

Assumption of the BVM First Reading Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6.10 Mary bore the Messiah, and in so doing played an essential role in the story of salvation. Responsorial Psalm Psalm 132 Go up, LORD, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength. Second Reading 1Corinthians15:20-27 Christ will deliver the kingdom to God after destroying every rule and authority and power, and through Christ all shall be made alive.	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia. Gospel Luke 1:39-56 Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognised that Mary was blessed among all women, and Mary rejoiced in her role in our story of salvation.
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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	15 AUG	5:30pm	Kevin Rich (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	16 AUG	9.00am	Canon John Galvin (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	16 AUG	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	18 Aug	7.00pm	Maria Caunt (Evening Mass)
Wednesday (St Michael's)	19 Aug	7.00pm	
Thursday (St Helen's)	20 Aug	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	21 Aug	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	22 Aug	11.00am	John Vincent Cutts (B'day Anniversary)
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	22 Aug	5:30pm	Tony Wood (B'day Anniversary)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	23 Aug	9:00am	Jane Thurston, RIP (B'day Anniversary)
Sunday (St Helen's)	23 Aug	11:00am	People of the Parish

Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Lady Chapel directly after the Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday in Goldthorpe.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 10:30 at Wombwell and upon request.

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for July
9 th August	£	£ 1,857.91

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Sacred Heart (Goldthorpe), Sacred Heart & St Helen (Hoyland) and St Michael & All Angels (Wombwell)



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Sunday Year A

Assumption of the BVM

Weekday Cycle II

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.'

Luke 1:47

Today we celebrate a very dear person. Those of us who grew up in Catholic families and attended Catholic schools have known Mary since childhood. We had nativity plays at school or in our parishes, where many coveted the role of Mary. We prayed the Rosary, the Hail Mary, the Memorare and many other prayers. In choirs and at Mass we sang hymns associated with Mary, and we may have heard beautiful music by well-known composers, including famous versions of Ave Maria. We celebrated feast days when we honoured Mary's essential role as the mother of Jesus and of the Church. In Ireland especially, there was a strong tradition of 'May altars' in homes and schools for May, the month of Mary. On these altars, a statue of Mary was adorned with flowers that were blooming in abundance at that time of the year, and the old flowers were replaced with fresh ones throughout the month. Sometimes there were processions with hymns and prayers to grottos dedicated to Mary. We learned about, and may have gone on pilgrimage to, places especially associated with Mary, including Lourdes in France, Walsingham in England and Knock in Ireland. Many of us still celebrate Mary in these ways, and our Catholic schools continue to honour Mary as they nurture the faith of our children and young adults in today's world.

In today's Gospel we see Mary as a strong young woman of great faith, conviction and courage as she goes 'with haste into the hill country' to

visit her cousin Elizabeth. Mary's response to her cousin – who recognises that Mary is 'blessed... among women' and the mother of her Lord – shows not a meek, powerless, unquestionably obedient person who has no control over what happens, but one proclaiming her faith and her radical 'yes' to God's plan for her life. Mary's soul 'magnifies the Lord', and her spirit rejoices in God her Saviour. She sees what God has done for her as great and proclaims his mercy, justice, strength and compassion for those who are poor and humble. Her proclamation demonstrates the continuity of God's relationship with humanity 'from generation to generation', drawing from Old Testament accounts of Abraham and God's 'servant Israel'. Despite the enormity of what lies ahead for her, Mary is joyful, and her song has a sense of determination and energy for her part in the story of salvation and for her unique motherhood.

On this Feast of the Assumption, when we celebrate Mary being taken up, body and soul, into heaven, it is good to reflect on the ongoing relevance of Mary in our lives as followers of Christ. Some onlookers might mistakenly believe that Catholics pay too much attention to Mary, that we worship her in a way that should be reserved for God alone. We do not worship Mary, however; we honour and venerate her. We love her and believe that she brings us closer to God, and that she intercedes with God on our behalf. In the Hail Mary, we ask her to 'pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death'. We understand the vital part she played in the story of our faith and of our Church community, and we celebrate her for that. We mark the special moments in her life on feast days throughout the year and in our daily prayers. In today's Gospel we can discern Mary as a model for how the Church should be in this world and how each of us can live our own lives in faith. In particular, we can model Mary's radical 'yes' to God's will as members of God's family who play our own part in God's relationship with humanity, both individually and in community. Like Mary, we can be evangelists – witnessing to the word of God in the choices we make in our life, in our attitude towards others, and in how we respond to those who need our compassion and help. We can take heart from Mary's courage in doing God's will and commit to doing so in our own life. Mary's 'yes' to God's will was one of great magnitude, but we can take this feast day to commit to our own 'yes', too. It may be smaller in magnitude, but it is nevertheless powerful in its capacity to ensure that God's will for humanity is done, as the Lord's Prayer says, 'on earth as it is in heaven'.

Summary

1. As proclaimed by her cousin Elizabeth, Mary is 'blessed... among women', as is the fruit of her womb.
2. Mary proclaims God's role in the history of humanity, proclaiming God's justice, mercy and compassion throughout the generations.
3. Just as Mary said 'yes' to doing God's will, so we can say 'yes' and play our part in ensuring God's will is done in our world.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially Phil Harrison, Yueh Li-Wu, Kath Lees, Kitty Hamstead, Maria Gilliver, Ian Coombs, John Bainbridge, Ann Stones, Carl Potter, Audrey Wood, Paula and Jimmy Stewart, Justin Philip Collins, George Beard, Stephen and Tracy Savage, Brian and Margaret Savage, Mary Brankin, Pat Doyle, Christine Mays, Percy Winterton, Anthony and Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss, Nancy Preston, Vicky Quinn, and Brendan Pells.

Bonus Ball

8.8.26 The winning number was 43: Both m Harrison & ??? won £25. If you would like to play the bonus ball, it is only £1 a week for a chance to win £25. There 10 spaces in Hoyland and 5 Spaces in Goldthorpe.

Recently Deceased

Joseph (Joe) Goddard passed away in Melbourne. His funeral will be held on 17 August at 11 am (2am our time). If a link for the livestream is provided, I will post it on our parish Facebook Page.

Foodbank

The Salvation Army Goldthorpe are still requesting help to keep the Foodbank stocked throughout August. Many families are being supported not just in Goldthorpe but borough-wide. All donations of non-perishable goods are very welcome - soup, beans, pasta, long life milk, cereal etc - and can be left at the back of church.