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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Mass Celebrations

In compliance with the seven (7) day lock down which is in effect as of 5:00PM Thursday 5 August, our church buildings are currently **closed** to members of the public.

Sunday Mass Celebration

Bishop William (Bill) Wright continues to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 9:30AM live streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>. Mass can be viewed at a later time via the same link. Please share the link with family and friends, and gather to pray as a spiritual community at this time.

Mass on TV

Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6:00AM every Sunday on Channel 10 (WIN), or on Catch Up TV at 10 play.

Sunday Obligation

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn. HOWEVER, the obligation only applies when it is possible for it to be complied with, a situation that presently is not possible. Those who are still unable to attend are encouraged to keep Sunday holy through the use of the resources still available on the [Diocese website](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update) and at www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update.

Pastoral Visitation

If you would like a priest to visit your home, please enquire by phone or email at the Parish Office. If you know someone who would like a visit, please encourage them to contact us.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are available for anyone upon request. Simply contact the parish secretaries with your intentions. If you have names of sick, deceased or anniversaries for the bulletin, and Mass, these need to be in relatively early to make the bulletin. Remember you need the person's or family's permission for publication.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jos 24:1-2. 15-18
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9
Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32
Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 6:63. 68
Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

FEAST DAYS

15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation)
24 Aug: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
8 Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
14 Sep: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
21 Sep: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
29 Sep: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
18 Oct: Saint Luke, Evangelist
28 Oct: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
1 Nov: All Saints

◆ LITURGY OF THE WORD ◆

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Rev 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 READING

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

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at 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.

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 Cor 15:20-26

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

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.

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

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 1:48-49

All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.



HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it,' she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.' Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat. So he gave the letter another try. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.' Danny knew this wasn't true either so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.' Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

This humorous story has a serious lesson for us on the feast of the Assumption. Throughout history there are those who have ransomed the memory of Mary to fit in with how they understand women should behave in society. As a result, sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive and subservient. The problem with this view is that it is impossible to reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross, and Pentecost.

The strength and power of Mary's witness is most especially captured in the Magnificat from which we just heard. Here Mary extols how God is saving us by turning the world on its head, doing the very opposite of what was expected.

The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in fidelity and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.

The Catholic Tradition has always honoured Mary as being obedient, the pre-eminent disciple of her Son and the sign of what could await all Christians who are invited to share in the mission of Jesus on earth. Religious obedience is not passive. We listen to the voice of God and choose to say yes to Christ's love and liberation. Discipleship does not mean our personality counts for nothing. Rather, it's the valuing of every individual's ability to contribute to Christ's kingdom in a unique way. Prefiguring what can happen for all of us does not diminish the particular gifts God lavished on Mary, but reassures us that God recognises his own in this world and the next.

May this Assumption Day see us then stop ransoming the image of Mary to the distortions of the past and find in her creative and free self-giving a pattern for our Christian lives, and a beacon of hope to which we can hold firm.

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

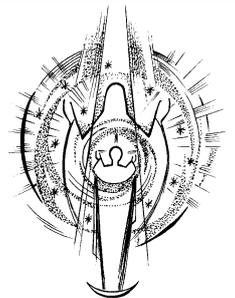
Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the firstfruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

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A VOCATION VIEW

Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say, "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1: 26-38). For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



THE REGINA CAELI

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia,
has risen as he said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia,
R. for the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

◆ REFLECTION ◆

REFLECTION

By Fr Michael Tate

A mother carries her child in her womb, giving that child a share in her own life. What if a child were able to share its life with its mother? This is what we believe happened between our Risen Lord and his mother, Mary.

It is our faith that our Lord nourishes Mary with His Resurrection life, meaning that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with His Divine glory.

She grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect. This is what we mean by 'The Assumption'.

This has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the church. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because in the first half of the 20th century tens of millions were killed in wars, death camps and in the Russian and China Communist dictatorships.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may share in the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

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REFLECTION

By Greg Sunter

On the surface, today's gospel passage has little to do with the feast of the Assumption. There is no scriptural account of the Assumption and so we draw on a different significant gospel passage that features Mary. However, the account of Mary rushing to her cousin and exuberantly proclaiming the Magnificat is an example of Mary's joyful 'Yes' to life and to God that tradition tells us was rewarded in her bodily assumption into heaven.

Immediately prior to this account, the angel Gabriel has announced to Mary that she is to give birth to the Christ-child. Her humble response to the angel and to God is, 'Let it be done to me according to your word' even though she knew the shame and rejection her pregnancy would cause in her village. Whilst

her initial response is subdued and humble, it is a 'Yes' to God's will. Mary's next instinct is an emphatic 'Yes' to life. The angel tells Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, is also to bear a child. Elizabeth was an older woman and keenly felt the social and cultural shame of not being able to bear children. When Mary hears that Elizabeth is already pregnant she rushes to be with her. Where no life was thought possible, God has created life. Elizabeth would have been shamed and regarded as inadequate and of lesser standing because of her childlessness. In many ways, Elizabeth was deprived of her own life because she could not give birth. Mary's "Yes" to God and "Yes" to life is confirmed and amplified by God's granting fullness of life to Elizabeth.

Historical Context – Feast of the Assumption

Since the 5th Century there has been an active tradition and belief around the assumption of Mary. The tradition states that Mary was physically 'taken up' into heaven at the end of her life. It is believed that her soul and her body remained united. This ancient belief was defined as an infallible teaching of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It is one of only two infallible statements that have been defined as such and both related to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is celebrated on August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Scriptural context – New life

The restoration of life to those who are shamed and oppressed that is exemplified in Elizabeth is a compelling theme of the gospel of Luke. Time and again, those who are ground down by a lack of life are given new hope and new life by the extravagant love of God. And throughout Luke, the recipients of this new life are women. The widow of Nain (7:11-15); the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet (7:36-50); the woman with a haemorrhage (8:43-48); Jairus' daughter (8:40-56); and the crippled woman (13:10-17) are all examples of this outpouring of new life.

Living the Gospel – Saying 'Yes'

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. © Greg Sunter

◆ SACRAMENTS ◆

The following information are excerpts from <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update/>. Anyone who would like a copy can obtain one from the Office.

Anointing and Viaticum: Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying continues with appropriate care and precautions being observed. Visits to the sick and dying, and the celebration of Viaticum, are allowable. Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place, either in parishes or other places.

Baptism: The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is not available under the current Public Health Order. When available, baptism is only to be celebrated by the pouring of water which needs to be changed between each baptism. Baptism by immersion is not celebrated in the current circumstances.

Currently, limited number of Baptisms can take place on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of the month and are held between St John the Evangelist Lambton, Corpus Christi Waratah, and St Therese's New Lambton. Bookings are made through the Parish Office.

Funerals: A maximum of ten (10) people can attend a funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards. In addition to the 10 people attending there may also be:

- a person conducting the service
- other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

Liturgical adaptations are required in the current circumstances.

Marriage Bookings: The celebration of weddings is not possible under the current Public Health Order.

Penance: To make enquiries regarding celebration of the First Rite of Reconciliation, please contact the Lambton Presbytery or the Parish Office.

The celebration of the Second and Third Rites of Reconciliation is not possible under the current Public Health Order.

Communion Ministry to the Sick: Taking Communion to the Sick is currently limited to the priests.

Sacramental Program: Please see bulletin notices section of this bulletin.

◆ MINISTRIES ◆

ROSTERS	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
14/15 August 2021	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy				
Liturgical Assistant	Volunteer ministries are postponed this week. Please note that next week's ministries are subject to change if the current restrictions are extended.			
Greeters				
Musician				
Readers				
Prayer of the Faithful				
Procession of the Gifts				
Holy Communion				
21/22 August 2021	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Elizabeth Buckles	Robyn & Ken Gallagher	
Liturgical Assistant	Joe Weber	Tim O'Brien	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graehame Alexander
Greeters	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Ann Morris	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Marc Grimer
Readers	Peter Dolan	Paul Weber	Richard Bergholcs	Malia Piccione
Prayer of the Faithful	Peter Dolan	Paul Weber	Richard Bergholcs	Malia Piccione
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed
Holy Communion	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed
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◆ PRAYERS ◆

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

Light a candle to symbolize the Light of Christ and Light of the World.



Introduction: Let us open our hearts to God in prayer, for God shows kindness and mercy to those who fear him.

