

## NOTICES

**COVID-19 INFORMATION:** Most of the restrictions which have shaped parish life since March 2020 have now been removed. As such, we have updated guidelines on how we operate. Some of these decisions have been made by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland and others by the Parish Council here at St Joseph's.

- From next week, **it will no longer be a requirement to book for Mass or to register your name at the door.** We will keep a register of those who regularly attend our Masses. If for any reason you will not be attending the Mass you usually attend, or wish to attend a different Mass, please get in touch with the parish to inform us.
- Although social distancing is no longer a requirement, we **will maintain 1 metre distancing** for the time being to protect our most vulnerable parishioners. **Face masks remain mandatory** in the church unless you are exempt.
- From today, **communion will be distributed at communion time.** The priest will make his way up the aisle, distributing communion row by row. Please remain seated.
- At the end of Mass, a passkeeper will still let you leave row by row by the back door. Please remain seated until you are advised to leave the church.
- By the end of August, we aim **to reopen the hall for teas and coffee** at the end of Mass, with social distancing in place.

**PARISH FINANCES:** It is possible to donate via bank transfer if you wish. The parish account details are: **Sort code: 80-02-27 Account number: 00126361 Account name: Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh: St Joseph's.** Please remember to include your name as a reference. **Last Sunday's Collection: £426.73.**

**KEY AMNESTY:** Do you have a set of keys for the external gate and/or the doors to the church? If so, please make yourself known to the Parish Priest. There is a limited key register and we would like to ensure keys are distributed to those who require them.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** As we approach some sense of "normality" following the pandemic, we are seeking to restart many of the functions and groups within the church. Volunteers will be required for many roles within the church, such as **Altar Servers, Cleaning, Eucharistic Ministers, Fabric Committee, Liturgy Committee, Singers, Musicians, Readers, and Passkeepers.** If you are interested in helping, please speak to the Parish Priest. Equally, if you already have a role which you would be happy to continue, please make yourself known to the Parish Priest.



**SAINT JOSEPH'S**  
**BROOMHOUSE**



15th August 2021

The Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From this day forward,  
all generations will call me

**BLESSED,**

for the **Lord**

has done great things for me.

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN WITH YOU—  
IT CANNOT BE REUSED.

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# ORDER OF THE MASS

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 12: 1

A great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

## Introductory Rites

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ *Amen.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℟ *And with your spirit.*

## Penitential Act

*I confess to almighty God / and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned / in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the angels and saints / and you my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

*Amen.*

P: Lord have mercy.

℟ *Lord have mercy*

P: Christ have mercy.

℟ *Christ have mercy*

P: Lord have mercy

℟ *Lord have mercy.*

## The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

## Reflection

*The gift of Assumption:* The dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary declares that Mary, after having completed her earthly life, was assumed in body and soul into heaven. Assumption is a gift of God and a great privilege that Mary received in her life.

*Assumption as a recompense:* God's gifts are of infinite value. But these gifts cannot produce the desired results unless the receiver collaborates to fulfill God's plan. Though it was difficult for Mary to understand and accept the divine call to be the Mother of Jesus, she welcomed it saying: "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said". Mary then nurtured this gift with love, perseverance, sacrifice, dedication and devotion. Therefore, Assumption can also be considered as a divine recompense to Mary for faithfully fulfilling God's plan in her life.

*Humility:* The gospel of today reveals how Mary transformed the gifts of God to fruitfulness. First of all, it is through her humility that she allowed the gifts to grow. Though she was an ordinary woman from an unknown village, the Lord called her to be the Mother of God. Despite this great privilege, Mary remained humble and docile so that the Lord could guide and direct her.

*Sharing:* The second means through which Mary welcomed and nourished the gift of God is sharing. Mary received a gift—besides the call, the gift of the presence of God. She did not keep the gift for herself, but goes out to meet the people and shares it with others.

*Service:* The third means through which Mary welcomed and nourished the gift of God is through her generous service. She visited Elizabeth and offered her service for three months.

*Gratitude:* The fourth means through which Mary welcomed and nourished the gift of God is through her attitude of gratitude. After meeting Elizabeth and after knowing of the great things that the Lord has done in her life, Mary explodes through the hymn of thanksgiving.

By assuming the same attitude of Mary in our life, we too can nurture the various gifts which God has given us and thus collaborate with God's loving plan. This way of life gives us greater hope to share the glory of heaven with Mary who is assumed into heaven.

*Fr Baji Joseph, SSP*

P: Deliver us Lord, we pray...  
*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.*

P: Lord Jesus Christ.... For ever and ever.  
✠ Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
✠ And with your spirit.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
✠ *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Lk 1: 48-49**

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

### **FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**Friday 20th August:** Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

**Saturday 21st August:** Saint Piux X, Pope

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

### **NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**Courses at Gillis Centre:** Applications are now open for a variety of courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh, starting this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for a range of MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel ([bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)). All details at [www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh).

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### **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**

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

✠ *On your right stands the queen, in garments of 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. ✠

**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**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**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.  
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*

**Profession of Faith**

*I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit /  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; /  
he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven;  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting.*

**Amen.**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

P: Lord, hear us.

℟ *Lord Graciously Hear us.*

**The Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
hosanna in the highest.*

**The Mystery of Faith**

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you  
come again.*

**Doxology and Great Amen**

P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; / thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.*