

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Incorporating the worshipping communities of:
St Joseph's Cathedral, St Peter's, St Paul's (Gracemere) & Sacred Heart (Mount Morgan)

14th & 15th of August 2021
The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary



Gospel Reflection by Fr Matthias Ogwo

November 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption in his Apostolic Constitution **MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS**.

By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: 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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians (CCC 966). Assumption is "a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim people of God" (LG 68). It is a reminder for all Christians that those who live and die in Christ, on the last day shall rise to be with God.



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**If anointing is needed
urgently after hours**, to contact
a priest, phone
07 3830 5216 where an operator
will take your message and
deliver it to a priest as soon as
possible. Please provide your
name, address and phone
number to avoid delay.

Baptisms & Marriages

Bookings are made through the
Parish Office.

Advance notice and preparation
are required.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd
& 4th Sunday of each month after
9.30am Mass.

Mass Times

Monday 16th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

Tuesday 17th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Wednesday 18th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Thursday 19th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Friday 20th August

St Bernard, abbot, doctor

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Saturday 21st August

St Pius X, pope

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral

9:30am - 10:30am

Confessions

Vigil Masses

Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan

4:00pm

Anointing Mass

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Sunday 22nd August

21st Sunday in Ordinary

Time

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Ordinariate Masses

St Peter's Church, Allentown

Sunday 9:30am

Parish Calendar for the Month of August

Sunday 15 August

RMU Choir Perform at St Joseph's Cathedral

Baptisms of Billy, Beau, Cohen, Tanner, Oakley, Lucie, Grace, Isabella, Leo, Elanor, Sylvie & Liliana

Saturday 21 August

Triple-C Breakfast

Wednesday 25 August

Submissions close for 'Season of Creation'

Sunday 22 August

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:

Gwen Whitehead, Jan Leyden, Pat Ellrott, Julie McDonald, Brian Geaney, Dwight Dellow & Monica Fogarty

Anniversaries

We pray for the souls of:

Pat Galvin, George Keegan & Sr Judy Streer rsj

This Weekend's Newsletter:

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'How Can I Keep from Singing' a choral concert presented by the Rockhampton Musical Union Choir Inc.

Rockhampton's longest established choir is presenting an afternoon of sacred and choral music in St Joseph's Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday 15 August. Come and listen to beautiful music in a beautiful venue. For those who have attended choral performances in the Cathedral before, the combination of amazing voices with the unique acoustics of the Cathedral is not to be missed. Admission is a gold coin donation.

Season of Creation

Get creative with this year's Season of Creation!

Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN), are requesting the submission of photographs, art works, poetry and written works for Season of Creation. All submissions will be shared on the QCEN Facebook page and may even form part of the yearly exhibit at St John's Cathedral!

This year's theme is "A home for all? Renewing the household of God."

To upload your creations visit www.fb.com/QCENvNet or email to admin@qct.org.au.

Submissions should be made by 25th August. Good Luck!

Only A Few Copies of 'The Paraclete' Remaining

The Paraclete is a publication prepared by the seminarians at our very own Holy Spirit Seminary. The Parish Office has received additional copies this time around and welcome parishioners to pop into the office and grab one. Get in early to avoid disappointment.

This edition of 'The Paraclete' includes:

- A message from the rector, our very own Monsignor John Grace
- An interview with Archbishop Mark Coleridge
- Finding God in the classroom
- Spiritual Formation
- A reflection on Golden Jubilees

Safety Notice: Plovers

The grounds of the Cathedral have two new additions in the shape of baby plovers. The happy family are satisfied with their spot on the large lawn at the front of the Cathedral Office but have been seen close to the Cathedral gates.

Whilst the chicks are adorable, the parents can become very aggressive. The Parish Office team can also confirm the Plover's aren't huge fans of photography. Please give them a wide berth until the family move on.

Saint Louis IX

"Be kind-hearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can. Thank God for all the benefits he has bestowed upon you, that you may be worthy to receive greater."

Engaging Your Faith Zoom Sessions

Engaging Your Faith is a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including:

- Meditation and Compassion
- The Bible as the Great War Story to End All War Stories
- Can a Scientist Believe in God?

