

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>th</sup> August - 23<sup>th</sup> August 2020

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 4

## ALL ABOUT MARY

### Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Daejeon, Korea, 15 August 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In union with the whole Church, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Mary's Assumption shows us our own destiny as God's adoptive children and members of the body of Christ. Like Mary our Mother, we are called to share fully in the Lord's victory over sin and death, and to reign with him in his eternal Kingdom.

The "great sign" presented in today's first reading – a woman clothed in the sun and crowned by stars (cf. Rev 12:1) – invites us to contemplate Mary enthroned in glory beside her divine Son. It also invites us to acknowledge the future which even now the Risen Lord is opening before us. Koreans traditionally celebrate this feast in the light of their historical experience, seeing the loving intercession of Our Lady at work in the history of the nation and the lives of its people.

In today's second reading, we heard Saint Paul tell us that Christ is the new Adam, whose obedience to the Father's will has overturned the reign of sin and bondage and inaugurated the reign of life and freedom (cf. 1 Cor 15:24-25). True freedom is found in our loving embrace of the Father's will. From Mary, full of grace, we learn that Christian freedom is more than liberation from sin. It is freedom for a new, spiritual way of seeing earthly realities. It is the freedom to love God and our brothers and sisters with a pure heart, and to live a life of joyful hope for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

Today, in venerating Mary, Queen of Heaven, we also turn to her as Mother of the Church. We ask her to help us to be faithful to the royal freedom we received on the day of our Baptism, to guide our efforts to transform the world in accordance with God's plan, and to enable the Church to be ever more fully a leaven of his Kingdom in the midst of His people. May the Christians of this nation be a generous force for spiritual renewal at every level of society. May they combat the allure of a materialism that stifles authentic spiritual and cultural values and the spirit of unbridled competition which generates selfishness and strife. May they also reject inhumane economic models which create new forms of poverty and marginalize workers, and the culture of death which devalues the image of God, the God of life, and violates the dignity of every man, woman and child.

As Catholics, heirs to a noble tradition, you are called to cherish this legacy and transmit it to future generations. This will demand of everyone a renewed conversion to the word of God and a passionate concern for the poor, the needy and the vulnerable in our midst.

In celebrating this feast, we join the Church throughout the world in looking to Mary as our Mother of Hope. Her song of praise reminds us that God never forgets his promise of mercy (cf. Lk 1:54-55). Mary is the one who is blessed because "she believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Lk 1:45). In her, all God's promises have been proved trustworthy. Enthroned in glory, she shows us that our hope is real; even now it reaches as "a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Heb 6:19) to where Jesus is seated in glory.

This hope, dear brothers and sisters, the hope held out by the Gospel, is the antidote to the spirit of despair that seems to grow like a cancer in societies which are outwardly affluent, yet often experience inner sadness and emptiness. Upon how many of our young has this despair taken its toll! May they, the young who surround us in these days with their joy and confidence, never be robbed of their hope!

Let us turn to Our Lady and implore the grace to rejoice in the freedom of the children of God, to use that freedom wisely in the service of our brothers and sisters, and to live and work as signs of the hope which will find its fulfilment in that eternal Kingdom where to reign is to serve. Amen.

## READINGS

**FIRST READING**  
APOCALYPSE 11:19,12:1-6,10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**  
PSALM 44(45):10-12,16

**SECOND READING:**  
1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26

**GOSPEL:**  
LUKE 1:39-56

## LEARN

### WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY?

The Assumption of Mary is the teaching that: The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory

[PIUS XII, MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS 44].



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Year. A

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## SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am  
10:00am 11:30am\* 6:00pm  
\* with Children's Liturgy  
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

## CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am  
5.00pm - 5.45pm  
Eucharistic Adoration:  
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

## MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am  
Saturday 9:45am

## ROSARY

After weekday Masses

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm  
1st Friday 7:30pm

### Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

### Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

### St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

### Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

16TH AUGUST– 23RD AUGUST 2020

### SUNDAY 16TH

10.00AM

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)

Mr & Mrs. Duru, Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving and God's blessings upon their lives.

Elizabeth Lewally—Tailor, Birthday Thanksgiving

12.00 NOON

Mr & Mrs. Asare & family, in Thanksgiving to God for His mercies and blessings. Henry & Elizabeth Aigbekaen, Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving and God blessings upon their lives.

### MONDAY 17TH

9.00AM

### FERIA

Mary Guinea

### TUESDAY 18TH

9.00AM

### FERIA

Phil Jarikre, Birthday Thanksgiving and God's blessings

### WEDNESDAY 19TH

9.00AM

### FERIA

Richard Pepple, Birthday Thanksgiving  
Winnie Pepple, eternal repose. God's protection and favour for Jude and Margaret Osaghae.

### THURSDAY 20TH

9.00 AM

### ST. BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

People of the parish

### FRIDAY 21ST

9.00AM

### MEMORIAL OF ST. PIUS X, POPE

Holy souls

For the intentions of persecuted Christians all over the world

### SATURDAY 22ND

10.00AM

### QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEMORIAL

Phil Jarikre & Clava Jameson in Thanksgiving

Marie Anne Baldwin

Madam Yaa kesewa Benn eternal repose (in memoriam)

### SUNDAY 23RD

10.00AM

### TWENTY—FIRST SUNDAY (A)

Holy Souls (Miss Howard)

Vinko Vrdoljak intentions

12.00 NOON

John & Martha Rayne

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

APOCALYPSE 12: 1

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 READINGS

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.'

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 44(45):10-12,16

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

- 1 I 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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## **PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:  
**Sacred Heart Church Camberwell**  
**Sort Code:** 60-50-01  
**Account Number:** 79102409

## **GIFT AID & OFFERING**

We have the offering and Gift Aid boxes inside the Church for those who wish to drop their offerings and gift aid envelopes as you come to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for your generosity to the Church.

