

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah  
56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/:** O God, let all the nations  
praise you!

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Romans  
11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Jesus preached the Good News of the  
kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according  
to Matthew  
15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Liturgy Brisbane have a great resource on their website, **Sunday Readings and Family Prayer**. You will be able to read the Sunday readings and associated commentaries from home, plus, reflections and family activities to share. **Please go to:**  
<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>



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## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2020



In this gospel, we find another example of the common device used by Matthew to denote the movement of Christianity from a Jewish to a Gentile setting. Jesus has left the Jewish region around the Sea of Galilee and travelled north-west to the Gentile territory of what was ancient Phoenicia in Syria. Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here, but the focus of the passage is not the cure but the dialogue. The woman knows full well that Jesus is Jewish as she hails him as 'Son of David'. His silence in the face of her plea is explained in the next verse—he did not want to exceed his divine mission, which he saw as gathering all Israel into the kingdom. Jesus' response is harsh, but the woman is quick to seize on his imagery and twist it to her advantage, but with humility. She forces Jesus to confront a truth—God's salvation is available to all. He responds generously with both his praise and his healing power.

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**MASS TIMES:**

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**MASS TIMES:**  
Saturday 6:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 6.00 pm  
Wednesday 9.15am  
Thursday, Friday 9.15 am  
Saturday 9.00 am

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**  
Monday 9.15 am

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**RECONCILIATION:**  
Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

**BAPTISMS: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

**WEDDINGS: CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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**PRAYING FOR:**

Doris Pilgrim,  
Fr Michael Wheeler PE,  
Phillip Anderson

*...and all those who died recently.*

**We also remember:**

Barry Jones, Maria Dib,  
Pina Gori

*...and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.*

**COVID RESTRICTIONS:** Stage Four (4) restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese:  
[https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/14-4August20-UPDATE-COVID\\_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES\\_.pdf](https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/14-4August20-UPDATE-COVID_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES_.pdf)

**Broadcast & Online Masses:**  
**11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral** continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 on Digital TV).

This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website:  
[melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass](http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass)  
**Pre-recorded Masses available online:**

[cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online](http://cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online) or  
[stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos](http://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos)  
or [holyfamilydoveton.org.au/](http://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/)

Mass can also be heard on **Light FM (89.9 FM) every Sunday at 7am.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) are accessible online:

[www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass](http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass)  
Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column.

**PRAYER FOR BEIRUT**

God of refuge,  
hear our prayer  
as we hold the people of Beirut  
in our hearts at this time.  
Fill us with compassion  
and move us to reach out in love.  
In your mercy,  
bring comfort to those who mourn,  
healing to those who are injured,  
shelter to those who are homeless  
sustenance to those who hunger.  
Give strength to those who are working  
to rebuild shattered lives,  
and protect those who are vulnerable  
especially in a time of coronavirus.  
Lead us in your ways  
so that together we may bring  
the light of new hope  
wherever there is destruction and despair.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** During the Church's liturgical year, there are a number of feast days celebrated in honour of Mary. One of these feast days has particular significance for us as we celebrate our patronal Feast Day this weekend. The dogma of Our Lady's assumption into heaven was promulgated by Pius XII in 1950s and is an expression of belief that Mary, because of her faith and holiness and motherhood of Jesus, has already been admitted in her full personhood (body and soul) into the full and eternal vision of God – a state which for the rest of saved humanity will come at a later time. We say at the Creed every Sunday, *I look forward to the resurrection of the dead.* Put simply this is what is at the heart of the doctrine of the Assumption, asserting that the hopes of our faith have already been fulfilled in Mary. Mary is the model and pioneer of faith. This doctrine is not contained in Scripture and cannot be "proved". It is a matter of faith and was part of the Church's traditional faith long before the dogma was proclaimed.

*Source: At Home with God's People*

OLA Primary School and St Bede's College are pleased to present their pre-recorded **Feast of the Assumption Prayer Service for 2020**. It is a fitting and needed mode of prayer in our current context. While we might be physically distant, we do remain *united in Christ*. The running time is 22:08. To view this anytime and share it with those who might also like to take time to reflect on the significance of the Feast.

**For the OLA Prayer Service go to:**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWIwjYsHxMw&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWIwjYsHxMw&feature=youtu.be)

**For St Bede's Prayer Service go to:**  
<http://vimeo.com/446978234/f86faa6760>  
For The Feast of the Assumption Mass go to **St Mary of the Cross website:**  
<http://pol.org.au/mordialloc/Home.aspx>