

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FIRST READING

A woman adorned with the sun standing on the moon.

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

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Then came flashes of lightning, peals of thunder and an earthquake, and violent hail. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready, for her to be looked after in the twelve hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ, now that the persecutor, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down.'

Responsorial Psalm *(To be read together by the whole congregation)*

Response: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Psalm 44

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| <p>1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house.</p> | <p>2. So will the king desire your beauty: he is your Lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.</p> |
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SECOND READING

Christ as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him.

Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants forever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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Sunday, 14th August 2016 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

| Masses, Devotions and Services | | |
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| | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
| Saturday, 13 th August | 5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn | |
| Sunday, 14 th August Assumption of BI Virgin Mary | 11:00am Mass: Herbert Watson | 9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Herbert Redpath & Joan Taylor |
| Monday, 15 th August | 9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Fr Ernest Donnelly | |
| Tuesday, 16 th August | | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Private Intention |
| Wednesday, 17 th August | 9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion | |
| Thursday, 18 th August | | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Special Intention |
| Friday, 19 th August St John Eudes Priest | 9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Lazaro Palapal | |
| Saturday, 20 th August | 5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: James Fatkin | 9:30am Mass: |
| Sunday, 21 st August 21 st Sunday of the Year | 11:00am Mass: Fr Ernest Donnelly | 9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Thanksgiving for Gloria Gascon |

Forward Together In Hope

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.
Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples;
to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.
Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us.
Inspire us all in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to
change and to move forward together in hope.

Parish Mission Statement

"You send forth your spirit they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)
We are a community who meet Jesus in His words and in His Sacraments.
Filled then, with the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community of faith, hope, love and hospitality.
As the Gospel is proclaimed, celebrated and lived out in our daily lives, we are sent out to renew the face of the earth."

Please pray for ... A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews: Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, Human Life and Seafarers. Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Jackie Kelly, Joseph Ackerley, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Vonne and Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Canon Frank Kearney, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Maura Lang, Kathleen Lavery, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Patricia Taws and Fr Ernie Donnelly. We pray for Paul Ruane who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Offertory Collections

7th August - £696.49
Comboni Mission Appeal - £859.76
Priest Training Fund - £37.50

The Feast of the Assumption

This week-end we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This not just a celebration of one particular person but it is a celebration for the whole of humanity. Mary is a sign of hope for us all. Where she has gone we hope to follow. As created humanity shares in Go's life this feast is a celebration of the human body. The human body is damaged and distorted in so many way due to injustice and violence but the dignity of the human person comes from being made in the image and likeness of God, created by God, who is ultimate and final destination.

Missionary Appeal

Thank-you to for the warm welcome and generous response you gave to Sr. Natalia Gomes' appeal on behalf of the annual missionary appeal. £859.76 was raised

Baptisms

For this weekend we have three celebrations of Baptism. On Saturday 13th August at 2.00pm the baptism took place of Anna Felicity Mary Stacey. On Sunday 14th August during the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's we will celebrate the baptism Petal Lourdes Gomes. Also on the 14th August, at St Joseph's at 1.00pm, we will have the baptism of Mason James Armstrong. We pray for all these children and their respective families.

Please note that at the present moment there is a three month waiting list for baptisms in the parish

Hog Roast

This will be on Saturday 3rd September at St Joseph's. Tickets available from members of the social committee. Cost £10 for adults and £5 for children.

RCIA

The Cluster lead programme for those enquiring into the possibility of coming into the Church will start in about two month time. If you or you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Chris as soon as possible

A Warm Welcome

Now that the holiday season is upon us, if you are visiting the area or just passing through please know you are very welcome to our community. May your time in the region be restful and blessed? Wishing you safe and peaceful journeys. As we as a community pray for our visitors, please keep this community in your prayers as well.

Moving Forward Together in Hope

As part of the next stage of this process there will be an open parish meeting on Saturday 1st October at St Cuthbert's Time to be confirmed. Fr Chris will use the homily slots in September to reflect on the feedback we have received from the Diocese. There is a Deanery meeting on 19th October at St Mary's Cullercoats at 7.30. If you have not read the report, Fr Chris would encourage you to read it. As you read it please do not just look for factual accuracy, which is important, but also to understand the sense of mission that is the foundation of this parish, and to reflect on what your personal contribution is and could be in the future to this mission.