## **GIFT AID USERS**

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your numbers indicated on the envelopes.

## **FROM THE FINANCE DESK**

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:  
[camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk)

## **OFFERTORY**

Dear parishioners, we are encouraged and reminded to make our offering at the entrance door or exit door of the Church after Mass.

## **FOOD BANK**

If you know any family, or persons who will need support with food items at this challenging time, please let us know. We shall arrange to deliver food items for such families and persons discreetly. Our food bank team has been greatly supported by parishioners since this pandemic and caritas of Westminster Diocese have also supported us with food vouchers for families struggling due to this global pandemic. I am grateful for all your generosity and support.

## **SYMPATHY:**

We express our sympathy to the Murray family at the passing of their dad Paul Murray. His funeral will take place in our parish on Friday 21st August at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium May his gentle soul rest in peace Amen

## **PILGRIMAGE 2020**

Dear Pilgrim,

It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021. As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally.

Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future.

The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be rest assured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them.

**Please advise your choice by emailing [gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:gill@tangney-tours.com) or call 01732886666.**

## **INFANT BAPTISM**

The parish has commenced infant baptism.

This will be only on request and one child per family only due to the safe guarding restrictions at this time. Any catholic family wishing to baptise their child are advised to email [camberwell@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwell@rcaos.org.uk)

Please give us a number to reach you for further information and update with regards to specific requirements needed for infant baptism

## **CHANGE IN PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:**

From Tuesday September 1st we shall increase our Masses, to two Masses daily in the parish with a time change for the second mass. The afternoons will help us to accommodate school masses and funerals. Instead of 12:45pm it will be at 7pm, this will encourage more people to consider attending daily masses henceforth.

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY: Masses at 9am and 7pm**  
**SATURDAYS: Masses at 10am and 6pm**  
**SUNDAYS: Masses at 10am, 12 noon, and 6pm**

This arrangement is inline with the recommendation that after every mass stewards have to clean the pews and ensure everyone leaves the church before a second gathering of people.

## **ADORATION**

Every first Friday from 12 noon till 6pm.  
Every Sunday 5pm followed by mass.

## **RCIA**

Candidates and Catechumens whose reception of the Sacraments were postponed due to COVID-19 **will now receive the sacraments of baptism, first communion and confirmation on Tuesday 8th September - the birthday of our Blessed Mother Mary at 7pm .**

Due to current safety guidelines- parishioners are encouraged to follow this mass online only. This mass is on restricted invitation only for family and sponsors of catechumens and candidates. Please keep them in prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments.

# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. **Amen.**

## NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE WORLD'S PARISHES

On Monday Jul 20, 2020 The Congregation for Clergy on Monday published new guidelines for the world's parishes, which aim to encourage parishes to think of themselves as missionary communities of evangelization. The guideline are 5 points, which we shall publish for the next 5 Sundays in our parish newsletter.

The guidelines are to encourage Catholics to think prayerfully about what their parishes are, and what they are for. Here is the third theme and takeaway:

## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PARISH MISSION BELONGS TO EVERYONE, BUT EACH HAS A ROLE TO PLAY.**

The document emphasizes the co-responsibility of clergy, religious, and laity for the mission of the parish in the world. But the document also emphasizes that each person work for the Kingdom in the role to which he is called by baptism and vocation. The guidelines emphasize that the parish pastor is entrusted with the full "care of souls" in the parish, a role unique to priests.

The document acknowledges a canonical provision that allows lay people to be entrusted with pastoral care in a parish because of a shortage of priests, but emphasizes that such a situation should be rare, and "a temporary and not a permanent measure," that can only be used when there is a true lack of priests.

We are dealing here with an extraordinary form of entrusting pastoral care, due to the impossibility of appointing a Parish Priest or a Parish Administrator, which is not to be confused with the ordinary active cooperation of the lay faithful in assuming their responsibilities." "Furthermore, it would be preferable to appoint one or more deacons over consecrated men and women or laypersons for directing this kind of pastoral care," the guidelines suggest.

The document takes care to urge against the "clericalization of the laity" so frequently warned about by Pope Francis, in which laity are urged to take up roles more typically occupied by priests.

At the same, the document says that laity are called to give their lives to the mission of the Gospel and the work of the Church.

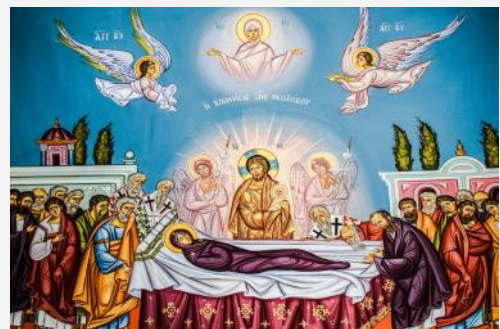
Laity are called "to make a generous commitment to the service of the mission of evangelisation, first of all through the general witness of their daily lives, lived in conformity with the Gospel, in whatever environment they are in and at every level of responsibility; in a particular way, they are called to place themselves at the service of the Parish community."

The guidelines also encourage a vision of deacons as ministers of service, rather than as assistants to parish priests, and of religious men and women as contributors to the evangelizing mission of a parish through the witness of their religious consecration.

## BLESSING

*I ask Gods blessings on you all for all you do.  
I remain particularly grateful to all who continue to support the church and the clergy at this difficult time.*

**Fr. Victor Darlington**



## HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitru Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, Alba Juliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzilla, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Joan Gould, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Maura Davron, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Zafar Jabal, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley

