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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 2020

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The Assumption (15th August) Celebrated today “Mary, an icon of certain hope for God’s pilgrim people”. Mary Mother of Jesus is at the center of the Christian faith. Ever since her “yes” at the Annunciation she has Mothered God’s word-made-flesh. She gave birth to Jesus Christ at Bethlehem, fed him, and clothed him, and was there for him as ‘he grew in grace’ before God and people. She stood by him at the foot of the Cross on Calvary; compassionately received his dead and disfigured body in her arms and laid him in the tomb. She rejoiced with the reassembled disciples at his Resurrection and then gathered with the Apostles to await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 1:14). Mary co-operated and wholeheartedly committed herself to God’s saving plan as revealed in Christ Jesus. Mary is not on the periphery. She is at the heart of the Christian mystery as it unfolds before us. St Luke gives a wonderful portrait of Mary; she is the faithful and true disciple, who “hears the word of God and keeps it”. But Luke does not mention the death of Mary in his writings. In the sixth century feasts of Mary began to be celebrated and we have homilies on her Assumption. From that time onwards the conviction grew in the universal Church, both in the East and in the West that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. The Liturgy helped in the development of the doctrine. A feast was celebrated under various names – Dormition, Passing, Assumption. The doctrine of the Assumption proclaimed on 1st November 1950, by Pope Pius XII states “that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to the heavenly glory”. The Pope proclaimed this doctrine after broad and wide consultation across the church. It met with almost universal approval. It is very clear that this doctrine had its origin in the popular faith of the Christian community of the Faithful. The Assumption assures us that as Mary shared in all aspects of Christ’s life, she should also share in Christ’s victory over evil, death and decay. The Assumption is really the extension of the Resurrection to those closest to Christ.

Holy Day of Obligation – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on this Sunday 16th August and is a Holy Day. All Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on this important Feast of Our Lady.

Masses – Welcome back to our Holy Mass. Certain precautions are in place and these are aimed at ensuring maximum safety and peace of mind among those who worship and pray at our Servite Church. We ask that you sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church and that you complete a slip for tracing purposes. Please leave this slip on your seat when leaving and if you change seats you will need to fill out 2 slips. Where you sit needs to be sanitised. Also, please do not move kneelers, leave them up (it will be less to clean).

St Peregrine Mass – Will be on Wednesday 26th August at 6.30pm. If you could give some time to volunteer at this Mass and others, we would be grateful. We now need volunteers to hold Mass due to the extra precautions needed to keep everyone safe.

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.30am
Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

Saints Days

Wed 19th - St John Eudes
Thu 20th - St Bernard
Fri 21st - St Pius X
Sat 22nd - St The Queenship
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programme 2019/2020 – Re the completion of these programmes, once it has been decided how/when to complete them, Candidates and Families will be contacted.

Safeguarding

Representatives – We Welcome Dorota Trawinska & Alexia Carter who are our Safeguarding Representatives For Safeguarding concerns, please contact them in confidence on their contact details which is on our website and in the Colonnade.