

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Fr John Ryan RIP
Tues 10:00am Daniel & Dens McCarthy FM
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Gibraltarians who died 1939 -
-1945 FM
Fri 10:00am Holy Souls
Sat 6:00pm Peace for the World
Sun **No 8:30am Mass**
10:00am People of the Parish
12:00noon Thanksgiving

Fr Francis

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary marks the end of her earthly life and entry in to heaven, body and soul. It is the fourth of the fifth glorious mysteries. It is a feast of joy and hope for believers like you and me.
We are also reminded of the dignity of the human body , made for holiness.
Specifically, we are invited to reflect on the dignity of our mothers and sisters. God bless the women! Besides Jesus , the holiest human person who ever lived then is Mary. How did a teenage girl from Nazareth become the Queen of heaven? God's design is beyond human understanding.
It is the firm belief of the Church that God preserved Mary for heavenly Glory .
Our Christian calling lies beyond the grave. If we cooperate with God's grace and walk with Mary while offering faithful obedience to God's Will.
Remember, Mary Said " Yes" to God's will!
Resounding Mary's "Yes" calls for obligation, remember from the cross, Jesus Christ gave Mary to us, as our mother!
How does the celebration of the Assumption help today's Christian?
First, let's not take the literal English meaning of the word "Assumption" which has to do with uncertainty! Actually from Latin "Asumere" Assumption in our context refers to "taking something up",...Mary is taken up. Then this feast makes every sense for the Church and her believers.

The important thing is not to think much but to love much.
Teresa of Avila

Let us recall that from creation, Adam and Eve are taken back to dust as a result of disobedience. At the Assumption , Mary is taken to heaven because of obedience. At the Annunciation, the Angel declared: " Hail full of Grace " meaning there is no room for disgrace, no room for decay. At the visitation, Elizabeth affirmed... "Blessed are you among women"
From the second reading, all died in the old Adam and all are brought to life in the new Adam, Jesus Christ.
In the old order, Eve brought death, and in the new order, Mary brought life.
Again , in the old order there is disobedience, while in the new order, there is obedience....
"Let it be done to me accordingly to your will"
...And in Gethsemane, Jesus obediently prayed too , "Not mine, but your will be done!"
Finally, In the old order Adam and Eve are chased away from paradise. In the new order, paradise becomes a reward for obedience. God will not impose his will upon us, but will always invite us!
Like Mary, the model of discipleship, may we use our free will to humbly say "Yes!"
Mary Queen of heaven, pray for us!

Family Faith Summer Activities

This summer, help keep Christ at the heart of family life with two free Celebrate@Home resources: the Summer Fun Family Pack, packed with faith-filled activities for home or holiday, and the Summer Psalm Walk, an opportunity to pray and reflect together outdoors in God's creation. Download the Family Pack and access the Psalm Walk to enjoy a fun, prayerful, and Christ-centred summer as a family. For details, visit:

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Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is due for its second reading on 11th September. An e-action campaign is available to help people contact their MPs and ask them to vote against the Bill. To write to your MP, visit: righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote