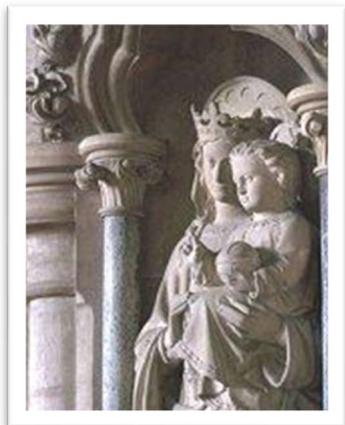


# East Hendred Catholic Parish



**The Assumption of  
the Blessed Virgin  
Mary (ABC)**

**15<sup>th</sup> August**

**Antiphons,**

**Prayers and  
Readings**

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**The Solemnity of the Assumption** is not only the Principal Feast of our Lady but, in East Hendred Parish, our feast of title. It is also the anniversary of the consecration of the Church in 1865. Though it was defined only in 1950 that Mary had passed, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, this belief is ancient and was known in the early Christian centuries. It marks her out as the one who, pre-eminently, shared in the glory of her Son's Resurrection but it also is a sign to us that we too shall share in the glory of heaven. This is expressed succinctly in today's New Testament Reading: 'For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.' (1 Cor. 15)

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## **Entrance Antiphon**

*Signum magnum*

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.

*Cf Rev. 12:1*

## **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory: grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## **First Reading**

*Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 (RSV)*

A great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery. And another portent appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his

heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, that he might devour her child when she brought it forth; she brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which to be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days..... And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

**Psalm 45:10-12, 16 R/ (Grail) 10**

**R/ On your right stands the queen in garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:

forget your own people and your father's house. **R/**

So will the king desire your beauty.

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

The maiden companions are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king. **R/**

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:20-26 (RSV)*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **alleluia.** Mary has been taken up into heav'n: all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia.

**Gospel**

*Luke 1:39-56(RSV)*

Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechari'ah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.' And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,  
he has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and exalted those of low degree;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham  
and to his posterity for ever.'

And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**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.

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Preface**

*De gloria Mariæ Assumptæ*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven, as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people; rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb, since from her own body she marvellously brought forth your incarnate Son, the Author of all life. And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

## **Communion Antiphon**

*Beatam me dicent*

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

*Luke 1:48-49*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Salve Regina**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

## **Scripture Reading (Week 20[II])**

Monday	Ezekiel 24:15-24	Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ezekiel 28:1-10	Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:1-11	Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:23-28	Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday	Ezekiel 43:1-7	Matthew 23:1-12
<b>Sunday 21A</b>	<b>Isaiah 22:19-23</b>	<b>Matthew 16:13-20</b>
	<b>Romans 11:33-36</b>	

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