

St Anthony's and St Mark's
15th August 2021
Solemnity of the Assumption

Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun

Psalm 44

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ will be brought to life as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him

Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Thomas McKell, Jon Land, Moira Boyce, Baby Harris Little, Mary Husband, Chris Wetson, Anne Robertson, David Currie, Henry McPhee, Willie McIntosh, Lynsey Alexander, Helen Carroll, James Shields, Ben McGovern, Fay Patterson

Recently Dead

Margaret Harris

Anniversaries

Patrick Durkin, Catherine Durkin McKenna, Sheila O'Brien, Joe and Anthony Doris

Reflection on the Readings

The readings for Mass point to Mary as one who, having heard and responded to God's word in a unique way, is blessed above all others. The model disciple, she is the first to share in Christ's resurrection. St Paul reminds us that this is our hope. What Mary experienced at the end of her earthly life, we hope to share at the end of time, when death is swallowed up in victory.

Solemnity of the Assumption

Traditional in the Church for many centuries, the doctrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was defined by Pope Pius XII before a huge crowd in St Peter's Square on November 1st 1950, "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (*Munificentissimus Deus*)

Mass – Lifting of Restrictions

The one-metre distance rule has been lifted in church so all pews are now available.

- We are still required to wear face coverings. Sanitising will be limited to 'touch-points': ends of pews, door handles.
- When you enter church, if you wish, you can take a wipe to sanitise the seat you will sit on.
- While Test and Protect is not obliged, the Church is asking us to do this. So, if you can, please use the QR code at the door. Otherwise, one person from each household should give details to the steward.
- Please remember that the Sunday 5pm Mass is the quietest Mass, so for those a bit nervous that might be the preferred option.

It is essential that we remember that this is not the end of the pandemic and that we all still have a responsibility to follow the rules and make sure the churches are places that people can attend safely.

Stewards

The stewards have done an amazing job over the past few months in helping keep our churches safe and welcome returning parishioners. I would ask that you please stay on for the time being because, regardless of Covid, your ministry of welcome is invaluable.

Collections

For those attending Mass, we will stick with a retiring collection. Fr Coyle might change that when he arrives in two weeks.

Confirmation

This Sunday at the 10am Mass I have the privilege of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on our altar server Francis. He has become a familiar sight leading the procession and we congratulate him on his special day.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The process for this will start soon. If you (or anyone you know of) would like to become a Catholic, watch out for announcements from Fr Coyle.

Kevin Kirby

Kevin, who is training to become a permanent deacon, has been on placement with us for the past year. Coming to the parish was difficult in lockdown and yet Kevin has made an impact. While the placement is principally for his benefit (as part of his formation) he has been a great help to me and to the parish. He continues to prepare for the Diaconate and will have a placement elsewhere after the summer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Next Week's Readings **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

Psalm 33

Taste and see that the Lord is good

Ephesians 5:21-32

Christ loves his Church, because it is his body

John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

Masses (Youtube Channel CatholicG73)

Saturday 5pm St Mark's - online

Sunday 10am St Mark's - online

Sunday 11.30am St Anthony's - online

Sunday 5pm St Anthony's

Tues 7pm St Anthony's (with Novena to St Anthony)

Wed 10am St Mark's

Thurs 10am St Anthony's

Fri 10am St Mark's

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Other Resources

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

<https://www.rcdom.org.uk/>

<https://www.universalis.com/>

<https://camglenradio.org/>

A Simple Act of Thanksgiving After Communion

O Good Jesus, I thank you with all my heart. How good, how kind you are to me. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar: blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.