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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

14 AUGUST 2022:
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Resp. Psalm: 32 (33):1,12,18-20,22
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 14 August	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (p. 1174 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 16 August	St. Stephen of Hungary Mass Intention: In Honour of the Holy Angels	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 18 August	Thursday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Angus Cumming, RIP (Recently Departed)	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 20 August	St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor Mass Intention: Lachlan MacNeil, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 21 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1045 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The Golden Ark of the Covenant

On this feast, we praise God who has taken the sinless Virgin Mary, body and soul, into His glory. In our first reading, from Revelation, we find God's temple in heaven opened and the Ark of the Covenant revealed. The most sacred item in Israel's history, the Ark had been missing since the Temple's destruction in 586 B.C. Thus, John reports some startling news. Even more startling is his revelation that the sacred vessel is now a woman, who is mother of the royal Son of David, the Messiah.

Of this woman, then, we sing to God as the ancient Israelites sang: "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold." In the court of King Solomon, we glimpse Israel's traditional arrangement: Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, takes her place at the king's right hand (see 1 Kings 2:19).

At Mary's Assumption, as we see in Revelation, the queen once again takes her place at the right hand of the Son of David.

Our second reading shows us why this is fitting: "in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order." What is implicit in St. Paul's statement is revealed in Revelation. The consummation of Christ's work has begun, as is proper, with the Assumption of the queen mother.

John's Apocalypse shows also the fulfilment of our Gospel. There, Mary, pregnant with Jesus, retraces the steps of David as he brought the Ark to Jerusalem (see 2 Samuel 6). Mary "arose and went" into the hill country, just as David "arose and went" to that region. Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth is awestruck, just as David was before the Ark. The encounter causes the baby John to leap with excitement, as David leapt before the Ark. And Mary stayed in the "house of Zechariah" for "three months," as the Ark remained in the "house of Obed-edom" for the same period.

Mary is the vessel of God's presence, and she is queen mother. She reigns now in splendour with Jesus in the heavenly Jerusalem. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Saturday 27 August @ 7.30pm: Fundraiser Ceilidh Night! - 'Welcome In': A local response to the refugee crisis, has rescheduled their Fundraiser Ceilidh Night to Saturday August 27th 7:30pm at **St, Mary's Hall, Huntly Street Inverness**. **Tickets £10 Adult; £2.50 child**. For more information or tickets see Patricia Green after Sunday morning mass.

Weekend Residential Retreats for Youngsters at the Tomintoul Centre – the Dominican Sisters in Elgin have organised a series of retreats specially designed for youngsters attending secondary school. The retreat will be led by the Sisters, together with the Inverurie and Aberdeen Cathedral Youth Groups. This is an ideal way to meet other young people from throughout the diocese, and to make new friends, have fun, and learn about your faith! There is a poster in the entrance foyer for further details. Please contact Sr. Mary Gianna at: op@rdca.scot, or Joe Kelly at: youth@cathedral-abdn.org. The weekend retreats are as follows:

S1 Retreat: 26-28 August 2022
S2-S3 Retreat: 16-18 September 2022
S4-S6 Retreat: 24-26 March 2023

24 September-1 October: Relics of St. Bernadette at Carfin Grotto – the relics of St. Bernadette can be viewed and venerated at Carfin. Individuals and parish groups are welcome to visit the grotto. Bookings can be made via the dedicated website: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#carfin-shrine>

PARISH NEWS

TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS Missal): Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year C (pp. 1174 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 1174: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 1178: Preface: The Glory of Mary Assumed
p. 591: Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)
p. 631: Communion Rite

Robbie Mungersdorf – one of our altar servers – Robbie – will soon embark on a new journey to Craig Lodge Mission House Community, to discern the Lord's calling in his life. He is required to raise £2,000 to cover his B&B and studies. There will be a retiring collection next week, to assist Robbie, on behalf of the parish; feel free to contribute, if you would like to help him. Robbie will give a short testimony at the end of the Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – this is available after Saturday morning Mass, and at any other mutually convenient time. Simply get in touch with Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

***Desiderio Desideravi* now available!** – Copies of Pope Francis' recent apostolic letter entitled *Desiderio Desideravi* – focusing on proper liturgical formation for the people of God – is available in the entrance foyer priced £4.95.

Thursday 18 August at 5.00pm: Altar Servers' Meeting – Any child who has made his or her First Holy Communion is eligible to apply to become an Altar Server. Would you like to join our small team? Full training will be given! Our first meeting will be on Thursday 18 August at 5.00pm, in the church. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

90 CLUB: Next draw **Sunday 28 August**. Don has some numbers in the 90 CLUB book without names beside them. Would you like the chance to win one of three cash prizes? £2 per number monthly per number. Drawn last Sunday each month after Mass. Don will be at the front door with the book after Mass; ask him how you can join in too. Profits go to our church funds.

Monthly Bingo.. it's back! – our fun-filled parish Bingo night returns! **Eyes down on Friday 2 September at 7.00pm**. Thereafter the first Friday of each month until December. Non-perishable prizes are always welcomed; any help is always appreciated.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Colin MacMillan, Godfrey Herman, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Angus Cumming

Anniversaries: Jeanette Catto, Lachlan McNeil