Sacramental Preparation in the Parish

Sacramental preparation depends on the generous work and commitment of our parish catechists. Fr Chris is conscious that our catechists are helped and supported in any way they need and that new catechists are recruited and trained. Fr Chris is delighted that one of our parishioners, Theresa Hill, is willing to help with this important work. Theresa is a former Head Teacher of a Catholic Primary School and has been the RE advisor for primary education in the Diocese of Southwark. Our thanks to Theresa for being will to take up this role in the parish. Theresa's first act will be organise a meeting with all parish catechists to see what is needed for them and the parish. This will take place on September 29th at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in becoming a catechist for any of the Sacraments would also be very welcome

Catechesis in the Mission of the Church

A course for catechists and those interested in becoming a catechist involving 18 evening sessions led by a variety of speakers on a range of topics including vocation and identity, theology of the church, and specific instruction on individual sacraments. Time for prayer and reflection will be included in each session. The programme booklet will be available in parishes soon. For further information please go to: http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/formation/form_catechist.php

CAFOD Pilgrimage to Holy Island

After a break for a year, the CAFOD annual pilgrimage to Holy Island will take place on Saturday September 10th. The walk across the causeway at 1.30 with Mass in St Mary's Parish Church at 3.00pm. Any parishioners taking part should recognise the celebrant

Mystical Theology Conference 2016:

Reconciling with the Earth:

7 - 9 September 2016 in Durham

A three-day conference exploring one of the pressing issues of our time – how can the mystical return to our appreciation of creation and the natural world.

Speakers include Rev'd. Michael Gartland, Prof. Mary Grey, Sr. Maggie Ross, Dr. Eugenia Russell, Br. Sam SSF and Rev'd. Ray Simpson.

For further information, including the call for papers (deadline: 8 Aug), please see the conference website or contact myka.s.lahaie@durham.ac.uk.

Exploring Pope Francis' Ecological Vision in Laudato Si'

With Professor Karen Kilby, The Bede Chair in Catholic Studies

Wednesday 5 October, St. Aloysius', Hebburn.

Thursday 6 October, St. Anne's, Darlington.

Monday 10 October, St. Michael's, Houghton le Spring.

Wednesday 12 October, St. Cuthbert's House, Newcastle.

All sessions run from 7.00 - 8.30pm. See poster for more details and booking information. Further details and booking information are available on the Diocesan posters noticeboard.

To contact the team please email:

adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or tel: 0191 243 3313

Action Hosting

Do you have a spare room? Would you like to help someone who is homeless? Hosting may suit you.

Action Hosting has been set up following people's desire to help refugees when the migrant crisis grew. Most hosting schemes help destitute refused asylum seekers that are currently living in Britain, rather than newly arrived asylum seekers, as there are systems in place to support asylum seekers.

We are asking hosts to provide accommodation for an agreed amount of time to a destitute asylum seeker who would otherwise be street homeless and extremely vulnerable. Whilst on the hosting scheme the guest will work with an Action Foundation support worker to look at their future options

For more information about becoming a host and an application form check

www.actionfoundation.org.uk/projects_hosting.html or contact Vicki Harris, hosting coordinator at hosting@actionfoundation.org.uk, Tel 0191 231 3113.

Can you help our young people create a fruitful allotment space?

YMCA North Tyneside has two supported accommodation projects for young people aged 16-25 years old who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We currently house 20 young people. The support they receive from keyworkers focuses on independent living skills such as budgeting, keeping their flat clean and tidy and cooking healthy meals. Once they are settled, a key part of the support is to encourage young people to become active members of the Community by moving into training, education and employment.

YMCA North Tyneside have been gifted a wonderful allotment just off Cleveland Road, North Shields. Our young people wish to use this to grow fruit, vegetables and hopefully, house ex-battery hens and give them a good quality of life.

To support us with this vision, we have applied for a programme grant through YMCA England's Bright Futures Programme. We were successful and are now part of the Fruit-ful Communities programme. Fruit-ful Communities works in partnership with Learning through Landscapes which aims to encourage young people in supported accommodation projects to get involved in positive activity within their communities. This is achieved through creating opportunities in planting and maintaining orchards, teaching horticultural skills and developing awareness of the role of trees and forests in relation to climate change, livelihoods, biodiversity and sustainable global development.

What we need help with

Saturday 27th August 2016 – allotment action day. A day of working together to clear the allotment and prepare for a shed, a greenhouse and planting areas.

Donated tools – donations of tools and general gardening equipment for all to use (please see our poster)

Ongoing – volunteers to advice staff and young people around flowers, plants, fruits, trees and general allotment guidance

If you can help with any of the above, please either speak with Ian Pearson or email nicola@ymcanorthtyneside.org