- For the Church: That it will follow Mary's example and be open to the Spirit in times of change and uncertainty. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For women in poor countries: That those in authority will come to their aid with justice and compassion. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For parents who await the birth of a child: That they will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For this community: That we will remain faithful to God and magnify his name all our lives. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle be guarded and guided by the goodness of God as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those who have died: That, like Mary and the saints, they will come to share Christ's glory in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of all generations, you blessed Mary for believing that your promise would be fulfilled. Hear these prayers and may we, like Mary, be lifted up and proclaim your greatness by our good works. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

Sick: Joy Hatherall, Soane Tupou, Malia Piccione, Julie Cartwright, Cheryl Corbett, Giuseppi Piccione, Milan Parker, Sharon Arkininstall, Robert Watson, Donna Collins, Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Fred Stanwell, Paul Mowbray, Shelley Smith, Dorothy and Jessica.

Recently Deceased: Cecil Rex Ingram, Anne Marsella

Anniversaries: Fr Austin Hayes, Fr Terence Sylvester, Fr Harry Fenton, Fr Philip Purcell

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. + May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

During this time "Intentions" for publication may be submitted by email (or phone) by midday Monday each week ahead. Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.

A CORONAVIRUS HEALING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with the doctors, nurse, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Amen.

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◆ NOTICES ◆

PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: We wish all our people greetings for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Whilst this is a holy day of obligation, we remind you all that there is no obligation to attend when we cannot meet publicly.

Parish Office: Our office is currently **closed** in compliance with the seven (7) day lock down that is in effect as of 5:00PM Thursday 5 August. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email during normal office hours for all your enquiries.

Planned Giving: We appreciate that many of you wish to continue giving during this time. Please wait until we can gather again. Alternatively you can visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parishdiocesan-payments/> to make a one-off payment, remembering to include your envelope number if you have one.

Weekly Bulletin: The bulletin is available via email subscription triparish@mn.catholic.org.au. Paper copies are available for collection at three (3) locations – Lambton Church veranda, Waratah Presbytery veranda, and New Lambton Parish House front door.

Parish Office Parking: When parking in front of the Parish Office ensure your vehicle does not encroach on the footpath.

PARISH GROUPS, TEAMS AND COUNCILS

PLEASE ENSURE THE ONE (1) PERSON PER FOUR (4) SQUARE METRE LAW IS ENFORCED AND MANDATORY MASKS ARE WORN.

Parish Finance Council: Parish Finance Council meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. The August meeting is rescheduled for Thursday 19 August, 4:00PM at Waratah Presbytery. The council will then meet on 2 September.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council meets bimonthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday 24 August, 4:30PM at Parish House. To be confirmed.

Centenary Event Planning Committee: The meeting scheduled for Thursday 12 August has been postponed.

St Vincent de Paul: This week's meetings are postponed.

Caring Group: The Caring Group Committee meets bimonthly at 10:00AM on the first Friday at Parish House New Lambton. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday 1 October 2021.

Caring Group – Exercises: Sessions are currently postponed. Contact Coral on 02 4957 5338 or Barbara on 0400 537 073.

Ladies Social and Craft Group: The group will be discontinued until further notice.

DIOCESE NEWS

Diocesan Synod: Session Three of the Diocesan Synod – Implementation – will be held Saturday 20 November. Visit <https://www.domnsynod.com.au>

Young Adult Formation Group: A group meets for formation opportunities, 4:00PM – 5:00PM on the first Sunday of every month before the 5:30PM Youth Mass, at St Patrick's Church Wallsend. All are welcome! For more information contact Rose on 0408 796 252.

Seasons of Creation – Film Competition: Do you love making TikTok videos or short films? Amidst the climate crisis and the coronavirus pandemic, our sisters and brothers are clamouring for hope and restoration. Now is the time to come together and take action! #SeasonOfCreation. Create a 2-minute film that explores the 2021 Seasons of Creation theme – A Home for All. For information email rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au, or visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/upcoming-events/>

Praying the Gospels: Join in each Wednesday 5:00PM – 5:45PM. Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>. Password: pray. For information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au.

August Appeal 2021: CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning is the official agency of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. At CatholicCare Hunter-Manning, everybody is welcome. Our Community Programs receive no government funding, so we're calling on the Catholic and broader community to help. After a difficult eighteen months, we expect to be welcoming even more people through our doors. You can help.

- Help us feed more people in our community kitchens.
- Help us support more refugees in our programs.
- Help us deliver more meals to people in need.

Please give a gift to our 2021 August Appeal today. Every dollar counts. Your generosity will support those who have nowhere else to turn, ensuring no one goes without and that all are welcomed with food, support, and a smile.