All topics are presented by lecturers of the Catholic Theological College.

Choose one, choose all, choose what sessions interests you for just \$20 per session.

All sessions are to be booked directly through TryBooking at the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=794193&>

Alive in the Spirit Virtual Conference

Alive in the Spirit Virtual Conference was a joint Catholic initiative that ran from the 8th-10th of July which offered an opportunity to gather online, connect with companions on the journey, and be reinvigorated through a variety of offers.

The event contained live scheduled events with keynote speakers intermingled with workshops, prayer and interactions with an array of Catholic organisations.

With COVID-19 still an ever-present backdrop to our lives, getting the opportunity to participate in a conference is a rare occurrence.

Unfortunately, having only learned about the conference recently, by the time this bulletin reaches you the live aspect will have concluded. However, the good news is that the entire conference has been recorded and is available for viewing until December 2021!

If you feel as if your faith has been lacking during this time of lockdowns and uncertainty, take this opportunity to see if Alive in the Spirit can assist you on your faith journey.

The cost of the conference is \$40 (or \$200 for a group over 5 people) and can be purchased at the following link:

<https://aliveinthespirit.com.au>

Cathedral Bookshop Updated Hours

The Cathedral Bookshop has expanded its hours and is now trading on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!

The hours for each day are as follows:

Wednesday - 9:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday - 9:00am - 4:00pm

New and interesting stock is arriving all the time for the Bookshop!

To see all the good work that Helen and the team have been putting in to our available stock make sure to stop by the Cathedral Bookshop.

Triple-C Breakfast 21 August

You are invited to attend a breakfast in support of Chaplains in schools covered by the Gracemere and District School Chaplaincy Service.

This breakfast's guest speaker is Margaret Laughton (president of QCWA - Capricornia Division) who will speak on the topic of 'The CWA - More than Tea and Scones'.

Bookings are essential. Contact 4933 3656/ 0427 534 491 or email gracemerechaplaincyservice@gmail.com

Info for Next Round of Dayton University Courses now Available

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet.

Registrations are now open for classes starting on the 22nd of August. There are many wonderful topics available with course lengths ranging from 3 to 6 weeks.

This is an excellent opportunity for further education and formation for all parishioners.

To learn more about the courses on offer, check out the following link:

https://vlcff.udayton.edu/courses/courses.php?group_by_track=1

Australia Catholic Bishop's Conference Social Justice Statement Now Available

This year's theme is 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.'

In the statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability.

To read the statement, check out the link below:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

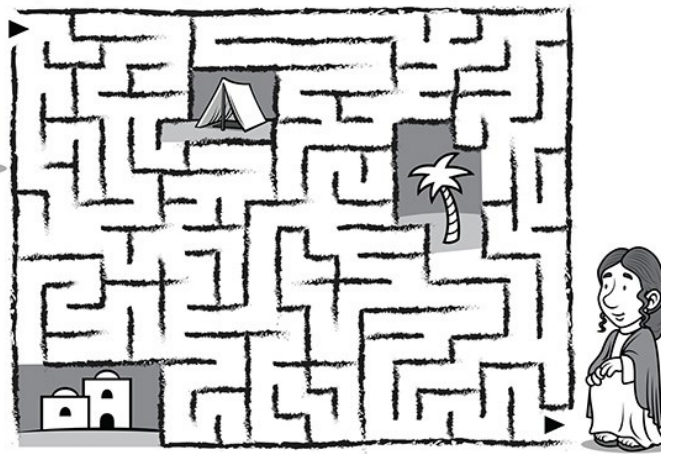
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Reflect

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven as a reward for her faithfulness. Her life and devotion should be an example for us.



