

11th August 2019

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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by 10 am on Wednesdays.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

18th August

Jer 38:4-6

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12: 49-53



The Assumption of Mary, which we celebrate on August 15, is not just a Catholic extra or add-on to the fundamentals of the faith. It is a vitally important teaching with deep roots in Scripture and direct relevance to our daily lives.

Here are eight ways it is significant.

1. We will share in Christ's resurrection

At the core of our faith is the belief, based on the biblical accounts, that Christ experienced a bodily resurrection from the dead and ascended, while still in bodily form, to heaven. The Assumption of Mary confirms that this extraordinary reversal of death is not limited to Christ. If Mary can end up in heaven, body and soul, so can we who share in her humanity.

2. Our hope is for a physical resurrection

The whole point of the dogma is its emphasis on Mary's bodily assumption. Otherwise there would be no need for it. Arguing that Mary's soul went to heaven at the end of her earthly life is to claim nothing different than what happens to every other person who died in a state of grace. Mary's assumption reminds us that salvation is holistic. God does not just save half of us. We are saved in the fullness of our humanity, body and soul.

3. Heaven is for Saints.

The Assumption of Mary clarifies and confirms that the heaven of the New Testament is a place where the saints experience the presence of God. She is the first one to enter under the New Covenant. In a way, Mary opened up heaven for rest of the saints, just as she opened up the earth to the fullness of God's Incarnate presence.

4. The final reversal of the Fall

The Church teaches that Mary shares in Christ's lot. This is based upon her role as the New Eve to His New Adam, which is evident in Simeon's prophecy and her presence at the crucifixion. Mary's assumption to heaven is the final reversal of the evils of sin and death unleashed by the Fall.

5. Man is not meant to be alone

To be human is to live in relation to another. This is one of the first things Scripture teaches about man. In the Garden of Eden Adam was in paradise, yet it was 'not good' for him to be 'alone.' So God created Eve. Christ, who was perfectly human, 'needs' the perfect companionship of another human, especially in paradise. Christ is not a solitary saviour. In His divinity he enjoys the communion of the Trinity. In His humanity he reigns from heaven with his Mother.

6. Marian veneration is Christo-centric

Mary's assumption means that there are no bones or tombs of Our Lady to venerate. This means that Marian veneration is particularly Christo-centric. Thanks to the assumption, it is impossible to think of her without thinking of her being in the fullness of Christ's heavenly presence.

7. Mary is uniquely positioned to help us

Although souls in heaven are not deprived of the beatific vision they are somewhat limited by not having bodies, according to St. Thomas Aquinas. He explains that souls without bodies are in an unnatural state, lack perfection, and are denied the fullness of happiness. Even the beatific vision is affected in a way. Although God is seeing through the eye of the intellect, souls need bodies in order to see. The Assumption of Mary ensures that she has none of these limitations. Having her body is particularly crucial for her given that it is a source of so much of her power: in the Incarnation God took flesh from Mary and it was through her body that He was born. The upshot of this is that Mary has everything she needs to see our problems—as well as our potential for holiness—and to help us grow into little Christs.

8. Mary's beauty is perfected

One further implication of what has just been stated above is that Mary's beauty in heaven is perfected. She is not a disembodied soul. She is not a spirit flitting about in paradise. The beauty that became espoused to the Holy Spirit lives in her fullness in heaven. This is one reason that the Church venerates Mary above all other saints.



Feast of the Assumption

<https://catholicexchange.com/8-reasons-assumption-mary-important>



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Putting Rungs on the Ladder – 29 August

Hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta

Join Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta, the Archdiocese of Sydney, and the Diocese Broken Bay for a dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement "A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land." This a free event, and will include a presentation by Sue Mowbray, CEO of the Mercy Foundation.



Date: Thursday 29 August 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Cathedral Hall, Marist Place, Parramatta

RSVP: By Friday 23 August 2019 to

faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or Pina Bernard 8379 1627

Speaking From the Heart – Frenchs Forest

All are welcome to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday with Frenchs Forest Parish at *Speaking from the Heart* where they will explore concerns and responses toward migrants and refugees in context of Catholic Social Justice principles, as well as reflect upon the issues which force people to leave their countries of birth.

