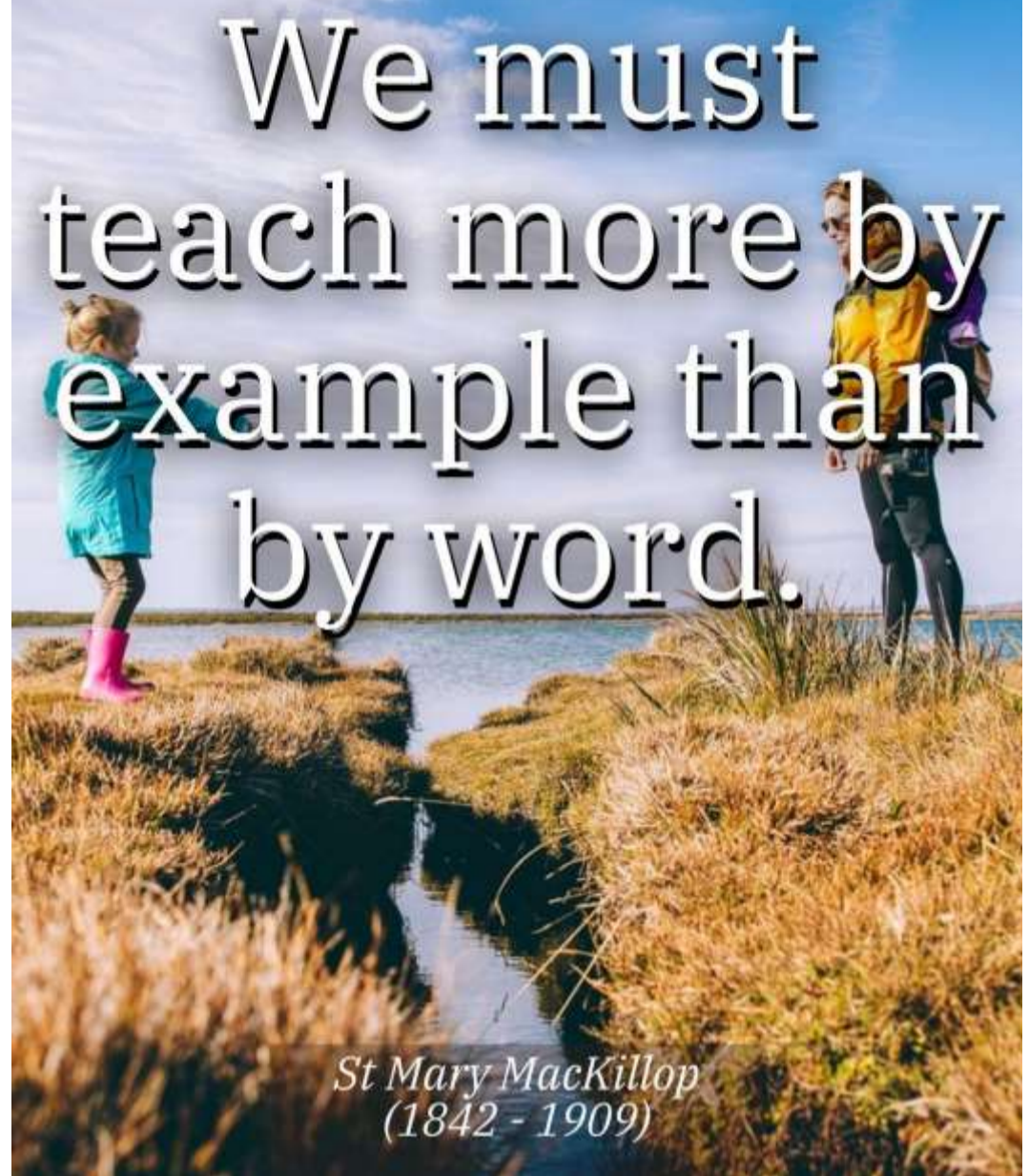
Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au. They are here to help our parish families.

Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.



We must teach more by example than by word.



*St Mary MacKillop
(1842 - 1909)*

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation.

Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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Sunday Connection

Pymble Parish Covid Update

As a result of the extended lockdown announced by the NSW Government this week, please note that all Church services and events up until **27 August 2021** have been cancelled.



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Funerals can be held at both our Churches, with a maximum of 10 people. In addition to the 10 people attending the service there may also be the celebrant and other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

During this time, please refer to our Parish website for spiritual resources for our time at home: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au. We have included resources such as Online Mass links, collection of prayers and online resources for digital devotion.

Our Pymble Parish Sunday Mass will be presented as video on demand. We invite you to join in as we pray together.

We ask you to keep praying for this troubled world, and most importantly, know that our parish team is praying for you.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

We thank you for your patience and support during this time. May God bless you all in this time of uncertainty.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 2021/2022

Pymble Parish would like to invite you to this year's RCIA program. It is an opportunity for everyone, Catholic and Non-Catholic, to review the formation of the Catholic Faith in the 21st Century. Ever wondered what is the value in being a practising Catholic in today's Church?

