

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



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### HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**8.00am**

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm  
and 4pm—4.30pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**If you are in Urgent need of a Priest**  
**out of office hours call - 6248 8253**

# BLESSED

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# ASSUMPTION



# VIRGIN MARY

**BOOKINGS FOR WEEKEND MASSES ARE ESSENTIAL.**

**If you are feeling unwell please DO NOT come to church.**

**Please scan the QR Code & record your name, alternatively please write your name and contact number on the register provided.**

**PLEASE sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.**

**Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket,**  
**if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.**

## MASS TIME CHANGE

Mass on Tuesday & Thursday mornings  
has changed to 8.00am on both days.

### QR CODE & TRY BOOKING

We are using the online booking system TryBooking (which costs us nothing) and this means we can print off a list of people who have 'booked' for each Mass. This saves you and us time, speeds up the arrival queue at Mass, and helps us manage the numbers at each Mass.

#### Government Requirements - Your responsibilities

- Use the Check In CBR app to check in before entering a business or venue, or before being seated.
- If you don't have the Check In CBR app you must provide your details to the church so they can check you in.
- Take personal responsibility for your own COVID safety.

*To comply with Government rules we need Welcome Ministers to check parishioners in. Remember that the Welcome Ministers are volunteers who have come to Mass but give their time to welcome you, and to help sign people in. PLEASE make sure you arrived before Mass begins.*

#### TryBooking links for August Mass:

- 14 - 15 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHT>  
21 - 22 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHW>  
28 - 29 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHX>



I'm smiling not because  
I'm stronger than my problems.  
I'm smiling because my  
God is stronger than my  
problems.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Revelation 12:1

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary  
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

### FIRST READING

First Reading: 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.

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. 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.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 44(45):10-12,16

*The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

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.

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.

*The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

### SECOND READING

Second Reading: 1 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out 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.'

Cont...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 for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon: Luke 1: 48-49**

All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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## PARADIGM OF THE SALVATION

The Feast of the Assumption marks the special place that Mary, chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, has in the life of the Church. The Catholic Church today celebrates that she was taken, body and soul, into heaven, when her life on earth was over.

The Assumption emerges from the Tradition to balance the otherwise male-oriented pattern emerging from Scripture. If in the risen Lord we see a male human person arrived at the fullness of human existence as intended by God, in Mary assumed into heaven we see female humanity arrived at that same fullness. The Spirit has stirred in the Tradition to restore the balance: 'male and female (God) created them' (Gen 1:27).

## THE ASSUMPTION A FORETASTE OF HUMAN DESTINY

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1945, after years of conflict both in Europe and in the Pacific, Japan finally surrendered to the Allied forces. This event was precipitated by the ethically problematic use of nuclear weapons on the two cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, interestingly two of the more Catholic cities in Japan (where Christianity is a distinct minority!).

This event by God's providence fell on the feast of the Assumption, the feast which highlights for us firstly the dignity of the Blessed Virgin Mary but also the nobility and destiny of the human person in general.

The actual dogma was proclaimed in 1950 in the aftermath of World War II as a sign of hope to all people of good will. The timing of this teaching, which by this stage had been assented to for centuries, providentially was made official Church teaching partially in response to the barbarism and inhumanity demonstrated throughout the war. One only need cast one's mind back to the concentrations camps of Auschwitz or Belsen, the indignity and brutality shown at Changi or the general brutality of war itself to realise that the world needed some good news.

And so it is the case then that the dogma of the Assumption teaches us the following:

**[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**

**Cont...she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death (Catechism of the Catholic Church #966)**

The reasoning behind this dogma rests on that other official teaching of the Church regarding Our Lady, namely her Immaculate Conception which itself teaches that the Blessed Virgin Mary in view of the redemptive merits of her Son was preserved from the stain of Original Sin and constituted from the very moment of her life as being in God's sanctifying grace. In other words, Our Lady from the very moment of her conception, was created without sin and placed always in right relationship with God. This understanding is crystallized for us in the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary "Hail full of Grace".

Characteristics of a being constituted in grace renders the individual sinless, more fully cognizant of God's ways, but also that the creature will not experience the corruption of the body after death. This is the situation regarding Our Lady, that even after death her body did not see the corruption of the grave but was raised by God in both her body and soul to enjoy heavenly glory.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is not something Our Lady does of her own volition or power, rather it is something God does to her, which is very different from the Ascension of Jesus which is an action of Christ the God-man himself. Our Lady on the hand, because of her unique status as the Mother of God and one who is immaculately conceived, is granted the privilege of attaining heaven body and soul.