Special guest John Cinya, will speak of his own experience of escaping persecution in South Sudan and living in a refugee camp in Ethiopia for four years prior to coming to Australia as a refugee. Dr Samira Aili will join the conversation as a dedicated volunteer who supports women in crisis, immigration detainees, migrant communities and is a mentor to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities



Date: Sunday 18 August

Time: 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Venue: St Anthony in the Fields Church
46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills



NEXT MONTH (SEPTEMBER) IS SAFEGUARDING MONTH IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

This year the Diocese of Broken Bay is celebrating the theme; *A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging.* All clergy, parishioners and the wider community are invited to the Diocesan **Liturgy** which signifies the start of SAFEGUARDING MONTH.

LITURGY OF INCLUSION AND CARE, Tuesday 3 September 2019, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, 7.00pm.

Parish Pastoral Council

I would like parishioners to consider if they wish to be on the new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). PPCs are one of the structures strongly recommended by the Bishops of the Second Vatican Council. The PPC is to assist the parish priest and the parish community in the Church's apostolic work in the field of making the Gospel known.

PPCs witness to the basic equality of dignity of all members by reason of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, highlighting the role of all to share in the Saving mission of Jesus.

During the Easter Season our readings focused on the Acts of the Apostles and the growth of the Early Church after the Resurrection.

It is a good time for our parish to look at how we grow our parish. So if you feel that is an appropriate way for you to focus your talents in the parish, please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

I will have a gathering of those interested to open up more as to what the PPC can do for the parish and the commitment it will involve.

Fr Robert



ABC Compass program on Sunday 4/8 featured 75 Polish Priests and Nuns working in PNG which was Fr Bogdan's work before coming to The Lakes Parish. It features many improvements they have made including Madang Hospital. Many parishioners supported Fr Bogdan in sending medical equipment ex Mona Vale Hospital up there plus glasses and hearing aids. It can be viewed on ABC Iview (Compass : Polish Missionaries) and on the following link <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/compass/series/33/video/RN1811H013S00>



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Statement from Diocese of Broken Bay regarding the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill in NSW

A Media Statement is on our Diocesan website, and a copy of the letter Fr David Ranson sent to Parliamentarians was sent to parishes yesterday. See the link below for the Media Statement.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/catholic-diocese-of-broken-bay-opposes-proposed-reproduction-healthcare-reform-bill>



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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick: Michelle Beck, Pauline Bedford, Margaret McNamara, Margaret Collins, Wendy Ochs, Tony Adrian, Berna Banister, Mandy Rossetti, Sharon Frazer, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg, Trish Townley, Emmanuel Zarb and Fr Gerry Ryan.



Recently Deceased - Betty Wagstaff, Melina Bietola, Ursula Skupien and Dominic Borg. May they rest in God's peace and love forever.

Anniversary - Natale (Greg) Calvi. May he rest in God's peace and love forever.

Solemnity of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday August 15th

Mass Times:

**St Joseph - 9.30am (with
School Students)**

St Rose - 9.30am (with School Students)

**Peter Cosgrove House 11.00am (for War Vets
and elderly)**

St Joseph - 7.30pm (All Welcome!)



MINISTERS NEEDED

Our parish is in need of more ministers.

We could do with many more Altar Servers and Acolytes.

We are also in need of Ministers of Communion and Readers. Our ministries show us that we are called by our baptism to participate in the liturgical life of our parish.

If you would like to become actively involved in our parish, please consider joining one of our ministries. You will be rostered on usually once per month.

Please contact the parish office if you would like more information on the various ministries you could be involved in.

parishoffice@lakesparish.org.au



Due to not enough numbers the Alpha program has been cancelled, which is very sad. Thank you to the team who invested their time.



**2019/20 LAKES PARISH
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

CONFIRMATION

Input Session II - Sunday 11th August The Lakes Parish Hall 8.30am

Review Sunday 25th August The Lakes Parish Hall 8.30am or

St Rose School Hall 5.00pm

Celebration Sat/Sun 7 & 8 Sept St Rose/St Joseph All Masses

Any questions

please contact: sacraments@lakesparish.org.au



Charitable Works Fund Appeal - August

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CWF

This month we shared Patricia's story and the role of the CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioner. When we asked Sonia, Patricia's daughter, what her mum would think of this, Sonia said that she would be "over the moon".