Donate today by cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle 2300 or give a gift online www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal

aMeN caMiNo 2022: Information Session: The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard. For those interested we will be holding an online Information Session on Saturday 28 August at 2:00PM.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-camino-information-session-tickets-162230268099>

Safeguarding Standards: During 2021 the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has been actively implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the NSW Child Safe Standards and preparing for an external audit of these standards. The Diocese is expected to proceed with the external audit in 2022 and so will continue the implementation processes for these Standards.

The Chosen – Series One Discussion Group: Have you seen the crowd funded series 'The Chosen' and would like an opportunity to discuss each episode through a guided formation program? The Chosen- Series One Discussion Group begins 18 August. To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-1-discussion-group-tickets-164268530597> or contact via formed@mn.catholic.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL

Fan the Flame Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021: 'His mercy reaches from age to age' Luke 1:39-56

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

OTHER NEWS

Ignite Conference 2021 – Unleash: The National Catholic Youth Conference will be held in Brisbane, 22-25 September at Mueller College, Rothwell; and Sydney, 29 September – 2 October at Freeman College, Bonnyrigg. Ignite Conference is a bold vision for the future of the Church and has something for everyone – from primary aged children to adults. For group enquiries email rego@igniteconference.com.au. For further information contact the team on 07 3217 5199 or at info@igniteconference.com.au.

◆ ACTIVITIES ◆

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

All shall be brought to life in Christ

Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10
Ps 44:10-12, 16, R. v.10
1 Cor 15:20-26
Lk 1:39-56

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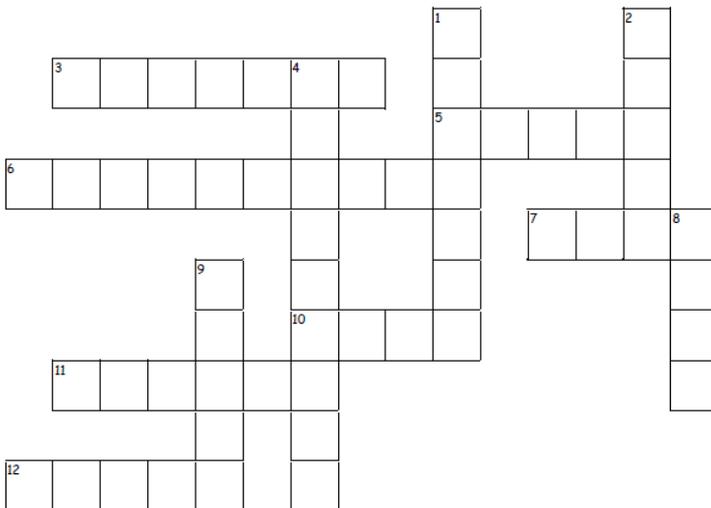
Try to find these words:

- Adam
- baby
- child
- crown
- enemies
- Elizabeth
- Holy Spirit
- Judea
- Mary
- throne
- victory
- woman

CROSSWORD

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

- 3: those who are against you
- 5: infant or young person
- 6: the _____ came down upon Elizabeth (two words)
- 7: the first man
- 10: a newborn child
- 11: a king or queen sits on this special seat
- 12: an adult female

Down

- 1: triumph, success in battle
- 2: Mary went to stay in a town in this area
- 4: this woman was Mary's cousin
- 8: Jesus' mother
- 9: a king or queen wears this on their head

God has done great things for me



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year A

The angel Gabriel visited Mary. Draw the angel.



*With all my heart I praise the Lord,
and I am glad because of God my Saviour.
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.*

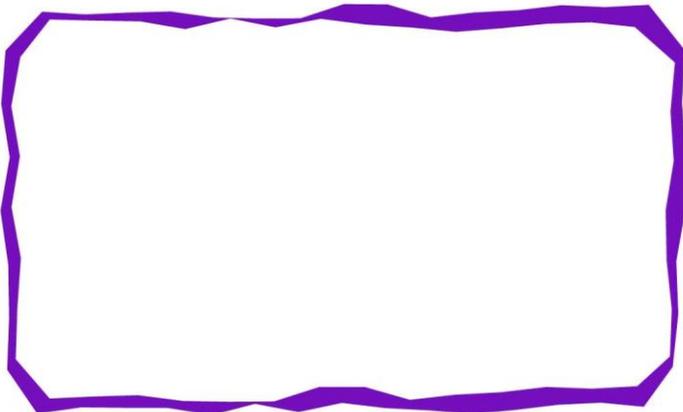


Mary travelled to Judea to see her cousin

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.



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