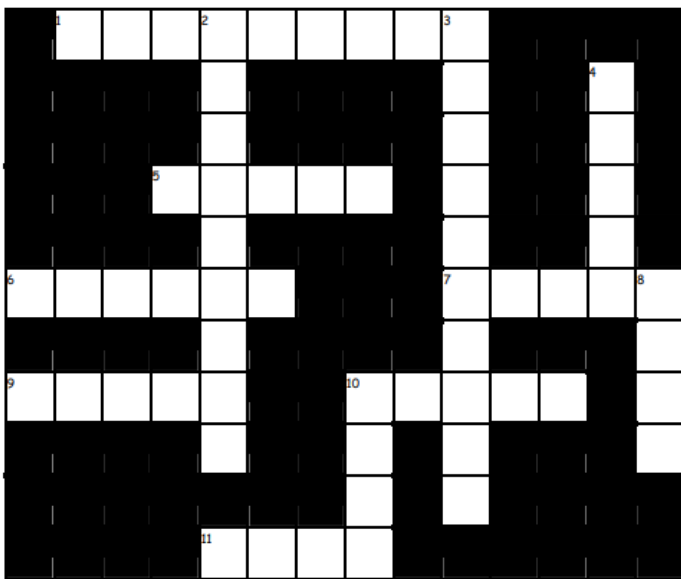
Help Mary find her way as she travels to see her cousin, Elizabeth.



CROSSWORD

God has done great things for me

Lk 1:39-56



Across

- 1: this woman was Mary's cousin
- 5: infant or young person
- 6: the Lord gives good things to eat to those who feel this way
- 7: God gives _____ to those who are humble
- 9: Mary went to stay in a town in this area
- 10: God shows _____ to those who worship him
- 11: a newborn child

Down

- 2: The husband of Mary's cousin
- 3: the _____ came down upon Elizabeth (two words)
- 4: Mary stayed with Elizabeth for this many months
- 8: the opposite of poor
- 10: Jesus' mother

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

God has done great things for me

Lk 1:39-56

M E R C Y O Q B X Q B I W H
 H V O T Y A B B U F T Q P U
 R O I U J Q V V X T A E G N
 A P R H D R H W X X V U W G
 O O R H O L Y S P I R I T R
 E W E L I Z A B E T H B B Y
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 V S F A F A R E U G A M Y R
 L E V Z E C H A R I A H R E
 S C H I L D G D P G A L D E
 G Y I L N R I C H N D M S W

Try to find these words:

- baby
- child
- Elizabeth
- Holy Spirit
- hungry
- Judea
- Mary
- mercy
- power
- rich
- three
- Zechariah

Enhancing Music at the Cathedral

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph has been offered a grand piano at a very reasonable price.

The piano will be used to enhance the celebration of the liturgy in the Cathedral and enable the Cathedral to become a centre for the performance of sacred music and song – an opportunity for evangelisation and a means for the Church to contribute to the community in a positive way.

If you would like to support the parish in purchasing this instrument your donation would be gratefully received. Donations can be made directly to the Parish Office.

Weekly Prayer

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Safeguarding

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.

For further information or support please contact the Diocesan *Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office*:

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Music Workshop Next Week

Next Wednesday the 18th of August we will be holding our next music workshop at 5:00pm in St Joseph's Cathedral.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Youth Reflection for this Sunday's Gospel

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary's, Nobbs Street offers adoration every Thursday from 4:30 - 7:00pm commencing with the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

All are welcome!

Sacraments 2021-2022

Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith Sacraments 2021-2022

Calling all families with children who have reached the age of reason (which is seven years of age) to join the preparation journey 2021-2022 towards the celebration of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022. To register please call the Cathedral Centre on 4927 6744.

Children's Liturgy of The Word

Children's liturgy of the word will recommence at St Joseph's Cathedral. Thanks to volunteers who have come forward to allow this ministry to recommence fortnightly. We still need more volunteers to ensure we can offer this ministry every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Please contact Cathedral Centre 4927 6744 if you would like to volunteer - training is available.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

Mary is the archetypal disciple in whom we see, as in a mirror, all that we can become through God's grace, despite our human weakness. The Book of the Apocalypse links us to a woman who, through the birth of her son, is instrumental in crushing the power of evil

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 131:6-7, 9-10, 13-14



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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Orthodox icons of the Dormition of Mary tell of the belief that at her death Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven as a foretaste of the resurrection. They express the hope that all human experience is destined for glory through the saving power of Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

As an unmarried woman Mary had no status in Israel. As an unmarried mother she risked public shame and death by stoning. She had nothing, yet she believed that God's power could make of her a blessing for all the world.

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