"Peter (the Pastoral Care Practitioner) brought Mum so much peace at the end. Her faith was so important to her."

We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity in helping Catholic faith-based services support those in our local community.

Thank you.

The CWF provides funds to:

**CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care
Practitioner Program
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
St Lucy's School
St Edmund's College
Ephpheta Centre**

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

**Tax invoices for donations made to CWF, Project
Compassion and Peter's Pence in the 2018/2019 financial
year will be sent out in the mail this week. If you have not
received yours by Monday and you would like a copy
please contact the Parish Office.**

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What's Happening at The Lakes

See parish calendar on website www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-calendar

BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY

ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISH?

If you are new to The Lakes Parish, WELCOME. Please provide your details on the 'Parishioner Information Form' available in church foyers or go to:

<http://www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-registration>

Already registered? Please let us know if you:

- Have changed address.
 - Welcomed a new child into the family.
 - Would like to support our Parish and join our Planned Giving program.
 - Plan to enrol your child in one of our Parish Schools.
 - If you require a reference for high school.
- Privacy laws requires the Parish Priest to have met with the family prior to completing the reference request. Please contact the office to make an appointment.



The 2019/2020 weekly envelopes are now ready for collection and will be left in the church foyers.



Vinnies

Narrabeen Vinnies are now taking donations and trading on weekends for your convenience.

Saturday 9.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 10.00am - 3.00pm

Loosely Woven presents

LULLABY

2pm Saturday 24th August
The Lakes Catholic Parish Hall
21 Lagoon Street Narrabeen
Info: Gavin Williamson
gwill@bigpond.com
looselywoven.org



LATEST ISSUE OF CATHOLIC WEEKLY AND BROKEN BAY NEWS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER

Liturgical Calendar (Subject to Change)

Next Week - Weekday Masses and Devotions

Date	Title	Time
Mon, 12-8- 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	7:30am
Tue, 13-8-2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	7:00pm
Wed, 14-8- 2019	Mass - St Rose - Yr 2 - Fr Robert	9:30am
Wed, 14-8- 2019	Mass - Warringah Place - Fr Robert	11:00am
Thu, 15-8- 2019	Mass - Assumption - St Joseph - Fr Robert	9:30am
Thu, 15-8- 2019	Mass - Assumption - St Rose - Fr Bogdan	9:30am
Thu, 15-8- 2019	Mass - Assumption - Peter Cosgrove	11:00am
Thu, 15-8- 2019	Mass - Assumption - St Joseph - Fr Bogdan	7:30pm
Fri, 16-8- 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Bogdan	7:30am
Sat, 17-8- 2019	Morning Prayer & Rosary - St Joseph	8:30am
Sat, 17-8 2019	Mass, Adoration, Penance - SJ - Fr Bogdan	9:30am

Next Week Other Events

Date	Title	Time
Mon, 12-8- 2019	Kidsgroup - LPH	9:30am
Mon, 12-8- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Mon, 12-8- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SJ	3:00pm
Mon, 12-8- 2019	Community Prayer Evening - SJ	7:30pm
Wed, 14-8- 2019	Tai Chi Group - LPH	11:00am
Wed, 14-8- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Thu, 14-8-2019	Dance Group - LPH	7:30pm
Fri, 15-8- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Fri, 15-8- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SJ	3:00pm
Sun, 18-8-2019	Morning Tea - SJ	10:00am

Next Sunday Masses

Date	Title	Time
Sat, 17-8-2019	Vigil Mass - St Joseph - Fr Bogdan	5:30pm
Sun, 18-8-2019	Mass - St Rose - Baptism - Fr Bogdan	8:00am
Sun, 18-8 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Bogdan/Dcn David	9:30am
Sun, 18-8- 2019	Mass - War Vets - Fr Bogdan	11:00am
Sun, 18-8- 2019	Mass - St Rose - Fr Bogdan	6:00pm

Safeguarding Children



A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM..."Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13

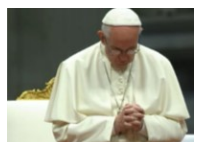


To report concerns or complaints please contact a member from the Diocesan Safeguarding and Child Protection team.
Office for Safeguarding (Chancery)
02 8379 1605
safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au
<http://www.bbcatholic.org.au>

Pope Francis' Prayer

Intention August Families

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".



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