

ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Solemnity of the Assumption

14 & 15 August 2021

READINGS:

Revelations: 11: 19, 12:1 – 6, 10
1 Corinthians: 15: 20 – 26
Luke: 1: 39 – 56

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and celebrate that this land is of the Wangal people of the Darug nation on which we are gathered. We commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation, justice and peace.



Responsorial Psalm: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



Thank you for your messages of support during my isolation. I came out last Monday after receiving my second negative report on Sunday night. For my sins, I had an additional day of isolation, probably due to the large number of tests that had to be processed. I have been able to resume the limited but legitimate moving around the parish. Other news is that Archbishop Anthony has granted permission for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated here during October on a Sunday afternoon. We are planning something similar for First Holy Communion. I understand that our Premier remarked that she suspected that lockdown may not finish until the end of October. Nevertheless, we must plan and then adjust if required. We have done so in the past, are doing it now, and will continue to do so. I am sure that you are doing much the same as we work together to overcome this dose of the pandemic. Thank you all. Please be assured of my continued thoughts and prayers for you all.

May the Father keep you and yours safe through the week.

Mgr Greg

Please
Pray
for...



FOR OUR DEAD

Holy Souls, especially, Fr Peter Caruana

FOR OUR SICK

especially Bill Petrie, Fr. P Maher,
Tony and Lorraine Grace, Peter
Simon, Frank Zerafa, Kathy Fleri
and Giuseppina Savoca.



PRAYER Intentions Should you have any prayer requests that you would like our families of families to pray for, please send them to the Parish Office on: stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com

ST ANNE'S WEBSITE IS:

<https://www.stannestrathfieldsouth.org.au/>

Many thanks to Emily Giles who is our web guru

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION for Australia and New Zealand are 15 August [Assumption] and 25 December [Christmas]. The importance of a day in the liturgical calendar is determined by its rank (solemnity, feast, memorial); a Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

A very warm welcome to all who are visiting our family of families of St Anne's. It is good to have you with us.

We are striving to offer you resources via the bulletin to assist you in spending some time in prayer as a family. If any of you want a special intention, please let us know so that it can be published. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our family of families, please contact Mgr Greg. We welcome your suggestions and enquires, including feedback about the bulletin. Please send them via stannesstrathfieldsouth@outlook.com.

If you find this bulletin helpful and / or enjoyable please pass it on to others. Additionally if you have not received it from us directly, please contact us via the email above and your email address will be added to our bulletin contact list.

Please keep well and follow the current directions as best as you can; always try to be gentle on yourself and others. Try to keep an eye on each other and your neighbours especially the elderly and vulnerable.

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to our
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If you know of anyone who is not receiving the bulletin and would like to, encourage them to contact the Parish Office on stannesstrathfield@outlook.com with their email address and they will be included in our list for the following week.

The bulletin should arrive each Saturday from around mid to late afternoon. If it does not please contact us and we will resend it to you..

LOCKDOWN RESPONSE

Due the lockdown, as long as it runs, it has been decided to include in our weekly bulletin and website, the homily and universal prayers and the slides for the weekend Mass.

Remember that Mgr Greg will celebrate Mass as often as possible and will include your intentions, health of you all and your safety.

Finally, please remember the more times we insert into our browsers the address of our parish website, the easier it becomes to access it: <https://www.stannestrathfieldsouth.org.au/>

COVID-19 UPDATE

All churches across greater Sydney are closed until at least 28 August under a NSW Government lockdown aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19. Funerals may proceed at this time, with a maximum of 10 people in the congregation.

More information is available on the Archdiocesan website here, including rules parishes must observe around singing at livestreamed Masses:

www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/.

STRICTER LOCKDOWN:

Most of us are following the requirements consciously. Many of us have noticed periodically some who are apparently not doing so, egged on by stories in the media about some who have allegedly misbehaved. This may make us angry. This is not helpful particularly to us and to our families, especially our mental health. Let us make a pact with ourselves that only ones we really have to worry about is ourselves and our children. If we all do this, then we will get through this together. So well done and keep up the good work!

COVID-19 PRAYER RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of Sydney website has a dedicated page of prayer resources including links to popular podcasts in this time of pandemic, which you may wish to share with your parishioners. You'll find the webpage at this address: www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/.

COVID-19



QR codes are now compulsory for churches to ensure there is a record kept for all attendees. However in cases where you have parishioners unable to use a QR code, the parish must keep an electronic record of that person's name and contact details.