In her attainment of heaven with body and soul still fused in that intimate union all human persons are constituted, we too see our own destiny. As we saw a number of weeks ago in the feast of St Dominic the teaching of the Church regarding the body is a prominent aspect of our understanding of the human person, this understanding is reiterated in this feast. Because we confess the resurrection of the body in the Apostles' Creed we acknowledge first in the feast we celebrate today that eventually what has happened to the Blessed Mother will indeed be the destiny of all the faithful who are welcomed into heaven at the end of time.

The importance of Our Lady's bodily assumption into glory then ennobles and underlines the importance of bodily integrity and that the nature of the human person is as an ensouled body or an embodied soul. The body and soul are not two separate components that can happily live apart rather they are components which cannot really exist well apart from each other, they are made for each other and find their true purpose in bringing about the one entity namely the human person. Furthermore, the destiny of the human person is to exist in a glorified body fashioned after that of the Risen Lord, a body in which there will be harmony between spirit and flesh, soul and body.

Today as we commemorate the bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary let us all see in this feast the destiny to which all of us are called. In this destiny the degradation of the human body as exemplified in war, torture, sickness and death is redeemed and transformed into the glory of the resurrected body a condition which manifests the triumph of God's will and the true purpose of human existence. What Our Lady shares in today we, by her prayers, will someday also enjoy.

Our Lady assumed into heaven, pray for us.

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**Failure keeps you humble, success keeps you glowing,  
but only faith and determination keeps you going.**

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

The Dominican Sisters in Vietnam are facing a major crisis as the Community has been infected with COVID 19 there is no access to vaccines. In recent months, the Covid-19 pandemic broke out for the fourth time in Vietnam. Causing serious damage in many ways. Particularly in their neighbourhood and their Dong Nai province, more than a thousand people are infected with Covid. The number of people becoming seriously ill is increasing rapidly, and the death toll is beginning to rise. Sr Michelle asks you to pray for the Community.



We pray for the Sisters who are women of courage and protect their neighbours safety.  
Women of God, giving and loving,  
give them strength to comfort the fearful,  
to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love, for your name's sake.  
Amen.

## PARISH NOTICES

Parish Early Spring Market; Next Sunday, 22 August, in the Parish Centre following the 10.00am Mass, there will be a number of items free to anyone interested – sundry stationery, books from the Dominican Laity library, a black/white printer and two electric typewriters (donation appreciated for these). Pop in and you might find a bargain.

Calvary Public Hospital Library Trolley: Currently the trolley is not operating due to COVID restrictions. Please do not leave any magazines, books etc., at the Church until there is a notice in the Parish Bulletin advising that donations are again wanted.

## PARISH

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Parish School of Religion has recommenced in the Parish Centre from 9am. All children between from Year 3 – 6 are welcome – especially families wanting their children to prepare for sacraments, where the child does not attend a Catholic school. Contact Nicole Webb - 0414139170.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** - First Saturday each month 3.30pm  
**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every **Wednesday**,

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** will meet on **Thursday** evenings at the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 / Michael Flynn 6257 1038 / www.wccm.org

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions have are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. – Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86247979958?pwd=ZnFjN3l3MDd0BQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09>

**Meeting ID: 862 4797 9958 - Passcode: 675081**

**DO NOT USE** - Meeting ID: 836 8415 0853 & Passcode: 202919

## THANK YOU

Over the past two weekends, the Parish there had two Celebrations, enjoyed by all. A big THANK YOU to Joe Cortese, Helen Beasley, Anne Moore, Kay Murphy, Cath Feehan, Kath O'Brien, Carmel Rheinberger and Richard Tanzer. Siobhan Tanzer supplied wonderful themed cup cakes. Thank you to parishioners who showed off their culinary skills with a wonderful range of very tasty goodies.

## In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, June Pollard, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Denis Lawrence

## Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Janice Stephens, Patricia Sargent, David Jordan, Zelma McManus, John Cusack, Jean Stewart, Barbara Avery, Maria Martiniello, Tina Marino, Nicasia Perahta, Celestina Ewton

## In Loving Memory

Atilo Grzic, Angelo Ljubicic, Richard Johnson, Ricardo Villalon

## BAPTISM



*Alexia Hope & Ariela Jade Miranda*

will be baptised this weekend.  
May their lives be filled with God's peace,  
and their hearts with God's love....  
on this Baptism day and always.

## COFFEE MORNING

Time to meet again for a cuppa at Gang Gang in Frencham Place, Downer on the third



Thursday of the month from 10-30am 19/8/21.  
New comers always welcome.

## ROSTER 22 / 21 August 2021

### Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	K. Markcrow	
Welcome Minister	K. Murphy	A. Moore

### Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	M. Falk	Volunteer

### Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Data Projector	J. Cortese	
Welcome Minister	K. O'Brien	C. Bergin

### Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	C. Paton	C. Paton
Data Projector	A. Cahill-Lambert	
Counters	J. Smith	C. Ryan