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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August 2021



The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of our Lady. Catholics believe in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 966). The Assumption is the feast of Mary's total liberation from death and decay, the consequences of original sin. Reasons why we believe in the dogma of Assumption: Pope Pius XII in the papal document *Munificentimus Deus* gives four reasons for our belief in the Dogma of Assumption of Mary.

1) The uninterrupted tradition about Mary's death and Assumption starting from the first century. 2) The belief expressed in all the ancient liturgies of the Church. 3) The evidence — the absence and veneration of a tomb of Mary while most of the apostles have their tombs. 4) The possibility of bodily assumption warranted in the Old Testament in the cases of Enoch (Gn 5:24), perhaps Moses (Dt 34:5), and especially Elijah (II Kgs 2:1). Theological reasons: a) The degeneration of the body after death is the consequence of "original sin," and Mary, as "Immaculately Conceived," is exempted from the post-mortem decay of the body. b) As receiver of the fullness of grace and holiness because she is mother of Jesus and co-redeemer with Him, Mary's place is with her son, God's Son Jesus, the Redeemer, in the abode of holiness, Heaven.

As Mary's Assumption was a reward for a holy life, this feast invites us to keep our bodies pure and holy. St. Paul reminds us that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and our bodies are to be glorified on the day of the Last Judgment. We are given an assurance of hope in our resurrection and a source of inspiration during moments of despair and temptations. Mary's assumption invites us to live without sin.

Fr Tomy

Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has rebranded to Pastoral Works Broken Bay. 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. At this time, we appreciate any support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when our churches re-open.



Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom

Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer invite you to join them for their weekly Lectio Divina (Break open the Word) every Thursday at 5pm to look at the Gospel for the following Sunday. This is delivered via Zoom so it is a perfect opportunity for you to participate while we are still in lockdown. If you would like to participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page for more information or email the Parish Office for details of how to access the meeting.

Parish Online Rosary in Preparation for the Assumption of Mary

We thank those who have joined us in saying the Rosary every day at 5pm in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on 15th August.

LIVE STREAM: Sunday Mass 9am

We will be live streaming our 9am Mass this Sun 15th August. You will find the link at our Facebook page: Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish. We have included our Readings on the last page of this Bulletin so that you can follow along while you watch our Mass (or another online Mass or Mass on TV).

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.



Confirmation Sacramental Program

Please pray for the children who will soon begin their Confirmation Sacramental journey. Online classes commence next Monday 16th August. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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

If you, or someone you know is 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.

St Vincent de Paul - help available

Vinnies Support Centres are still available to assist with food vouchers and other items. Although some Support Centres may have their doors closed at the moment, they are still taking calls and arranging for food vouchers or food items to be delivered to those in need. Our closest Vinnies centre is Wyong. Ph 4353 5614. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

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

An ecumenical National Day of Prayer has been organised for Sunday 22 Aug, 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.

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

Plenary Council: The Future of Catholicism in Australia, Forum 2: Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council

Thursday 26 August 2021, 7:30pm-9:00pm (AEST) via Zoom [FREE REGISTRATION](#) More info: www.acccr.com.au

Natural Fertility Awareness Week August 23-29, 2021

Billings LIFE is pleased to launch Natural Fertility Awareness Week with a free Webinar presentation on this year's theme *Tracking Fertility :Tracking Health*. An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23rd August @ 7.30-8.30pm AEST. To register and for more info please go to: <https://billings.life/en/>

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Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary.**

As our lockdown continues, let us pray to our Mother Mary, to help us to show love, understanding and kindness, in our actions, words and thoughts. Please keep each other in your prayers, and remember to stay home and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Prayer for People Affected by Covid-19

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

Latest Update: 28th July 2021. Due to current COVID restrictions for the Greater Sydney area, including the Central Coast, **our churches and all Parish buildings are currently closed.** This remains in place until and including Fri 27th August.

Parish Office—currently closed due to COVID restrictions

Please do not visit the office but you are welcome to call us on 4396 4455 or email us any time at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. If you need to drop something off, please use the small slot next to the Parish office door. Alicia is currently working from home some days so please be patient with responses to phone messages. Email is preferred. In an emergency, please call one of the priests on their mobile (see front page of this Bulletin).

Planned Giving during Lockdown

Option 1: Switch to credit card—The invitation to switch/begin regular credit card giving remains available. The form is available on the Parish website. Please print & complete the form, then return it to the office by email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Option 2: Donate directly to the Parish Bank Account—if you are able to, please consider depositing your Planned Giving contribution directly into our bank account. Acc Name: Toukley Catholic Parish, BSB 062 784, Acc # 100001614, Ref # Your surname (and envelope number if you have one). Thank you in advance for your support. (Please note, our bank account number has recently changed).

CWF Tax Receipts for 2020-21 are available in the office

Email the Parish office to request your receipt by email.



Week 11 Safeguarding Message: Children and young people identify clergy, staff and volunteers as being very important in helping them feel safe in their Parish community. Research shows when adults are engaging, trustworthy and involved children and young people feel safe in their community.

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.



Recently Deceased
Michael Rivett, Malia Veatupu,
Shirley Chapman, Muriel Metcalfe

Anniversaries

Daniela Gala, Jack and Myra Hanlen, Elizabeth Sue Coles, Stephen Cappa, John Zerafa, Frank Ristuccia

Remembrances

Gail Beer, Eileen Thorpe, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehezkiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Julie Kozak, Sr Tincy Thomas

Notices in this section appear as follows:

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks, Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6 weeks. Funerals & Baptisms—1 week. Please contact the Parish Office to place/renew your notice.

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.



August Birthdays

Sr Jennifer Canillas (6th Aug)
Jake Elias (6th Aug)
Ellen Sheerin (7th Aug)
Bill Martin (9th Aug)
Toutai Ketoni (9th Aug)
Heather Baker (10th Aug)
Lorrie O'Brien (13th Aug)
Peter Turner (20th Aug)
Miriam Spiteri (23rd Aug)



Call the office to have your birthday included!

Bulletin notices—Wednesday deadline

Please ensure that any requests for Bulletin notices are supplied to the Parish Office by mid-day Wednesday. This is to allow time for the Bulletin to be prepared and printed. Thank you.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium

A.B.N. 79 085 423 589

Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258

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Volunteer Angels

Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555

The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

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

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon beneath her feet.

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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12, 16

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in 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. **R.**

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

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all 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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Second Reading - Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel - John 6:60-69

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