

MASS SCHEDULE

• MONDAY

16/08/21 – 6:30pm

Jdgs. 2:11-19 / Ps. 106:34-37, 39-40, 44 / Matt. 19:16-22 (St. Stephen of Hungary)

• TUESDAY

17/08/21-6:30am/7:00pm

Jdgs. 6:11-24a / Ps. 85:9, 11-14 / Matt 19:23-30

• WEDNESDAY

18/08/21 – 6:30am

Jdgs. 9:6-15 / Ps. 21:2-7 / Matt. 20:1-16

• THURSDAY

19/08/21 – 7:00pm

Jdgs. 11:29-39a / Ps. 40:5, 7-10 / Matt. 22:1-14 (John Eudes)

• FRIDAY

20/08/21 – 6:30am

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Ps. 146:5-10 / Matt. 22:34-40 (Bernard)

• SATURDAY

21/08/21 – 7:00am

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Ps. 128:1-5 / Matt. 23:1-12 (Pius X)

• NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading – Jos. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Res. Psalm – Ps. 34:2-3, 16-23
2nd Reading – Eph. 5:21-32
Gospel – Jn. 6:60-69

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Mary, Assumed Body and Soul to Heaven

“The Lord be with you”.

Dear People of God, today, the Twentieth Sunday (B) is 15th August and we join the Universal Church to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into God’s Glory, Body and Soul. Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our Queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son. The celebration shows the conclusion of Mary’s story and holds a promise of our own.

This feast celebrates a long-held belief of the Church which was not officially defined, however, until recent times. In his Apostolic Constitution of November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared as an Article of Faith that: “The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and Conqueror of sin and death” (*Munificentissimus Deus*, n 1).

In our world, we generally refer to this feast and the doctrine involved as the “Assumption” of Mary. In common parlance, however, “to assume” means “to put on”, or “to take upon oneself”, or simply “to take for granted”. As Mother Church uses this word in describing this feast and this doctrine; “Assumption” means being “taken up” into Heaven by God. Today is a day of Thanksgiving to God for honouring our beloved Mother Mary by taking her, body and soul, into Heaven. As a Church we believe that God did not allow the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary to decay because it was a holy dwelling place of God. The Book of Revelation as we heard points to this mystery: “God’s temple was opened. And a great sign appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars”.

We Catholics believe that Mary’s Assumption is a unique participation in Christ’s Resurrection (CCC n 966). The resurrection we hope for, Mary now enjoys completely. The Mother of God anticipates that which will be our destiny – she has been taken up fully into the life of God which awaits us all. In a sense, this teaching of the Church says that one of us has made it and is therefore a sign for us. The Assumption means several important things for us. It means that Jesus’ Resurrection life is transferable to us. Because He rose, His faithful ones will rise as well. St Paul calls the Risen Lord the “first fruits”, the beginning of an immense harvest. Mary is the second bloom of the harvest that will eventually include all the holy ones of Christ. She is the first creature to share fully, body and soul, in that new world inaugurated and spearheaded by Christ’s Resurrection.

The Assumption also affirms the resurrection of the body. This is an article of the Creed upon which we seldom reflect but it carries a glorious promise. Death is disfigurement of God’s creation caused by the primal rupture from God that we call original sin. Although we describe the process by which death occurs as natural or biological, it still violently separates soul from body, and loved ones from each other. However it comes, death remains an intruder. Christ overcame death’s rupture of soul and body in His Resurrection. Mary now shares His victory. Unlike Mary, our bodies will begin to dissolve after death. Her Assumption anticipates the general resurrection when our souls and bodies will be reunited. We will not be ghosts, shades, phantoms or points of consciousness for eternity. We will have a transformed body because everything of us will be redeemed. Our faith affirms not only the immortality of the soul, but of the entire redeemed person. Mary leads the way into full glory because just as she had an important part to play in the work of our redemption in Jesus’ earthly life, so now she has a part to play in bringing Christ’s new creation to full completion.

The Preface for this Mass sums up our belief we celebrate today: “Father, ... Today the Virgin Mother of God was taken up into Heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way. You would not allow decay to touch her body, for she had given birth to Your Son, the Lord of all life, in the glory of the Incarnation” (Preface for the Assumption). Pray for us, Holy Mother of God, that we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Thanks very much for adhering to our Call to wear Our Chaplaincy Cloth for Mass this Weekend. God richly bless you for that.

Happy Feast Day, and may Mary, Our Mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, accompany us in the rest of the Month. Do not forget your Rosary!

Please, remember to stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Wear your nose mask and observe all the safety protocols. Your life is dear to us.

God bless and keep you safe.

Have a Blessed and Fruitful Week.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah – 0249999616

Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Victor Quagraine-0207024221

Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu Sarpong – 0208290851

Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin-0277154777

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Rev. 11: 19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Res. Psalm: Ps. 45: 10-12, 16

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15: 20-27

Gospel: Lk. 1: 39-56



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm. All safety Protocols will be observed.

Chaplaincy News Bulletin: Please, sign up to receive News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. You can do so at the Covid-19 Desk after Mass or send a WhatsApp message to 0596036520. **NB:** You need to save the number to receive messages from the number on WhatsApp.

Dues (Membership) Cards and Registration: All parishioners who haven't got themselves Dues Cards and all those who have not registered should see the Catechists after Mass to help you or come to the Chaplaincy Office to do so. Please take note.

Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Buoho Grotto): Today Sunday August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The program today is a Thanksgiving Mass & Fund Raising in aid of Grotto Projects at 10.00am. Please, take note.

Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Fatima Grotto – Amakye Bare): Today Sunday August 15, 2021 is Thanksgiving. There will be a Meditated Rosary at 10.00am then followed by the Mass at 12noon. All parishioners are to take note.

Chaplaincy Cloth on Sale at a Reduced Price: We have a large quantity of the Chaplaincy's Cloth on sale at a reduced price which now goes for Six Ghana Cedis (GH6.00) per a yard. Parishioners/Students who do not own a cloth or is worn out should please rush to the Chaplaincy office to purchase

Chaplaincy Momo Pay: The Chaplaincy has acquired a Merchant Sim. Parishioners are advised to make payments of Harvest Levy, Chapel Fund Contributions, etc. through the Merchant ID: 097655 to enjoy less charges.

Laity Commission: Members of the Laity Commission will meet on Wednesday August 18, 2021 at 5.00pm at the Chaplaincy. All members are entreated to be present and on time.

Groups & Societies

Sunday School Classes: Parishioners (Parents/Guardians) are being informed that Sunday School Classes have resumed. However, only children from the Pre-Communion Class (age 7-9) to the Confirmation Class are admitted. Children in the Nursery Class are not starting now due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Parents must ensure that their children wear their Nose Masks and come with water bottles, if possible. Please bear with us.

Twí Catechism – 1st Communion and Confirmation Classes: All parishioners who were attending 1st Communion and Confirmation Classes last year and had to stop due to the Covid-19 Pandemic are all expected to resume classes this and every Tuesday at 5.00pm. Please take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Members of the Local CCR are being informed of their usual meeting. Please take note.

Catholic Women Association (CWA): The Catholic Women Association is inviting new members to join them. Interested parishioners are to meet with the President after Mass.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity: All members are informed that Church has resumed.

Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary Praesidium has resumed their meetings for both Twí and English on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:00pm and 5:00pm respectively. Both new and old members are warmly welcome.

Dagaaba Union: All Dagaaba Union members will meet today August 15, 2021 immediately after the 10.30am Mass. Please all members should take note.

Sincere Thanks



Marriage Banns

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN BODY AND SOUL



The Assumption of Our Lady is the teaching that the Blessed Mother was taken up, body and soul, into Heaven after her time here on earth. Her body was not subjected to any corruption or decay.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

1. Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Kwesi Quagraine announces the funeral of his mother Obaapanyin Mary Eyah as follows: lying in state on Saturday August 28, 2021 at 5.30am, Burial Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 9.00am followed by a Private Burial at the Catholic Church Cemetery, final funeral rites at the Parish Hall from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday August 29, 2021 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 9.00am, family gathering from 1.00pm to 3.00pm – All at Saltpond in the Central Region. **NB: Attire: Saturday and Sunday – 'Black & White'**. All parishioners are invited to mourn with Fr. Victor and his family. **Please Note:** Parishioners who would want to attend the funeral should write their names at the Chaplaincy Office.
2. Rev. Fr. Kirk Okyere Siabour, Parish Priest, Agric Nwamase Catholic Church and his sister Mad. Scholastica Abena Boakyewaa Yiidom announce the funeral of their father Mr. Richard Kofi Minkah as follows: lying in state on Saturday August 21, 2021 at H/No. Plt.8 Blk. 1, Bomso at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, burial at Bomso Cemetery, final funeral rites at Bomso, behind the Church of Pentecost, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday August 22 at the Chaplaincy at 10.30am, family gathering at Bomso, behind the Church of Pentecost immediately after the thanksgiving Mass. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Ms. Scholastica Abena Boakyewaa Yiidom to be introduced)**
3. Mrs. Veronica Boakye Mensah, a parishioner announces the death of her mother Mrs. Elizabeth Dadzie. The one week observation will be on Thursday August 19, 2021 at Ayeduase New Site – H/No. Plt. 28 Blk II, near Pinamang Hostel from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Pax Corner

1. **Mass for Students:** There is Mass for Students every Tuesday at 6.30pm. Come and be blessed. Come with another person.

