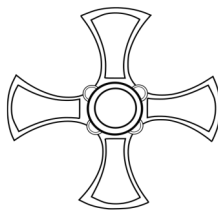


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Sunday 15th August 2021 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



Mary's song for today's feast of the Assumption is called the Magnificat and is based on an Old Testament song by Hannah. But the song is not actually about Hannah or Mary. It's about God and it's about you and me. The word "Magnificat" means that I am praising God for his greatness.

Mary was blessed because the Lord was with her. Everyone with whom God dwells is blessed. Christ dwells with you. He has given you faith to believe in him. He has done everything necessary for your salvation. He talks to you, through his word. He feeds you, with his body and blood. God watches over you and protects you until the day he calls you to be with him. All generations can most certainly call you blessed. You are blessed because Jesus is with you, and he always will be. So with Mary as our example we too can sing the Magnificat.

What are the great things that the Lord has done for me that I want to burst into song about and sing Magnificat? What have I done that needs God's mercy and how do I feel the forgiveness of God? What are the ways that God shows he is working in my life, with the power of his arm, and which make me want to sing Magnificat? Time and time again God stops me from getting proud-hearted, Magnificat! The God who thwarts the high and mighty and raises the common and garden folk, this same God never ignores me when I stand before him with honesty of heart, Magnificat! He fills me when I am hungry and he laughs at my false claims to be needy, Magnificat! Through my baptism God has promised that I will be his child and he will be my Father, until that day when I shall see him face to face, Magnificat!

Today's feast represents the crowning glory of Mary's life of faith lived in the hope and trust that the promises made to her would be fulfilled. By singing the Magnificat Mary shows that she had a deep understanding of God's continual presence at her side in good times and in bad, and that her gratitude was such that her heart overflowed with praise just at the thought of what God was doing in her life. By making the Magnificat our own, we too can recognise a God who has favoured his lowly servant; we can show our gratitude to God for the many ways in which his love surrounds us daily; and we can hope and trust in his promise that, like Mary, we will one day see him face to face and praise him for eternity with the saints in heaven. Magnificat!

Masses and Intentions this week

	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth	St Bede's Church Bedlington
Saturday 14th August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	10am Mass: Marie Sutcliffe (AB) 10.30am: Adoration and Confessions	5pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Zenek Handzel
Sunday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am Mass: Jerome Thompson 11am Mass: People of the Parish 12.30pm Baptism: Ilaria Eabha Corbo	
Monday 16th August <i>Weekday</i>		10am Mass: <i>No Intention</i>
Tuesday 17th August <i>Weekday</i>	10am Mass: Kevin O'Malley	
Wednesday 18th August <i>Weekday</i>		10am Mass: <i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 19th August <i>St Oswin</i>	10am Mass: Joel Rowland (RS) 6pm Reception Into Church: Marie Sutcliffe	
Friday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	11.30am Requiem Mass: Marie Sutcliffe <i>Followed by Burial at Bockenfield</i>	
Saturday 21st August <i>Dedication St Mary's Cathedral</i>	10am Mass: Morton Stott (MB) 10.30am - 11am: Adoration and Confessions 12 noon Wedding: Amy Ruffle and Kyle Reardon	5pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: John & Catherine McGinn
Sunday 22nd August 21st Sunday Yr B	9am Mass: People of the Parish 11am Mass: Morton Stott (ED)	



The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for August 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



At this time of the Church's year, we are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; and Seafarers. Please pray for family members, parishioners, those we know who are unwell; we pray for those in hospital, recovering from or awaiting surgery; and at this difficult time of the coronavirus we pray for all suffering from COVID-19; for all who have died recently, including **Marie Sutcliffe** [Morpeth] whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th August at 11.30am at St Robert's Church; and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Updated Coronavirus Advice

Our Churches are open and we are celebrating Mass. We encourage you to come back to join us. If unable to come on a Sunday, come during the week! If you are out shopping and in the supermarkets, if you are going out for meals, if you're attending weekend sports events, if you're mixing with family and friends regularly, why not come back to church! Our parish community needs you here! We are still continuing with "covid-safe" controls until further notice. We therefore ask that you ... book to come to Sunday Mass, continue wearing a face covering in Church, use the hand gel provided at the door and in the benches, observe our social distancing guidelines whilst in Church.

NEWSLETTERS AND MISALLETTES: If you are holding this Newsletter, or a Mass Sheet, as a paper copy in Church on Sunday, please remember that you **MUST** take it away with you. COVID-19 guidelines state that because you have handled it, you cannot just put it back on the table at the back of Church. It's handy to have a Newsletter at home and good to reflect on today's readings in the Missalette! If you do not wish to keep it, please leave it in your bench and it will be immediately destroyed by those who will tidy and clean the Church after Mass.

Booking for a Mass

You should continue to book for Sunday Mass, until further notice.

To book your place at the Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church

Please call St Bede's Presbytery ☎ 01670 823 258

Monday - Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

To book your place at Sunday Mass at St Robert's Church

Please call St Robert's Presbytery ☎ 01670 513 410

Please note the change of times for ring St Robert's for booking for Mass have been changed since the end of July ...

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am - 12noon

If you ring out of these hours, your call may not be answered, and your booking may be missed

Message from Mary's Meals

A heartfelt thank you from everyone at Mary's Meals for your incredible generosity during our recent Double The Love campaign. This will transform the lives of more than 43,000 hungry children in Liberia with the gift of food and education, in a new project starting this October. Your unwavering commitment to our mission has seen a total of £6,493,623 raised, including £2 million of match funding from the UK Government. It gives us a wonderful opportunity to make an even bigger impact for children like Magirl, 13, from Gbatala in Liberia, who wants to become a nurse when she grows up. Your love and kindness will change the lives of children and their families in Liberia, and around the world, giving them the chance of a brighter future. With 59 million primary school age children out of school worldwide, thank you for standing with us as we strive to reach the next child waiting for Mary's Meals.

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