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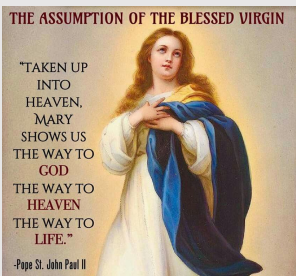
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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

INTRODUCTION:

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Assumption of Mary. We remember with joy that the mother of our Lord was taken up into heaven in body and soul. The Assumption of

Mary into heaven shows us what God has planned for us. He will make our bodies perfect and beautiful. God wants us all to live with him in body and soul. God loves our body. Christ has not come just to redeem our soul. He died and is risen to redeem soul and body.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1: 39 - 56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; y spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

FUNDRAISING

We will be hosting a Golf Day on 20/09/25 to raise funds. Sponsorship letters are available for anyone who would like to sponsor a hole or make a donation.

We will be selling raffle tickets for R20 each. The prize is an **air fryer**. Watch this space for more details.

FR MAREK SABBATICAL LEAVE

After working in the Diocese of Dundee for 15 years, Fr Marek will be going on a mini sabbatical at the end of August 2025 and will return in mid-January 2026. During this time, he will attend some courses and retreats. Fr Musa will be acting priest-in-charge during the time Fr Marek is away.

DEANERY ALTAR SERVERS' RETREAT

Will be on the 30th to the 31st of August 2025 in Besters, starting at 5pm on Saturday. Registration will be R100. If you would like to go, please talk to Fr Musa.



Will be held at the Mkhamba taxi rank near Galaxy shop on Saturday 23/08/2025 @ 11h30 for 12h00. All are invited.

For more information, please contact or WhatsApp Barbara on 0825956470.

PLEASE TAKE A LEAFLET TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS and WHY WE SHOULD PARTICIPATE.



ST ANTONINE'S HOME FOR THE AGED COLLECTION

The second collection during August will be for the home in Amakhasi. There will also be a box in the porch for donations in kind especially adult nappies. January and August are our months for supporting the home.

ISIVUNO/THANKSGIVING

15 & 16 November 2025

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Tue 19	10:00	Mass @RPP
Wed 20	06:00 18:30	Mass @ RPP Fundraising
Thu 21	09:00 18:00 18:30	Mass @ RPP followed by Adoration Benediction Men of the Parish
Fri 22	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 23	17:30	Mass @ RPP Young Adults after Mass
Sun 24	08:00 10:00	Mass @ RPP Mass @ St Jude

UPCOMING EVENTS

26/08: Fr Marek on Sabbatical, Fr Musa is acting priest-in-charge
23/08: Public Square Rosary
23/08: Workshop for catechism teachers
30-31/08: Altar Server's Retreat @ Besters
13/09: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
20/09: Golf Day – fundraiser
24/09: Heritage Day cultural cuisine

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Alvin Govender, Mavis Makhubo, Norman Browne, Khohli Kunene, Barbara Amod, Sebenzile Molefe, Margarida De Franca, Joyce Chetty, Netta Liebenberg, Mthokozisi Mthembu, Avenel Aarons, Siva Naidoo and Francesca Poonsamy.

The good news is that Francesca is recovering well, we have received thanks from Freddy and Francesca for the continuous prayers, concern and support.

CATECHISM TEACHERS

All catechism teachers from our Denary are invited to attend the workshop on the 23rd of August at Steadville (kwa-Malusi Omuhle). Especially reconciliation and confirmation teachers.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
16/08//2025	Michelle		Luiz / Gil	Celine van Rensburg thanksgiving	Mirna
17/08/2025	Fabian	Anton	Lihle / Leah	Sanele Luthuli B-day Intention	
23/08//2025	Shamim		Nokwazi / Luiz	Elias De Franca family thanksgiving	Nirvana
24/08/2025	Lindiwe H	Cyril	Brenda / Bernadette	Sponono Paulos Makhubo R.I. P	