Request for Support – Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity (FST): The FST Sisters of the Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi are requesting parishioners to support them with used (or new) clothing, food stuff, stationary, and / or funds to support their Rural Outreach to aid their tradition of reaching out regularly to rural communities. As we know 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few' so we need more labourers to support them wholeheartedly to make a meaningful impact in the lives of needy people. Your support in this matter will be very much appreciated. For more enquiries, please, call on this number – 0244976656.

Good Shepherd R/C Preparatory School – Sale of Nursery Admission Forms: The Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Preparatory School at Ahinsan Estate will be selling Admission Forms for the Nursery Class for 2022 Academic Year on Saturday September 4, 2021 from 9.00am to 10.00am at the school premises. The Registration Form will be sold at GH¢20.00. Requirements needed are:

- The child must be 3 years old before January 2022
- Original Biometric Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate and letter from your Parish Priest (Catholic applicants only)
- One (1) Passport size photograph
- Registration fee of GH¢50.00 should be paid when selected.

Parents should please note that in the wake of the Covid-19, they should kindly be ready to subject themselves to safety protocols when coming to the school premises to buy the forms.

House Wiring, CCTV Camera & Solar Installations etc.: Do you need a quality work done in the field of House Wiring, CCTV Camera and Solar installations? Please, contact 0246103830 for enquires.

Inspirational Quotes For Living: Are you down hearted, living to find your purpose and excited about life? Look no further. Grab your copy of Books on Quotes by Prof. Marian Asantewah Nkansah to add colour and flavour to your life. Copies are at the Sales Desk for GH¢30.00.

Job Opportunity: 1. A parishioner is in need of Live-In Domestic staff, male and female. Interested persons should please call on the following numbers: 024427633 and 0203085867.

2. **Holy Family School** at Ahensan Estate, near the Ahensan Youth Centre and behind the Mc Kenzie Hospital is looking for Care Givers, Teachers and Cleaners. Interested persons should kindly leave their application letters at the school premises or the Chaplaincy Office and also call any of these numbers: 0208168643 / 0209488403

3. **Wings for Life Academy:** Wings for Life Academy, located at First Eye Avenue 32E, Kumasi, is looking for interested Psychology, Education, Social Work Students or Post National Service Personnel who are hardworking, passionate about children with special needs, responsible and intelligent, seeking to make extra income on their own to be provided with training from international Experts to help make a difference to children with the following disorders: Autism, Asperger, ADHA and Persuasive Developmental Disorder (PDD/PDD-NOS). Interested persons should please, sent their Application and CV to: wflaghana@gmail.com or call Ms. Philo on: 0240050758.

4. A parishioner is looking for a Live-in female House Help on campus. Interested persons should call on: 0200773486 for help.

Appeal For Fund In Aid For Maternity Block: The Management and Staff of St. Vincent De Paul Clinic Drobonso is appealing and inviting all parishioners for your support in any form to provide a befitting Maternity Block for mothers and their babies. The Climax of the Jubilee Celebration is on Saturday, 25th September, 2021. Donations can be done into the Account details:

Sr Helen Akparibo(0207469333)

Name: St. Vincent Clinic, Dobonso

Account No: 1111810006105771

Rent Accommodation: 1. A parishioner needs a single room apartment around Bomso, Maxima, The Cabin and Sussanso. Please, call to help him/her on 0248588860.

2. A parishioner is in need of a single room accommodation to rent for occupation. Please, call and help him on: 0548991681 / 0553605278. Thank you.

3. A parishioner needs an accommodation around KNUST Campus – Emena, Apemso, Kotei, Boadi, Ayeduase, Kentinkrono, Ayigya, Maxima, Bomso, Susanso, Oduom, Gyinyase, etc. to rent. Please, call on 0545174080 to help.

Sale of Peanut Butter: Thy Grace Natural Peanut Butter has in stock unadulterated butter (groundnuts paste) ideal for soup and bread-spread. For domestic and commercial (schools, restaurants, canteens, chop bars, food joints eateries) needs, contact the following for delivery:0244158635 / 0244077147