All are encouraged to download Services NSW App to your phone prior to coming to the church. When the download completed, scroll down to Tools and you will find the COVID app. Prior to entering the church, please do the following:

1. Open the app at the appropriate page.
2. Place your phone over the QR sign. A page will open with all your details.
3. Sanitised your hands (take a mask if necessary) and you are welcome to contribute to the collections
4. Show your open app to the person who is marking off names.
5. Go to your seat and ensure your phone is in silent mode.



QR CODE

for St Anne's Catholic Church, Strathfield South



Don't forget to Check Out afterwards.

PLEASE REMEMBER AFTER MASS: Open the app and scroll to Tools, tap on COVID and then on last place visited; tick the circle to log off. Otherwise, you will be marked as being in the church until you follow this procedure.

Belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was decreed only in 1950 but was evident in the prayer tradition of the Church long before that. Liturgical texts appeared as early as the fifth century. The present Preface for the feast links Mary's unique destiny with her role as the Mother of God; it also sees her Assumption as sign and promise for the pilgrim people of God.

She was personally spared

*. . . the corruption of the tomb,
since from her own body she marvelously brought forth
your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.*

But her privilege is a blessing for us all, since Mary
*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*



Source: Liturgy Brisbane



*Mary is taken
up to heaven, and
the angels of God
shout for joy*

THE ALMIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME

Mary inspires us in so many different ways. There's the young woman blessed by God, agreeing to bring Jesus into the world. There's the mother at the foot of the Cross, watching her Son endure painful death. There's the figure who remained an inspiration for the early Christians. And of course, on the Feast of the Assumption, there's Mary given a privileged place in Heaven.

In today's Gospel reading, I can't help but be inspired by Mary the expectant mother, dreaming of the future that her child will bring into the world. I can imagine the joyful moment this must be for her.

Thank you Mary for your hopes and dreams. We ask that you pray for us so that we too might realise the dreams God has for us.

Source: pray.com.au

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, our Father looks with favour upon the poor. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, our Father has done great things for us in and through Mary. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, our Father has filled the hungry with good things and the rich have been sent way empty. **Lord have mercy.**

COLLECT

God of power and life, who chose the sinless Virgin Mary to be Mother of your Son and raised her, body and soul, to the glory of heaven, set our hearts upon the things that are above and lift us up to share in her glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading - Revelations 11:19; 12:1 - 6, 10 - a reading from the book of the Revelations



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.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 44: 10 - 12, 16

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold

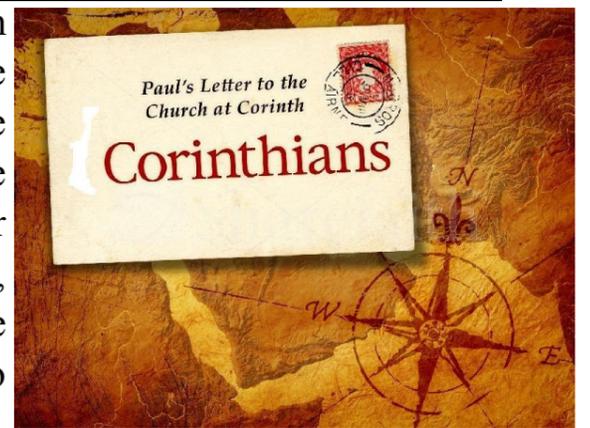
1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house **(R)**
2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king **(R)**

Nonviolence is not a garment to be put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be an inseparable part of our being.

Mahatma Gandhi

Second Reading - Corinthians 15:20 - 26 - 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.



Gospel - Luke 1: 39 - 56 - The 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? From 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.

HOMILY

Our first reading is from the Book of Revelation. It is part of the Jewish literary tradition. One of the major characteristics is that it is written as though it is foretelling an event, usually appalling one. Many symbols favored by apocalyptic writers are used in the book such as 'woman' symbolizing a people or a city (state), 'horns' speak of power, 'eyes' knowledge, and 'wings' symbolize mobility. Numbers are important such as seven signifying 'fullness'; twelve recalls the twelve tribes of Israel. Scholars have attempted to date the work to identify the catalytic event, many theories have been advanced but have not gained agreement.

This reading seems to tell us that God has appeared on the earth and called his people. But the dragon (monster) the symbol of evil is radically opposed to the Messiah. The dragon attempts to destroy the celestial woman (people of God) and her son (Messiah). In the ancient world it was almost universally believed that a king would arise and save his people – king-saviour. Many, particularly in medieval times, identified this woman with the Church who, in turn, was best identified with Mary and her vocation as the mother of Jesus and the Church. Clearly, the implication here is that God continuously protects his people and so his church.

Most Protestants find our beliefs about Mary too much to handle – even some Catholics. It is said of a young Pole, named Karol Wojtyla, who grew up in a land marked by its Marian devotion, and who later became St Pope John Paul II, wrote in his book, 'Gift and Mystery' of his struggle. However, when he read St Louis Grignion de Montfort's 'The Devotion to Mary', he came to understand that all true devotion to Mary is Christ centered. Mary remains a privileged vehicle for meeting Jesus, her Son. (*Quoted from Fr G Plant's Book, Releasing the Captive, 2011*) Devotion to Mary is not an end in itself but she, in her faith, humility, and courage, points the way to her Son. We can see that in our Gospel story of her visitation of Elizabeth and especially in her great canticle The Magnificat. Luke, the physician, wrote, primarily for the gentiles as demonstrated by his writing of the gospel in Greek, which was the most common language among the people of the Roman Empire. Scholars agree that Luke probably began to write the infancy narrative in post Pentecostal Jerusalem so very early in the history of the church. Mary's canticle uses many powerful Old Testament references; it expresses deep emotion and conviction. Mary places Elizabeth in the tradition of Hannah and Sarah who were childless and late in their lives bore a son who are considered the great women of Old Testament, full of faith, courage, and determination. The first verse of the canticle demonstrates Mary's deep faith in a merciful and

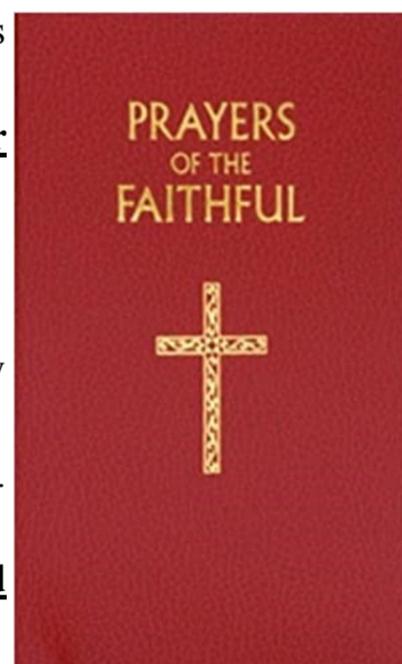
HOMILY (continued)

loving God. She is the handmaid of the Lord, and all will find hope through her example. On the other hand, God has acted powerfully throughout history in caring for the needy and the insistence on faith in God alone that will bring about the reversal of the perceived usual way of the world.

In the wake of the terrible killings and maiming of people during the Second World War, Pope Pius XII wanted to renew the universal respect for the human body. He believed that this respect had been diluted due to the carnage of the war. The Pope enquired what were the beliefs of the ordinary members of the Church especially about Mary's death. This celebration of Mary is the resulting dogma. The Assumption of Mary was proclaimed a doctrine of the Church in 1950 recognising the belief of the people (census fidelium). It is a call not to the destruction of the world but call to life, love, the fellowship of humanity and to healing. When we acknowledge what the Scriptures are teaching us and the dogma, we can only conclude that the Father has remained faithful to his people throughout time; we see ourselves as the people of God, so the Father is with us as interpreted through the signs given to us – Mary and her Son. Jesus through Mary is with us in our current circumstances and pleads for our welfare. This is our belief and hope; the source of why we pray; and our salvation, of which Mary has spoken and so wonderfully demonstrated.

Our Father has allotted each of us, like our mother Mary, a unique role in the salvation of the world. She has gone before us to plead our cause to her Son.

- ⇒ For our Church, may it continue to proclaim the Lord's greatness and love in all its works and words. **Lord hear us.**
- ⇒ For us, may we open our eyes to the hidden power of the Father's love. **Lord hear us.**
- ⇒ For us, we pray for a greater growth in Mary's vision. **Lord hear us.**
- ⇒ For all, Free all from the anxiety of this pandemic. **Lord hear us.**
- ⇒ For our candidates and their families undertaking sacramental preparation, may they know the presence of the Father through Mary. **Lord hear us.**
- ⇒ For all undertaking important examination, may take heart from Mary's mission. **Lord hear us.**
- ⇒ For our sick and dead, especially those for whom we have been asked to pray. **Lord hear us.**
- ⇒ For the prayers of our hearts LONGER PAUSE **Lord hear us.**



God, our Father, your goodness reached from ages past even to this day. May we grow in understanding of your loving care so that all will sing your praises forever more. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

MASS ON DEMAND



We hope that you enjoy this service, and tell your friends, families, and colleagues about it and invite them to join the community of St Anne's Parish as we worship.

CONTRIBUTIONS / COLLECTIONS:

Those who make their contribution via credit card, should they wish to change their details, please contact Janelle via email:

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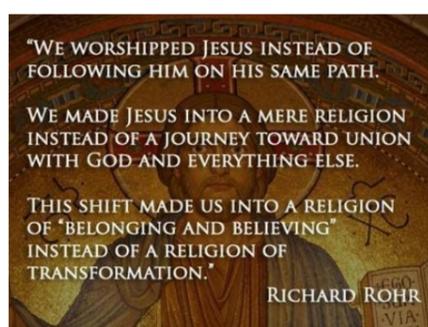


TAXATION RECEIPTS:

All requested ones have been delivered to your letter box. If you want one, or did not receive yours, please email Janelle on:

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Janelle is in the office only on Tuesdays.



"WE WORSHIPPED JESUS INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING HIM ON HIS SAME PATH. WE MADE JESUS INTO A MERE RELIGION INSTEAD OF A JOURNEY TOWARD UNION WITH GOD AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THIS SHIFT MADE US INTO A RELIGION OF "BELONGING AND BELIEVING" INSTEAD OF A RELIGION OF TRANSFORMATION."

RICHARD ROHR

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

The Archdiocese of Sydney has set up a dedicated webpage with details on livestreamed Masses to help the faithful during the current lockdown and beyond, at this address: www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses.

If you would like to add your parish details onto this site, please contact Michael Kenny via email:

michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org

**A MIND AT PEACE: AN ONLINE BOOK
STUDY WITH DISCUSSION AND
SHARING**

Life, Marriage and Family team member Chris Da Silva facilitates, over ZOOM, an in-depth study of a book which will help those who are feeling especially anxious during this time of uncertainty and trial

When: Wednesday 18 August 7:30 PM

Where: Online via ZOOM Register here
<https://bit.ly/3kti2vF>



August 15 End of the War in the Pacific 1945

August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God". It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son). **Source: Liturgy Brisbane**

August 16 Wave Hill Station, NT, returned to the Gurindji People in 1975

COVID TESTING CLINIC IN MERYLA STREET, BURWOOD NOW OPEN

There is great concern that the number of residents testing for COVID -19 in the Burwood Local Government Area is comparatively low. To help raise the numbers, Council has been working with NSW Health to establish a Drive Through and Walk-In Testing Site at the Meryla Street Car Park in Burwood.

The site is now up and running and will initially operate from 8am – 4pm for the next two weeks. At this location, it will be easy for the community to come forward and get tested so please help us by making everyone in the community aware of the new testing site.

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3 TO 8 DAY INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT - ONLINE

Is God inviting you to 'Come away and rest a while'? These 'at home' retreats offer you spacious time to pray and reflect on your life and to ponder with God on what is slowly emerging. If these dates don't suit, just let us know what you would like, and one of our directors will be able to accompany you. Skype, Zoom, FaceTime or telephone, whatever works best for you.

Monday 6th – 13th Sept 2021

Monday 11th – 18th Oct 2021

Monday 22nd – 29th Nov 2021

[More info and bookings](#)



CONTACT US ON 1300 EXAMEN (1300 392 636)

This number will be answered between 9am and 12noon on weekdays during Sydney's lockdown period. To contact us outside these hours, please email info@jisa.org.au and we will respond promptly.

SIGN THE NO EUTHANASIA PETITION TO PREVENT STATE-SANCTIONED KILLING IN NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging all Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings. There is never a good time to introduce laws such as this, but to do so in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions is unconscionable.

Our sick and elderly have already suffered 17 months of increasing isolation and right now that is being intensified. Meanwhile, people are losing their jobs, businesses are going under, families are under the pressures of schooling and working from home, people's movements are severely restricted, and depression rates are up. The last thing we need to hear from our leaders in this situation is a pro-suicide message.

Please sign this petition, calling on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal.

<https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect life nsw>

WOMEN'S REALITIES, MARY'S FEAST

By Pat Morrison, *NCR* managing editor (pmorrison@natcath.org)

It was a two-inch news story, buried on page 12 of the daily paper last week. At first glance, it seemed like just one more in the never-ending tragedy of spousal abuse.

