

## First reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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*

**Response:** On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

## Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

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 Acclamation

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

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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*



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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven is the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. This belief is part of the treasury of the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, the Assumption is referred as the Dormition of the Theotokos (a Greek word literally meaning "God bearer"). Notice that the belief leaves open the question of Mary's natural death.



### Catholic Teaching and the Sense of the Faithful

The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." This doctrine was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, while exercising papal infallibility. But Pope Pius was not declaring the belief in the Assumption as something new or novel. There is written evidence of the belief as early as the 4th century in text that covers several different languages and a fairly wide geographical dispersion. Teaching of the Assumption of Mary became widespread across the Christian world, having been celebrated liturgically as early as the 5th century in the East. It was celebrated in the West under Pope Sergius I in the 8th century and Pope Leo IV then confirmed the feast as official. Theological debate about the Assumption continued, following the Reformation, climaxing in 1950 when Pope Pius XII defined it as dogma for the Catholic Church.

Pope Pius took advantage of modern communications available in his time. He asked bishops worldwide to tell him what the people believed and practiced – the *sensus fideum* – the sense of the faithful. The dogmatic declaration that the Assumption was part of the "deposit of faith" for all Catholics was just the formal declaration of what the faithful already believed and practiced.

### Did Mary Actually Die?

But that brings up another point. What is death? We see it as the end of a person's life when the body disintegrates into dust later to be resurrected at the Last Judgment. But death is also a passage from one state of life (on earth) to another state of existence (in eternity). The Church has not said whether Mary died or not. It says only that Mary made the transition from this temporal life into eternity with God. The fact that Jesus himself died on the cross would not exclude Mary's dying, and, in fact, is an argument for some that Mary experienced death herself in imitation of her son. We just don't know. The significant issue is that, like Jesus, her body did not suffer corruption.

# In Memoriam

## Anniversaries for 14 Aug / 15 Aug

Killeen (9am): Kathleen Connolly  
Arles (10am): Michael Kane, Tennisrath,  
(Months Mind)  
Margaret Doogue (5th anniversary)  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
Dan Wall, Ballickmoyler  
Ballylinan (8pm): Billy Farrell & Lily Howe.  
(11.30am): Bridget Sutton (nee Carter), Liver  
pool & formerly Carlow Rd.,  
(Months Mind).

## Anniversaries for 21 Aug / 22 Aug

Killeen (9am):  
Arles (10am): Majella Brophy, Maidenhead,  
(Months Mind)  
Ballylinan (8pm):  
(11.30am):

## Parish Office & Shop

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*Please contact our Office if you wish to  
book an anniversary mass, a baptism, or  
your wedding.*



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## Weekly Collections

Sunday 08th August

Arles:	Offertory	€151.92
	Envelope	€210.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€213.87
	Envelope	€192.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€103.70
	Envelope	€104.00

*A sincere word of thanks to all those who  
contribute to the upkeep of our parish.*

**LOUGH  
DERG** The Lough Derg Pilgrim  
Path The Lough Derg  
Pilgrim Path on the lough



shore is now open dai-  
ly. The full route is a  
12km loop, with a shorter  
8km option, and several

information boards highlight features of  
particular interest. Leaflets are available  
at the Visitors Centre.

Further dates for these guided walks will  
follow for late August and early Septem-  
ber.

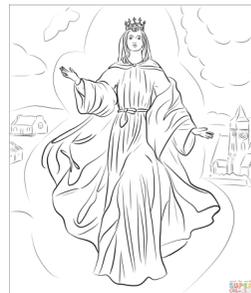
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(0353) 71 9861518.

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## Feast Days During the Week

Tuesday 17th August: *Our Lady of Knock*

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock



Our Lady of Knock,  
Queen of Ireland,  
you gave hope to  
your people in a  
time of distress and  
comforted them in  
sorrow. You have  
inspired countless  
pilgrims to pray  
with confidence to

your divine Son, remembering His promise,  
“Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall  
find”. Help me to remember that we are all  
pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with  
love and concern for my brothers and sisters  
in Christ, especially those who live with me.  
Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or de-  
pressed. Teach me how to take part ever more  
reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a great-  
er love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.  
Pray for me now and at the end of my death.  
Amen

## COVID-19

### Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national  
support line and additional  
supports for older people  
who have concerns or are  
facing difficulties relating to the outbreak  
of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional  
staff are available to answer queries and  
give advice and reassurance where neces-  
sary. The support line is open seven days  
a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222  
024.



Like every indoor space, facemasks are  
required to be worn for all our religious  
ceremonies in our three churches.

Thank you for your co-  
operation in this regard.



## Accord Recruiting Volunteers as Marriage Facilitators

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service  
CLG is currently recruiting volunteers  
to train as marriage preparation  
programme facilitators.

Accord is seeking registration of  
interest from those who have a positive  
attitude towards marriage in the  
Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to  
be part of a team supporting couples  
who are preparing for the Sacrament of  
Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive  
professional training and will be part of  
a team delivering marriage preparation  
programmes locally in accordance with  
best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by  
email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie).

The closing date for receipt of  
registration of interest forms to be  
included in Selections for this year is  
Friday 27 August.

Additional information is available  
on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)