In previous years, almost everyone who has attended the sessions has thoroughly enjoyed the interactive lecture experience and the discussion between members. The sessions, run for about 1 to 1.5 hours each week, finishing with tea or coffee and an open discussion. There are about 25 sessions in all and we are hoping to start in September. We take breaks during Christmas and school holidays. The whole course is scheduled to be completed before Easter 2022.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via email office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au or phone (02) 9144 2702. We will respond with dates, agenda and possible session times.

There are no costs involved.

JOIN US IN PRAYING
The Rosary ONLINE

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT
info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au FOR ZOOM DETAILS

ARE YOU HOME SCHOOLING AT THE MOMENT?

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay has available on-line resources for ongoing faith formation of students partaking home learning. These lessons are designed for specific age groups and cover a vast number of Catholic and Christian topics.

Have a look at these resources and engage with your child; continuing to nurture their faith formation.

"We are inspired by the Holy Spirit and connected in Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and at the centre of our lives and ministry."

Check out:

<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons>



Mission: one heart many voices conference

"Come, let us talk this over. Let us dare to Dream."
(St. Ignace, Let us Dare to Dream Prologue 7)

Welcome to the fifth biennial Mission: one heart many voices conference. The conference will be online and you can register now at 2021.mohmv.com.au

Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 September, 2021

BIBLE STUDY
PYMBLE PARISH

In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God."⁶⁷ (CCC104).

Meetings start at 10am on Fridays.

The Bible study meetings have temporarily moved to the online world through the application "zoom". If you would like to join us, please send us your email address at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au and we will get in contact with you with further details.



Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

We are delighted to announce the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is rebranding to Pastoral Works Broken Bay from July 2021. The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay. Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the six Pastoral priorities for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities. Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay. Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay. My prayer is the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

August Appeal At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at your parish website or www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open.

Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.



While some of our critical outreach services are unable to get out within communities to provide their usual support, we've been finding new ways to ensure help is there for those who need it. Our staff and volunteers have recently distributed 900 snack packs, 250 self-care packs and 130 hampers through a range of services, including Redfern Youth Connect, Parramatta Mission Meals Plus and many of our own local support hubs.

Help is here for those who need it right now, to find out more about what support is available head to vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw.

How can we help you?

Our Parish is prepared to assist those parishioners that might need some extra help and support during these difficult times. We are here for you!



Here are some of the things that we could do for you:

- Post letters or small parcels.
- Pick up some groceries and/or medicines.
- Cook a plate for you and drop it at your home.
- Other... please let us know how else we might be able to help you.

Please contact the Parish office at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au or on (02) 9144 2702



National Day of Prayer in this Time of Pandemic – Sunday 22 August

An ecumenical National Day of Prayer has been organised for Sunday 22 August, calling Australia to come together in prayer in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

The theme is 'Lord have mercy', as we make this verse from Ps. 123 our own: **"Our eyes look to the Lord our God till He shows us His mercy"** (Ps. 123:2).

A Prayer Call on Zoom, from 9am to 9pm on Sunday 22 August, will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish.

In addition, daily prayers will be offered in the week prior, from 16 August.

Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August

- A Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.
- A nightly Prayer Call at 8pm will take place with input from a different church leader each night.

Sunday 22 August

A Prayer Call from 9:00am – 9:00pm on Zoom will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish.

For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>



On Thursday 5 August 2021 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference held the on-line national launch of the Social Justice Statement for 2021-22 *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the **29th of August**. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Ph (02) 6201 9845.



Liturgy at home In the absence of Mass

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1. Introductory Rites

Find lyrics to a hymn online, or on YouTube

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: We place ourselves before the Lord, beginning with an act of contrition.

All: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

2. Gloria

The Gloria is recited on Sundays outside of the Season of Lent and Advent

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

3. Liturgy Of The Word

Readings

Readings are found in a Sunday missal. Or on this parish bulletin on the following pages.

Homily

Spend some time in silence, receiving the word of God. If you are in a group you may like to invite others to share the fruits of their reflection.

4. Profession Of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

5. Prayers Of The Faithful

Pray for the Church, the world, our leaders, families, those suffering, the sick, the lonely special needs.

<State prayer intention>... Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbours be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. Amen.

6. Our Father

Leader: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

7. Spiritual Communion

Find Prayer below

8. Concluding Rites

Leader: May the Lord bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Finish with a final hymn or pray together a Hail Mary seeking the Blessed Virgin's intercession during this time.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.





The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon
beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

First Reading

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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

(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 hi.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
They pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first

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

Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

Gospel Reflection

Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the first-fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we too would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also".

The Holy Spirit makes faith come alive within us

What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Saviour. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the Anointed King in the womb of Mary.

Those who are humble and hungry for God receive his Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favour of the Lord: *God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry.*

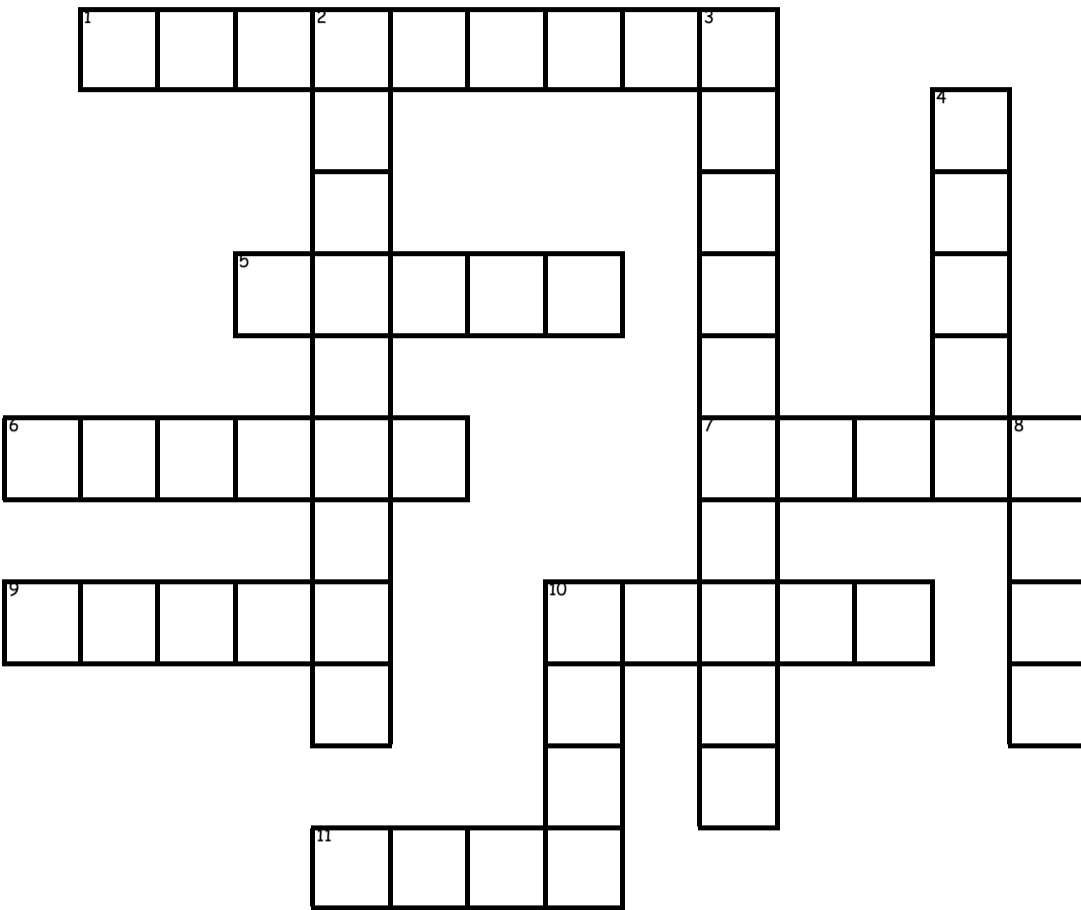
The Holy Spirit fills us with the joy and hope of heaven

The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbour. Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?



CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

God has done great things for me



Across

- 1: this woman was Mary's cousin
- 5: infant or young person
- 6: the Lord gives good things to eat to those who feel this way
- 7: God gives _____ to those who are humble
- 9: Mary went to stay in a town in this area
- 10: God shows _____ to those who worship him
- 11: a newborn child

Down

- 2: The husband of Mary's cousin
- 3: the _____ came down upon Elizabeth (two words)
- 4: Mary stayed with Elizabeth for this many months
- 8: the opposite of poor
- 10: Jesus' mother

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.

The angel Gabriel visited Mary. Draw the angel.

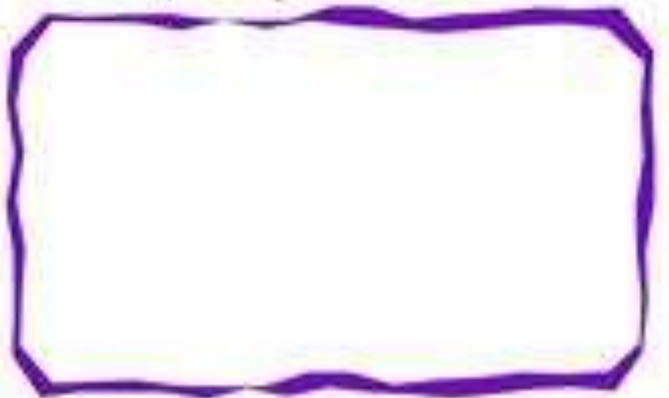


Mary travelled to Judea to see her cousin

Mary gave birth to Jesus in the town of Bethlehem. Draw Jesus in the manger.



When Jesus died on the cross Mary stood by him. Draw Mary standing at the foot of the cross.



Help Mary find her way as she travels to see her cousin, Elizabeth.



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