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Feast of
The Assumption
Of Mary
15th August 2021

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- ReachOut at au.reachout.com
- Care Leavers Australasia
 Network (CLAN) on 1800 008
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Today's Readings

Revelation 11:19:-12:6 A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.

1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Christ as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him.

Luke 1:39-56 The Almighty had done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly

Traditions of the Day

Every country that celebrates the Feast of Assumption has its charming traditions. In many Eastern countries, ladies with the name 'Mary,' or hav a name derived from 'Mary', welcome everyone to their homes in honor of the Blessed Mary.

Celebrations are marked grandly with colorful festivals, street processions, pageantry, and fireworks displays. Hosting a feast is not a requisite, but there are special recipes for the occasion that are incorporated into family dinners and the tradition of blessing the harvest is upheld.

The day is known as the Feast of Our Lady of Herbs in Poland, with bouquets made of blossoms and herbs that are taken to church. Children sing hymns at churches and grown—ups dance to the melody of the polonaise.

Parades with marching bands, funfairs, games, races, costume contests, dancing, and other family—friendly events take place throughout Spain on this day. In Sicily, in honor of Mother Mary, partial or complete abstinence from fruit is observed during the first two weeks of the month. On the feast day, all types of fruit are blessed at church and indulged in.

In France, the statue of Mary is carried in processions with great splendor through the towns and cities on August 15, with accompanying peals of church bells and hymns sung in her honor. Finally, a popular old custom on the Feast of Assumption is blessing the sources of harvest. Before the Reformation, in all Christian countries, the clergy would bless the farms, orchards, countryside, and gardens. This ritual is still performed today in the Western parts of Austria, as the 'Blessing of the Alps.'



The Assumption (August 15) refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed - body and soul - into heaven a the end of her earthly life. "Assumption" is different than "ascension" because one is passive (i.e. one is assumed) and the other is active (i.e. one ascends).

Dear Parishioners,

Last Monday I was shocked and saddened to read that "Lifeline recorded their highest numbers of daily calls on record as lockdown exacerbates loneliness and hardship (ABC news 4/8/21). I would urge our community to reach out to neighbours and friends. There are many organisations that are available to provide support, if required and please email the parish if we can help in anyway. I am now connecting via Zoom, and whilst new to this technology, am finding the social interaction great; every Friday midday we have Zoom liturgy with all the children at home.

Travel gently over this coming week, with blessings and love . Fr Phil

Mass Offerings: Your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased: Carmel Binns (funeral 13th August), Judy Soemono, Fr Bernie

McGrane msc, Sister Anne O'Shaughnessy oln, Maria Sarno, Marilou Jocson.

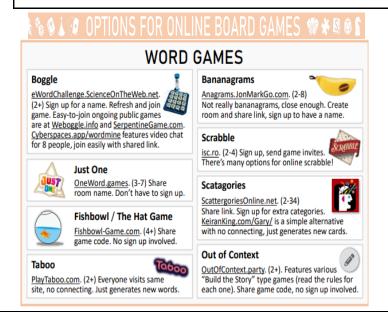
Other Deceased: Jean Flaherty, Jeff Colenso, Elna Coyco, Nilda Coyco.

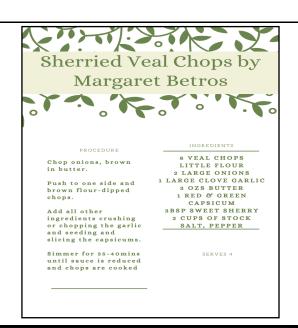
Anniversary: Muriel Eves (8th August)

Sick: Sister Gabriel Bast oln, Mariana Wagei, Melinda Craig, Goretti McMonagle,

Beverly Flint, June Ferguson, Peter Allan, Petra King ,Michael Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott, John Cavanagh, Janet Neenan, Justin Wood,

Rob Williams.





St Brigid's Parish Information Church currently closed due to stay at home order

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm

Morning Tea Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)

Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am

Reconciliation 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Anointing During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month

Baptisms By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month

after 9.30am Family Mass.

Marriages Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.

Parish Office: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm.

Phone 9315 7562.

(For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

Vale Carmel Binns

On Friday we had a intimate funeral for our dear parishioner Carmel Binns. Father Terry Bowman msc and I assisted Fr Peter Carroll msc in our requiem mass for Carmel.

Special thanks to John and Margaret Betros who prepared the altar and flowers and represented our parish at the mass. I would like to share with you Fr Terry's tribute..

I would like to begin with saying that Fr Bob Irwin msc sends his apologies - he is stranded in Victoria because of the lockdown. He has this say, "You and others may have been the Parish Priest at St Brigids', but Carmel was the boss of the Church! "Carmel was a wonderful woman, strong, stubborn, dedicated, generous, lovable and with a heart bigger than her body." Thanks Fr Bob.

I was Parish Priest of St Brigid's for 9 years and Carmel played a significant role in my own life and in the life of the Parish Community. In lots of ways, St Brigid's was Carmel's lifeline - it was here that she was nourished at the table of the Lord and she was a well-respected and valued member of our Parish Community. I think St Brigid's was Carmel's' second home.

She was sacristan, which meant she set up for Mass every day - a job she took very seriously. She was also involved in helping to decorate the church with flowers, especially at the special time of the year like Easter and Christmas. She loved making the Church beautiful for her God.

Carmel was also in charge of the piety stall and she had a thriving business selling religious objects to many of the parishioners and beyond. I believe now she is trying to set up a piety stall at he pearly gates beside St Peter.

Carmel had a strong personality and had a deep faith in her God and a very strong devotion to Mary her Mother. She, also had a deep love for the Missionary of the Sacred Heart Priests, who were here over the years and she protected us furiously.

I know many parishioners found it hard to get past Carmel if they wanted to see me in the sacristy after Mass. People had to have a really good reason if they wanted to see me after Mass.

However, under all this, Carmel had a loving and generous heart. She also loved a good party and I was privileged to have many dinners over the years with Carmel and friends and of course she loved her glass of red.

So dear Carmel I want to say that St Brigid's has been extremely blessed to have had you as their beautiful parishioner and friend for many years - we love you and we will never forget you

Rest in peace dear friend.

Fr Terry

"We have known Carmel Binns through St Brigid's church for over 50 years. Carmel was a sacristan, cleaner, flower arranger and had other duties at St Brigid's. She was ever present. Carmel had a cheery and feisty personality with a cheeky repartee and a quick quip. Carmel was much valued and appreciated. We remember her and pray for her." *John Betros*



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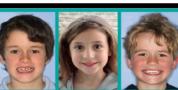
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sex Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you - or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.

SELF-LOVE **CHECKLIST**

✓ Take a few deep breaths.

Do some stretches.

Listen to your favorite song.

▼ Take a long warm bath.

Reflect on your goals.