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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 16/08/20

First Reading—Revelations 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

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

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. THANKS BE TO GOD

NOTICE

PLEASE NOTICE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES.

SATURDAY EVENINGS	4:30PM
SUNDAY S	10AM, 12 NOON, 5PM
MONDAYS—FRIDAYS	10AM
SATURDAY MORNINGS	10AM

1. AS PER LEGISLATION, WE CAN TAKE NO MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE FOR MASSES AND NO MORE THAN 20 FOR FUNERALS.
2. WE ARE ADVISED TO RECORD ALL THE NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS OF ATTENDEES TO BE PASSED ON TO THE NHS IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTBREAK IN THE PARISH. AS PER DATA PROTECTION, IT IS GOING TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE.
3. THE CHURCH OPERATES A ONE-WAY SYSTEM FOR NOW, WITH ARROWS, SIGNS AND CORDONED OFFPLACES ESPECIALLY SEATS. PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS AND DIRECTIONS BY VOLUNTEERS.
4. MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT YOUR VISIT. WE HAVE SANITISERS AT THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO BE USED BY EACH PERSON.
5. IF YOU NEED TO USE VOTIVE CANDLES, THERE IS A VOLUNTEER ON STANDBY READY TO LIGHT ONE FOR YOU ON REQUEST, OR YOU COULD LIGHT IT FROM THE BIG CANDLE.
6. FOR NOW, NO PRIVATE PRAYERS ARE ALLOWED AFTER MASS SINCE CHURCH NEEDS TO BE SANITISED BY VOLUNTEERS BEFORE THE NEXT MASS.
7. 4 WEEKEND MASSES—4:30PM VIGIL, 10AM, 12 NOON AND 5PM. (EACH WITH A MAXIMUM OF 50 PERSONS EXPECTED). A VOLUNTEER WILL BE AT THE DOOR TO ADVISE ON THE NUMBER.
8. ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS EVERYDAY 12 NOON—3PM, EXCEPT SUNDAYS. MAXIMUM ADMITTED—ONE PERSON EXCEPT FOR HOUSEHOLDS. YOU COULD ALSO RING FR AMBROSE AT 07549260379 TO MAKE ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT SUITS YOU BETTER.
9. HOUSEHOLDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIT TOGETHER DURING MASS OR PRAYER IN THE BIG CHURCH.