A Bangladeshi court sentenced Swapan Gazi to death for maiming and attempting to murder his wife in a slum town in 1998. Gazi had hurled a glass of acid on her face and head, leaving her blind and partly deaf. The attack had been provoked because Gazi's new bride refused to leave her parents' house to move to his.

But here's where the story takes a sharp detour from the usual domestic abuse account. Gazi's wife was 9 years old. Add to the arranged marriage the also still-prevalent custom in too many nations in Africa and parts of the Middle East of female genital mutilation, which tortures and maims a child for life, and you begin to get an idea of what life (and frequently death) is like for hundreds of millions of girls and women around the globe.

According to reports from the World Health Organization and Amnesty International, more than 150 million female children each year are tortured as they are subjected to the 'cultural' practice of female genital mutilation; thousands die from infection following the mutilations, which are performed without anesthesia and in primitive, unclean settings. Perhaps worse than the physical horror is its underlying patriarchal rationale: The practice's only purpose is to satisfy males' demand that a bride be a virgin.

Abuse of women around the world has reached epidemic proportions. A June 2000 report from UNICEF notes with restrained understatement: 'The prevalence of domestic abuse of women and girls around the world is alarming.'

UNICEF notes that abuse begins even before birth, with female fetuses aborted; in many nations, female babies are killed. The abuse extends to the deliberate underfeeding of girl children, lack of access to medical attention, female genital mutilation, sexual abuse of girls (often in extended families, where they are at the mercy of male relatives), and finally to the fatal beating of female children and adult women.

Abuse of women and children is tragic and outrageous wherever it occurs. But those most at risk are living in patriarchal cultures where they have no legal or societal recourse. A UNICEF report states that 'attacks on women are too often written off as private issues.'

As millions of Catholic and Orthodox believers celebrate the Assumption (taking up) or Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary, we recall that this teaching holds that the physical body of Jesus' mother, like the glorified body of her risen Son, already shares in the fullness of eternal life. The dogma of Mary's bodily Assumption effectively undoes centuries of misogyny perpetrated by the same church. To those church fathers, doctors and theologians who declared woman evil, soulless, 'misbegotten males' and the source of all sin, Mary's Assumption is a much needed corrective.

As we honor Mary's assumption, we need to remember the millions of girls and women living today whose bodies are not glorified or honored, but rather tortured and violated; whose lives are not valued, but abused and exploited. Christians celebrate Mary, the woman who exulted that 'the Almighty has done great things for me!' Justice urges us to 'call her blessed' by doing whatever we can to help all women, Mary's sisters in the human family, who suffer.

CATHOLIC SECTOR ASKS FOR MASS VACCINATION DAYS FOR TEACHERS



The Catholic school sector has asked New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian to organise mass vaccination days for teachers, saying it could help schools prepare safely for the return of students in term four.

The NSW Government's position on giving teachers priority for vaccinations is that every adult over 18 can now get AstraZeneca at many venues. However, principals say some younger staff members have struggled to access it because their GP has told them to wait for Pfizer.

A spokesperson for NSW Health said teachers were encouraged to contact their GP, pharmacy or a vaccination hub to get a vaccination. The head of Catholic Schools NSW, Dallas McInerney, wrote to Ms Berejiklian on Wednesday evening, saying setting aside scheduled times for school staff at vaccination hubs would allow teachers to be vaccinated in greater numbers.

The Catholic sector has also commissioned legal advice for its schools as to whether principals can ask staff whether they are vaccinated, an issue that raises legal questions around discrimination and privacy. The advice says principals can request the information as long as it is given with consent, and only if they explain that the information would be used to make health-based decisions such as who can work on the school site.

FULL STORY [Schools ask for mass teacher vaccination days to prepare for a return in term 4](#)

Source: Sydney Morning Herald. 13 August 2021

Jamberoo Abbey

Online Retreat a retreat about Hope

Van Gogh - Tower in the fields

Meet us in the Middle

ABOUT

This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope".* Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

DATE

Retreat begins Sunday, September 5, 2021.
All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

DETAILS

There are 6 conferences with two being uploaded each week. There are also questions for reflection. Take your time as there is no need to complete the two conferences within the one week.

COST

The cost of the retreat is \$250
Pensioners can apply for a reduced price- see website for details

CONTACT

Register online at:
jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats

* "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope"
William B Eerdmans Publishing Co. Michigan USA